

# Needle Book Instructions

A needle book can be as fancy or as simple as you like. I am going to show you my 2 favourites.



One will be a single fold needle book.

The other will be a triple fold needle book.

Both are big enough to hold a couple of packets of needles as well.

## Instructions.

1. Front cover.

Decide what size you want to make your needle book. Square up the fabric you have chosen for the cover. I usually add some sort of embellishment before this step.

For a double fold book I start with 6.5 x 6.5 inches.

For a triple fold book I start with 6.5 x 9.5 inches.

2. Lining. Cut your lining to the same size as your cover. Add interfacing to the lining if you are planning on sewing the pages to just the lining. This way the stitching will not show on the cover.
3. Decide if you are going to use batting and cut it to size.



4. Cut our your pockets.

For a double fold book I make my pocket 6.5 x 3.5 inches finished. The top edge can be hemmed or the pocket can be double with the folded edge taking the place of the hem.  
 For a triple fold book I start with 9.5 x 3.5 inches finished. For a double fold book I start with 6.5 x 6.5 inches.  
 For a triple fold book I start with 6.5 x 9.5 inches.  
 For smaller pockets on top of the larger ones I start with a finished strip 1.5 inches high by the same length as the larger pockets.  
 Finish the top edge.

5. Pages. I like to use scraps of flannel but anything that will hold a needle will do. Felt is nice but can end up a bit bulky.

For a double fold book I start with 2 pieces 5.5 x 5 inches.

For a triple fold book I start with the same size but add 2 sets of pages.

I like to pink the edges of my pages.

Layer 2 pieces of fabric on top of each other and fold in half along the longer length. Press the crease in place. For a triple fold book make a second identical set of pages. They are now ready to stitch in place.

You can a. sew the pages to the lining on top of the pockets

b. save them to sew to the finished book. In this case the stitching line will show on the outside of the cover.

6. Putting the layers together.

First you must decide how to finish the edges. Here are the 3 options I use with the order in which to layer it.

a. Sew the edges together and turn right side out.

Lining right side up. Pockets, right side up and matched to lining at edges.

Pages attached to lining at fold line if adding at this time.

Cover, right side down.

If you want to add batting or something to stiffen the book and haven't added it yet layer it on top of the cover.

Sew around all four sides leaving a space to turn right side out.

Clip corners, turn right side out. Press and top stitch around edge to close opening or close with hand stitching.

b. Sew the edges together with a blanket stitch or satin stitch.

Cover right side down.

Lining right side up

Pockets, right side up and lined up with bottom and side edges. Pages can be added after edges are finished if you want the stitching for the pages to show on the cover.

Add the pages by topstitching to fold(s) in book.

c. Add a binding.

Cover right side down.

Lining right side up

Pockets, right side up and lined up with bottom and side edges. Pages can be added after edges are finished if you want the stitching for the pages to show on the cover.

Add the pages by topstitching to fold(s) in book.

You are done. Enjoy your needle book.