Create a Chatelaine!
Part 4 Thimble Pipkin
Thimble Pipkin - Create the fourth part of your Chatelaine using blackwork and embroidery stitches!

A pipkin is a three dimensional thimble holder. Squeeze the sides and the pipkin opens. Pop the thimble inside for safe keeping.

The pipkin can be worked on evenweave or Aida fabric. It can be used to make thimble holders, jewel cases or ornaments. Trace the pattern onto cardboard or plastic such as the top from an ice cream box. Enlarge the size to make a bigger pipkin.

You will need three card shapes for the outside and three slightly small card shapes for the lining.

Materials:
Zweigart 28 count evenweave or 14 count Aida, 9 x 9 inches minimum
Lining fabric 9 x 9 inches minimum or self-adhesive felt
Card for six pattern shapes

Threads:
DMC Cotton Cotton Pérle No.12 or DMC White floss – three strands for the double knot stitch edging.
DMC coloured floss, one skein. Embroidered initials, motifs or use a pretty button.
Strong thread for lacing
Mill Hill Glass beads, 2022 Silver, one packet
Split ring or clip to attach to belt clip
Tassel (optional)
Tapestry needle No.24
Beading needle
Embroidery ring or frame, Adhesive

Method:
1. Cut out the six card shapes, three for the front and three for the lining.
2. Trace the shape of the pipkin lightly onto the evenweave fabric and embroider decoration onto the fronts.
3. Cut out the shapes leaving at least half an inch all the way round. Lace the fabric over the card for all three pieces.
Make the shapes larger or smaller depending on what is inserted inside the pipkin.
Fabric shapes should be cut half an inch larger than the card shapes.

Cut six card shapes, three for embroidery and three for lining

4. Lining - draw the shape of the pipkin lightly onto the lining fabric and cut out all three pieces of fabric. Lace over the card. Glue the lining to the back of the embroidered pipkin.
Stitch the tassel into position.
5. Stitch the three pieces together using slip stitch or double knot stitch. Thread a bead onto the needle between each slip stitch or between each double knot stitch to create a beaded edge.
Leave one side open to insert the thimble. Double knot stitch the open edge to match the other sides. Enjoy!

6. Add the hanger.

Enjoy!

The pipkin can be made in a number of sizes and used as ornaments. Select the most suitable size for your project.

Double Knot or Palestrina Stitch – looks like beads quite close together. Simple, textured and effective! Use 3 strands of floss or more.
1. Worked downwards towards you. If necessary draw a pencil line to practice. Pick up a small stitch either side of the line.
2. Slide the needle under the stitch from RIGHT to LEFT.
3. Pull gently to the left and you will see a small tail. Slide the needle downwards under the little stitch, wrap the thread round and pull gently!

Pipkin stitched as an ornament

I hope you enjoy making your fourth tool.
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