

## Introduction

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From bits of wool scraps and felted wool scraps, they crafted functional items for their homes that reflected their creativity and ingenuity. A penny rug was used as a table mat most often, but could also be used as an other decorative item for the home as well as the sewing basket.

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Quilt block patterns were the most common source of design elements. Each quilter made their wool work to reflect their unique skills and tastes. Items were fashioned as useful and functional things to decorated the home. Functional items included needle books (to store your needles with thread), scissors sheaths (to protect your scissors),

and candle mats (to protect your tables from wax which bonds to a shellac finish).

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Note: Position and pin all of the parts on the inside and outside of the body halves before beginning to sew using the pictures on the box. Fold the kit and confirm the layout. Don't start sewing until you have done this test assembly.

1. Start with the two bodies, lay them on top of each other, do not pin.
2. For all of the following steps, place and pin, through the top layer only.
3. Pin two large hearts on the left and two in the middle. These will form pockets 2 layers thick.
4. Pin two needle pages on the right side.
5. Flip the entire assembly over to the outside and place and pin a 1½" heart on the left section - this is the side seen when the kit is first opened.
6. Make up a stack of hearts with the 3½" on the bottom, next a 2½" heart and finally a 1½" heart. Pin these to the right section. This will be the cover of the kit when closed. Stuffing is added later.

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7. Recheck placement of the parts. Open and close the kit to make sure. Once confirmed, separate the two body pieces but leave all of the parts pinned on.
8. On the inside half, blanket stitch the top of the needle pages to the body catching both pages.
9. Remove one of the heart pockets and put an embellishment or design in the center of the heart. Repeat for the other heart pocket.
10. Blanket stitch the top edge of each heart pocket together going through both layers and form a finished edge, then pin it back in place on the base and blanket stitch the remaining edges to the base.
11. Repeat for the other pocket.
12. On the outside half, blanket stitch the left heart to the base and add an embellishment around it.
13. Add an embellishment in the center section.
14. Remove the heart stack from the right section and blanket stitch the smaller hearts to the larger.

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16. Cut the ribbon in half and attach one end to the fold between the heart on the left and the center of the outside half. Its best to fold the end of the ribbon over several times before stitching it down.

### *Assembly*

Place the two halves together, back to back, with the outside up. Pin the second ribbon between the two halves on the middle of the right edge. Blanket stitch all of the edges joining the two halves together and anchoring the ribbon.

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