

Tip

- ♥ For the felt, trim the pieces larger to begin with, then use pinking shears to cut to size.

Materials

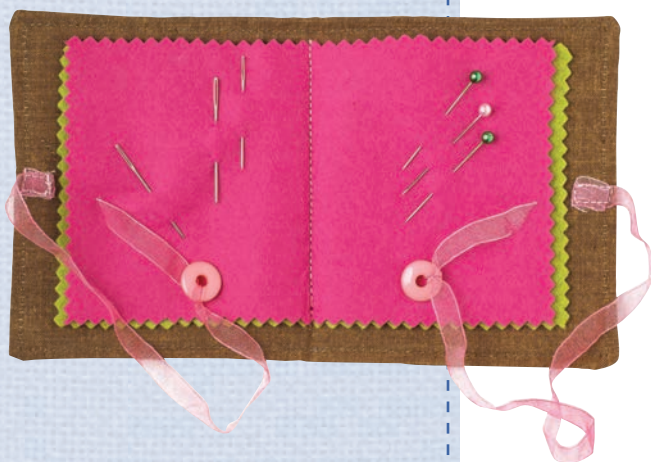
- ♥ dark gold fabric: 2 pieces, each 21 x 12.5cm (8¼ x 5in)
- ♥ dark pink fabric: 5.5 x 8cm (2¼ x 3¼in)
- ♥ pale pink fabric: 5.5 x 8cm (2¼ x 3¼in)
- ♥ green felt (for the inside): 16.5 x 9cm (6½ x 3½in)
- ♥ pink felt (for the inside): 16 x 9cm (6¼ x 3½in)
- ♥ all-purpose threads for construction and quilting: dark and pale pink
- ♥ 3 beads
- ♥ a 56cm (22in) length of pink organza ribbon
- ♥ bonding web

Tools

- ♥ all-purpose needle
- ♥ scissors for cutting paper
- ♥ scissors for cutting fabric or a rotary cutter, board and ruler, 5 pinking shears
- ♥ pencil
- ♥ embroidery scissors and pins
- ♥ iron and board
- ♥ sewing machine

Tulip Needle Case

- 1 Photocopy the pattern on page 64 and trace two tulip shapes on to bonding web.
- 2 Place the two pieces of dark gold fabric right sides together and stitch a seam on three sides, then on the fourth side stitch approximately 5cm (2in) in from either end to leave a turning gap. Carefully clip the seam allowances at the corners diagonally to reduce bulk and turn the work right sides out through the gap. Push the corners out to neaten and press, folding the seams of the turning gap inwards at the same time.
- 3 Fold the needle case to find the halfway point. Mark this with pins or a pencil line. Open the needle case panel out flat. Following the design, position and bond the two tulips in place.
- 4 Using dark and light pink threads, machine quilt just inside the edges of the tulips.
- 5 Machine quilt round the outer edge of the complete panel, incorporating, and closing, the turning gap.
- 6 Place the needle case panel right side down on your work surface. Trim the felt pieces with pinking shears. Centrally position the green felt followed by the pink felt. Stitch the central line to form the spine.
- 7 Cut the length of organza ribbon in two, then stitch the two pieces, one to the inside front cover and one to the inside back cover (see photograph below).
- 8 Sew one bead to the front of the needle case and tie or sew a bead close to the free end of each ribbon to finish.
- 9 Tie the ribbon in a bow to secure the needle case when closed.



*There's no excuse to lose your pins and needles again when you have this pretty little tulips needle case in your work basket. Try using the same pattern and adding different shaped or coloured flowers and maybe a scattering of leaves.
Approximate size: 8 x 11.5cm (3¼ x 4½in)*