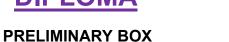
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PRELIMINARY BOX

AIM – To construct a small box from acid-free mountboard covered with fabric. The board is covered with fabric and stitched together to create a box with an attached lid. The objective is to master construction of a box and not to embellish it. <u>Designs should not be directly copied</u> from other sources; referencing, interpreting or stylising shapes or designs is acceptable however designs should be original you, which your tutor will encourage you to do.

MATERIALS

Mount board Cotton fabric in two colours. A fat quarter (50cm x 50cm) of each. Gutermanns polyester thread in a matching colour. Cotton felt in a white or matching colour, approx 20cm x 20cm. Double sided tape, approx 10mm wide. Curved needle.

DESIGN

The finished small box is usually 5cm x 5cm x 5cm. Your tutor will give you exact measurements for the various pieces.

Contrasting colours for the inside and outside can be used; if the fabric has a print, smaller patterns work best.

The inside is padded with felt to give a cushioned effect.

BOOKS

Jane Lemon, 'Embroidered Boxes and Other Construction Techniques' ISBN: 0-571-11606-x

TIPS

- Choose cotton fabrics that are not too thin, as the corners of the card may show through.
- Card must be cut accurately, using measurements from the instructions. It is best to use a sharp knife.
- Cover the board with fabric on the grain.
- Stitching needs to be small, tight and secure using a single Gutermanns thread and a curved needle.
- Label each piece of board clearly so there is no confusion when making up.

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- The Royal school of Needlework Shop <u>www.royal-needlework.org.uk</u>
- Creative Quilting, East Molesey (good range of fabrics) <u>www.creativequilting.co.uk</u>
- EKA, East Molesey (double sided tape, mountboard)