

## Needle Case

How many times have we taken a needle out of our machines to replace it with a needle specific to the sewing needs of the work in hand? If you are like me you put it in the pin cushion and there it stays because at a later date I can't remember what size it is and what type it is, and I usually end up by throwing it out. This needle case will solve this problem. Keep it by the sewing machine and you will always have a place to put spare needles and know exactly the size and type that they are.

I have embroidered the outside of mine as you can see from the photos but you could make it as plain or as fancy as you wish.

### MATERIALS:

Two pieces of Fabric 37cm x 23 cm

One strip of the same Fabric 37cm x 3cm One piece of Fusebat 37cm x 23cm

One piece of Flannel ( Or felt ) 37cm x 23cm

One piece of firm Fusible Vilene 37cm x 23cm A fat Quarter of Fabric to make pockets

Small piece of Velcro

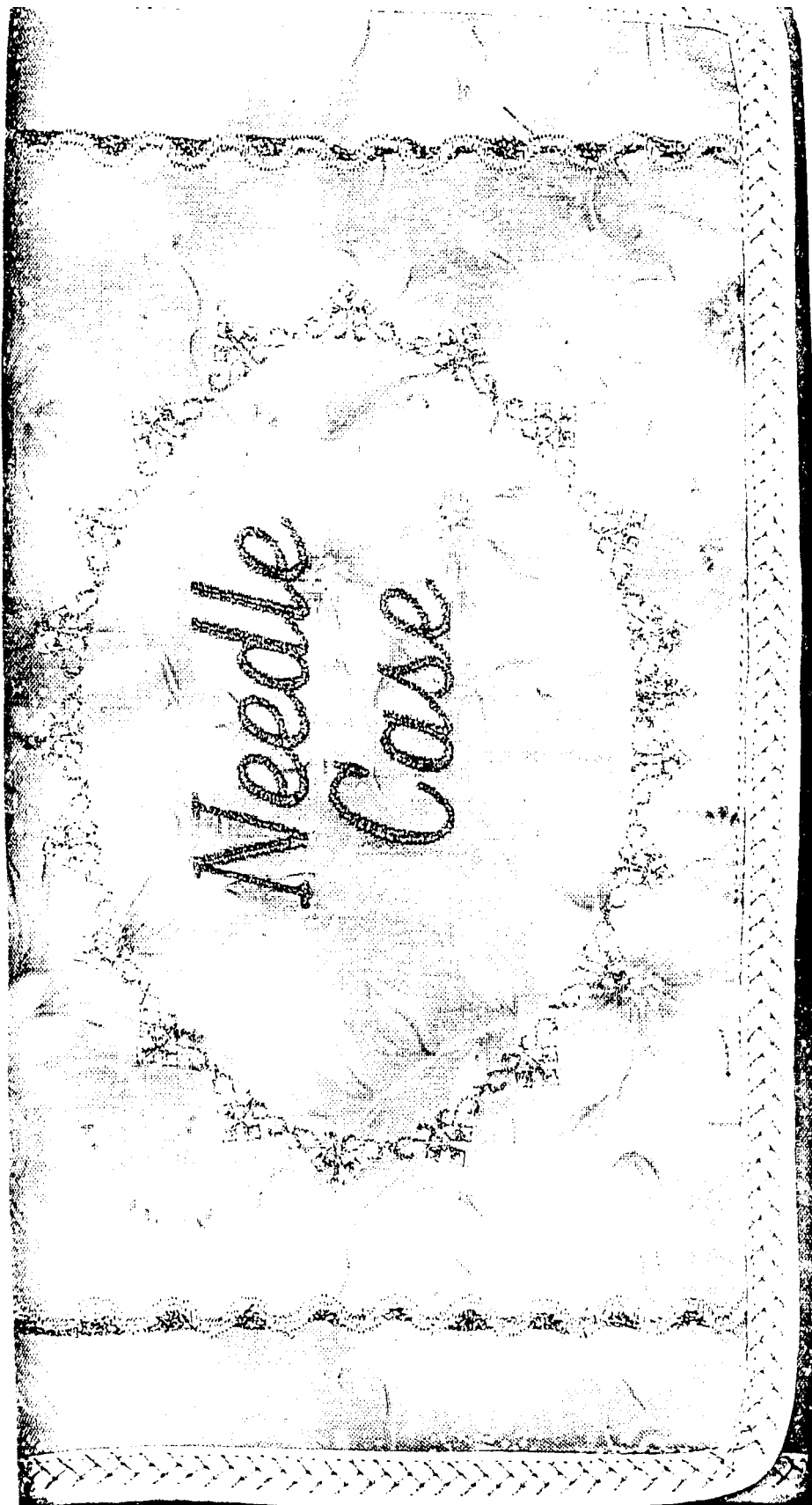
Embroidery thread ( I used Metallic ) Bias Binding to match fabric

Blue Erasable Pen

Packets of needles:- One each of the following---Universal No70, 80, 90, Quilting, Topstitch-Embroidery No.80, 90, Ballpoint, Stretch, Microtex, Metallic, Jeans-Denim No. 90, and 100

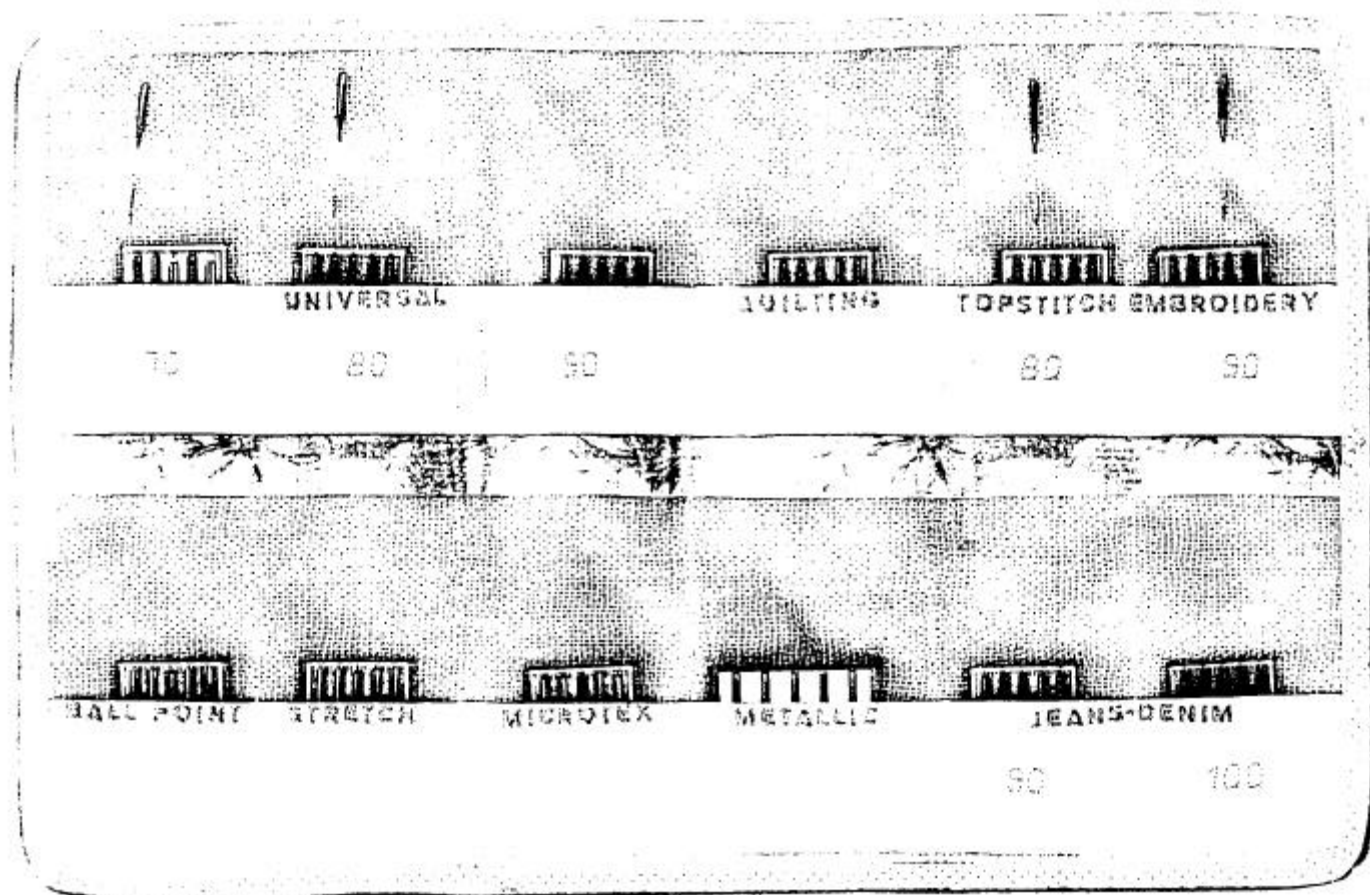
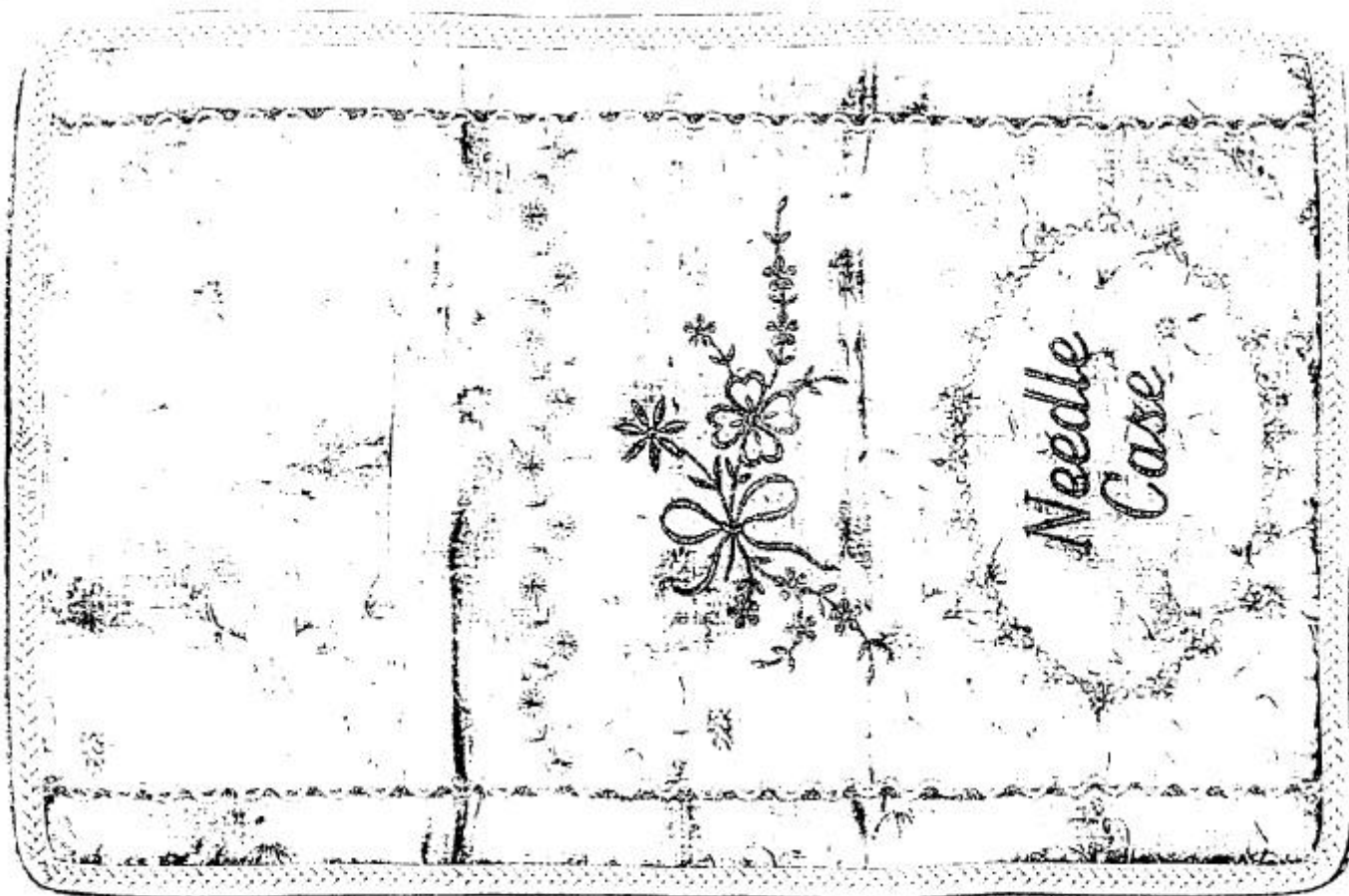
### DIRECTIONS:

1. Iron the fusebat to the back of one of the two pieces of fabric. This is the outer cover and you can decorate it in any way you like or even leave it plain. I have photo copied mine so that you can see how I did mine and I used gold metallic thread for the embroidery.
2. Iron the piece of firm fusible vilene to the back of the other piece of fabric.
3. Place the flannel on top of this on the right side. Stitch around the outside edges to hold in position.
4. Stitch the 37cm x 23cm strip of fabric across the centre, see pattern layout.
5. Now make the pockets for the packets of needles. Look at the pattern layout and draw lines to divide the fabric into segments, measurements are given on the pattern layout You can see where I embroidered the various names of the needles and their numbers where applicable. I embroidered the words on mine with Card No 24 using the first alphabet with a size of 4mm. As this alphabet does not have numerals I used the Block letters and numerals from the machine set at 6mm. The words could be written using this alphabet if you haven't got a card with a small enough alphabet. Refer to one of the diagrams to see how I placed these names in the various columns. After I had finished the embroidery I cut the fabric into strips measuring 37cm x 10cm with the words in the center of the strips. Fold each strip in half with the writing at the top close to the fold. Attach to the main piece placing one row of pockets at the bottom and one in the center just above the narrow fabric strip. With a blue pen draw in the dividing lines that run from the top to the bottom then stitch along these lines.
6. Place the outside cover on top of the inner piece, wrong side together and zig-zag around the entire outer edge. Apply the bias binding to this outside edge then stitch a small piece of velcro in position to fasten the needle case together.
7. Insert the packets of needles into the appropriate pockets.



Actual      Size

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Allow 1cm seam allowance on all sides

37 centimetres

5 1/2 cm	5 1/2 cm	6 1/2 cm	6 1/2 cm	5 1/2 cm	5 1/2 cm
	UNIVERSAL		QUILTING	TOPSTITCH - EMBROIDERY	
70	80	90		80	90
BALL POINT	STRETCH	MICROTEX	METALLIC	JEANS -	DENIM
				90	100

23 centimetres

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• 8 of actual size