

# 2019 *Fanciful Utility* Holiday Project

## *Stocking Needle-book, Pin-keep, & Ornament*

This year's *Fanciful Utility* Holiday Project is based on an original stocking needle-book. This project includes how to make a needle-book, pin-keep, and ornament. Remember, you will need your copy of *Fanciful Utility* to do this project.

This original stocking needle-book is larger than most needle-books, being 7 1/4" from foot to calf (18.2cm) 3 13/16" from toe to heel (9.7cm), and 2 15/16" across the calf (7.4cm).

The foundation is two layers of thin pasteboard for each the front and back. The exterior is covered in a blue on blue clouded silk taffeta in a large floral motif. The interior is a tissue taffeta in solid pinkish-red. The edges are bound in tiny whip stitches worked in red thread. The two wool needle-pages are quasi-polygons with the front edge slightly curved. Both pages are bound with an irregular blanket stitch worked in red thread. One of two thread hinges remains at the ankle. I believe the other was previously at the back of the calf. Three bows remain on the needle-book: at the back of the ankle, at the front of the ankle, and at the top of the calf. A fourth may have once been at the top of the front calf as well. Each bow consists of two ribbons: a yellow and red/orange underneath and a black on top.



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### Needle-book

To make the needle-book, cut 4 pieces of pasteboard, 2 pieces of silk for the exterior, 2 pieces of silk for the interior, and two wool needle-pages.

Using your favorite *Fanciful Utility* technique, cover each pair of pasteboard stockings with silk. Whip stitch the front pair of stockings together and the back pair of stockings together.

Cut your wool pages from the calf area of the template, in a quarter inch from each side. I added a dashed line for guidance. Bind the edge of each page with a blanket stitch. Of course, you can use other period embroidery stitches to add a border. Tack the two pages together along the calf edge. Attach the pages at the top and bottom corners to the back stocking.

Using heavy thread or embroidery floss, attach the front and back stocking covers at the top back corner and the Achilles' tendon. \*Note: I think attaching at the top calf and heel would allow the needle-book to open better.

Add bows to the top corners, ankle, and Achilles' tendon.



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### **Pin-Keep**

To make the pin-keep, cut 2 pieces of pasteboard, 2 pieces of silk, and 2 pieces of batting for the inside. The batting can either be cotton or wool. Wool flannel works as well.

Using your favorite *Fanciful Utility* technique, cover the pasteboard stockings with silk. Place the batting between the covered stockings. Whip the front to the back. Trim with ribbon as desired.

Place pins around the edge, between the layers.



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### Ornament

To make the ornament, cut 2 pieces of pasteboard and 2 pieces of silk. The batting can either be cotton or wool.

Using your favorite *Fanciful Utility* technique, cover the pasteboard stockings with silk. Whip the front to the back.

Trim with ribbon or beads as desired.



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### **Ornament**

Cut 2 Pasteboard  
Cut 2 exterior fabric

*Pasteboard is cut on  
the line.*

*Fabric needs a seam  
allowance.*

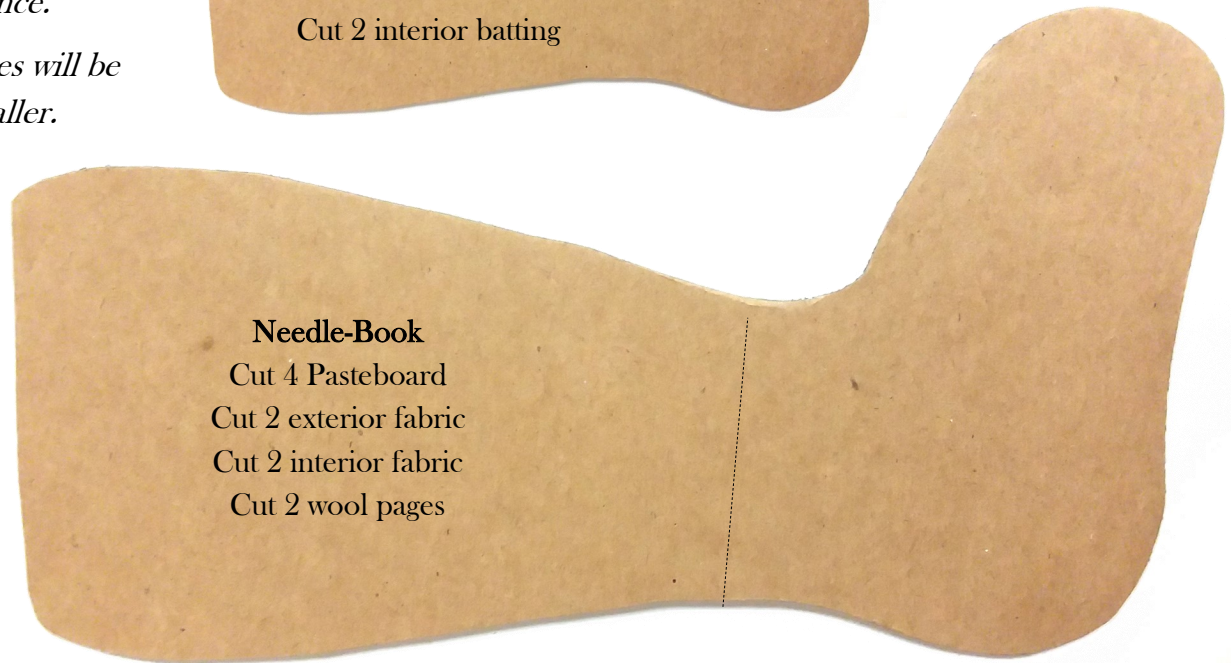
*Needle-pages will be  
cut smaller.*



### **Pin-Keep**

Cut 2 Pasteboard  
Cut 2 exterior fabric  
Cut 2 interior batting

1 inch box



### **Needle-Book**

Cut 4 Pasteboard  
Cut 2 exterior fabric  
Cut 2 interior fabric  
Cut 2 wool pages

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