

wallhanging organizer instructions

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MATERIALS

Wall hanger will finish 14" x 29".

- Cotton fabric in a chosen print (You will need 2 pieces 15" wide x 30" long)
- Medium to heavy weight fusible interfacing (1 piece, 15" wide x 30" long)
- 2-1/2 yards of 2"-wide grosgrain ribbon in a coordinating color
- 1-3/4 yards of 1"-wide elastic or decorative elastic trim
- Steam-A-Seam 2, 1/4"-wide (optional)
- Marking chalk or pen
- Basic sewing thread in a coordinating color
- Pearl cotton embroidery floss in a coordinating color
- 10 large, two-hole decorative buttons
- Embroidery needle
- Metal thimble
- Dowel or 13-1/2" piece of a yardstick for top support.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut two lengths of grosgrain ribbon, 60" long each, and two lengths of elastic, 33" long each. Set aside.
2. Fuse interfacing to wrong side of front base piece of cotton fabric.
3. Pin back lining to interfaced front with right sides together and stitch all the way around using a 1/2" seam and leaving a 2"-wide opening at the top side for turning (fig. 1).
4. Turn the piece right-side-out. Press seams flat.
5. Apply ribbon to rectangle 1-3/4" from outer edge on each side: Press ribbon to front using Steam A Seam 2 tape along each edge or cut 4" tape to same width as ribbon. Fold bottom

ends under 1/4" even with bottom edge of wall hanger. Allow remaining ribbon to extend from top edge (this will be tied and serve as the hanger) (fig. 2). Do not stitch ribbon.

5. Topstitch a casing large enough for wooden dowel or yardstick piece across top edge (fig. 3).
6. Divide front into four equal sections and mark edge of ribbon. Then mark each length of elastic into 4 equal sections. Pin each length of elastic down the center of each ribbon so that the marked segments meet, including the top and bottom. NOTE: *The marked segments of elastic will be longer than the marked segments of ribbon, allowing for room to insert rolls of stabilizers and pattern paper.*

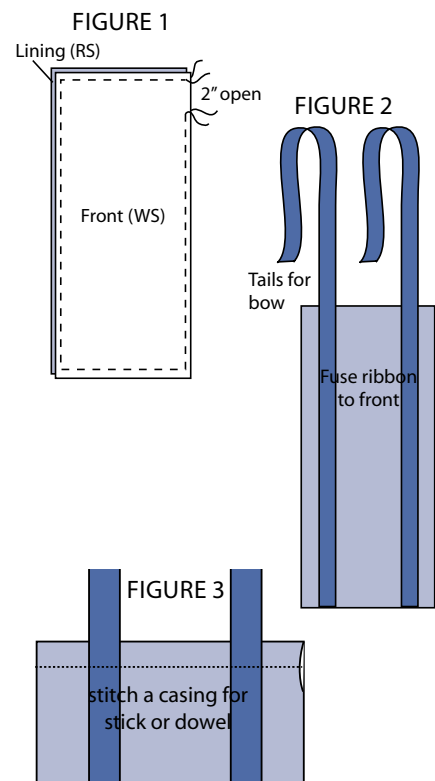
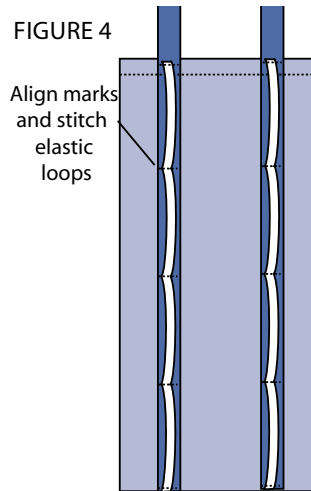


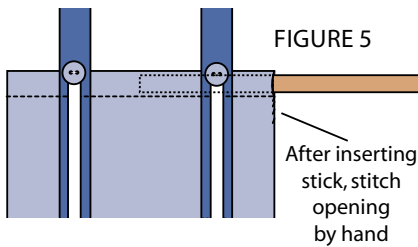
FIGURE 4



7. Stitch horizontally across elastic to secure in place at each mark, backstitching through all layers of elastic, ribbon and base fabric several times to ensure stability (fig. 4).

8. Using short lengths of pearl embroidery, sew on a decorative button at each place where the elastic is sewn to the ribbon. *TIP: Use a metal thimble to help push the needle through all layers.* Starting from the front, stitch floss front-to-back down through one button hole, then stitch floss back-to-front through the other button hole. Tie off with a double knot on the front and trim floss to about 1/4" and fray ends.

FIGURE 5



9. Insert dowel or piece of yardstick into casing through side opening at top and hand stitch opening closed (fig. 5). —SB



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