



Assembly Instructions:

NOTE: Complete designs first, let dry, apply protective finish. Let dry completely before assembly.

Stitching Basics: Starting between layers, stitch up through the top layer leaving a 2"-3" tail between parts. Proceed by stitching down through all layers in the next hole, up through the following and continue this pattern until you reach the end. **NOTE:** To this point your project will look like it is stitched between every other hole. Now turn and stitch back to your starting point, filling in between the previous stitches. When back to the first hole, stitch up through the bottom layer only. Remove the needle and tie a knot between layers (square knot recommended). Trim excess thread.

Tip: For a professional look, always stitch out next to previous stitch on the same side of the stitch;



1. Unwrap one of the 2 yd thread and needle packs. Cut into 4 equal 18" lengths. Set the other thread and needle pack aside for later.
2. Attach the card pocket by stitching the center line (only) to the cover using a 18" length of thread. **Tip:** Begin at the hole closest to the edge to hide the knot at the bottom of the pocket. (Fig. A)
3. Attach the keeper. Use another 18" length of thread to attach one side of the keeper, starting and ending with the holes closest to the edge for the best results. (Fig. B). Repeat with the other side.
4. Attach the strap by aligning its holes with the notebook cover. (Fig. C). Start stitching in the center of the vertical set of holes nearest the edge using the remaining 18" thread. Stitch around making a rectangle and tie. **Note:** Do not stitch the strap to the edge of the notebook yet.

Tip: Make it easy on yourself. Prepare for attaching the notebook pocket by loosely tying it to the cover with the scrap thread from Steps 2-4. (Fig. D). This will help keep it in place while you stitch. **Note:** Remove each as you approach with your running stitch. Refer to the diagram for guidance.

5. Stitch the notebook pocket and outside edge of your project. Start at the bottom, center, of the notebook pocket and begin stitching towards the card pockets and continue around the entire outside. (Fig. E). **Note:** When stitching the strap to the edge of the cover it will create a slight arch. This is intentional, creating a loop to hold a pen. When you reach the starting point, turn your stitch around and continue back through the reverse holes as you have with each of the other steps. Tie and trim excess thread from your final knot.

Congratulations, your project is complete!

⚠ WARNING: CHOKING HAZARD - Contains small parts. Not for children under 3 years.

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