

# SEWING TABLETOP CADDY



**Finished size:**  
8" x 18" flat; stands  
approximately 8" tall

*Use this handy caddy featuring designs from OESD's Crafter's Collection #885 to hold sewing utensils and crafting supplies. You can use it on your armchair or drape it over an easel to use as a tabletop caddy. This project features a scissors design from OESD Pack #11735 Arts & Crafts 2 that adorns the pincushion at the top of the caddy. Use Explorations Embroidery Software to make a border from the scissors motif quickly and easily!*

## CUTTING

- For the caddy base, cut two 8" x 18" rectangles from the fat quarter
- From the fat quarter for the binding and lining, cut the following pieces:
  - Four 2¼" x 18" strips for binding (cut parallel to selvage)
  - One 3" x 8" rectangle for the pincushion accent
  - Two 7½" x 10" rectangles for the pocket lining
- From the fat quarter for the embroidered pocket, cut two 11" x 15" rectangles
- From the remaining fat quarter, cut one 11" x 15" rectangle

## EMBROIDER THE PINCUSHION

- Use Explorations software to create a scissors border as directed in the sidebar.
- Use 101 Quilt Basting Spray to adhere two layers of Ultra Clean & Tear together. Spray the top layer with 101 and adhere to the wrong side of the 11" x 15" rectangle for the pincushion. Hoop all three layers as one.

- Attach the hoop to the machine and embroider the scissors border.
- Remove the hoop from the machine and the fabric from the hoop.
- Gently tear away the excess stabilizer from the back of the project and trim the embroidered design to a 4" x 9" rectangle, keeping the design centered.
- Turn under ½" along each long edge and press. Set aside.

## EMBROIDER THE POCKETS

- Use 101 Quilt Basting Spray to adhere two layers of Ultra Clean & Tear together. Spray the top layer with 101 and adhere to the wrong side of the 11" x 15" rectangle for the pocket. Hoop all three layers as one.
- Attach the hoop to the machine and follow the instructions in the package to embroider the appliquéd shoe design.
- Remove the hoop from the machine and the fabric from the hoop.

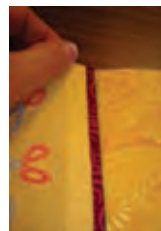
## SUPPLIES

- OESD Crafter's Collection #885, "Head Over Heels" by Barbra Music
- OESD Pack #11735 Arts & Crafts 2
- Explorations Embroidery Software
- 1 fat quarter for the caddy base
- 1 fat quarter for the pocket lining, binding, and pincushion accent
- 1 fat quarter for the embroidered pocket
- 1 fat quarter for the pincushion fabric to be embroidered
- 8" x 18" rectangle of FiberForm™ for the base
- Two 7½" x 10" rectangles of lightweight fusible interfacing for the pocket lining
- Two 7" x 10" rectangles of lightweight fusible interfacing for the pocket
- Two yards ½" - to ⅝" -wide ribbon (optional)
- OESD Ultra Clean & Tear Stabilizer
- Isacord Embroidery Thread
- OESD Bobbin Thread
- 101 Quilt Basting Spray
- 606 Fuse & Fix Permanent Adhesive Spray
- Water-soluble marking pen
- Polyester Filling
- Patchwork Foot #37
- Edgestitch Foot #10

- Gently tear away the excess stabilizer from the back of the project and trim the embroidered fabric to a rectangle that is 7" tall and 10" wide.
- Follow the manufacturer's recommendations to fuse interfacing to the wrong side of the embroidered pocket.
- Attach a zipper pull to the top of the zipper on the heel of the shoe. Then add buttons, stitch on ribbon, and decorate the pocket as desired.
- Follow the manufacturer's recommendations to fuse interfacing to the wrong side of the pocket lining pieces.
- Place one 7½" x 10" pocket lining piece along the upper edge of the trimmed embroidered pocket piece with right sides together.
- Stitch ¼" from the upper raw edges, using Patchwork Foot #37. Wrap the lining fabric to the wrong side of the pocket and press in place.
- Repeat for the remaining pocket.

## CREATE THE CADDY

- Spray each side of the 8" x 18" piece of FiberForm™ with 606 Fuse & Fix Permanent Adhesive Spray following the manufacturer's instructions. Fuse the wrong side of the 8" x 18" base fabric rectangles to each side.
- Use a water-soluble marking pen to draw a line 8" in from each short end.
- Turn under ½" at each long edge of the 3" x 8" pin cushion accent and press.
- Position the accent piece right side up between the two lines drawn on the base piece. Allow equal amounts of fabric to extend beyond the edges of the base piece.
- Use Patchwork Foot #37 to stitch the band to the base ¼" from the fold line.
- Align one long folded edge of the embroidered scissors pincushion piece along the stitching line of the accent piece that is already stitched to the base fabric. Edgestitch in place using Edgestitch Foot #10.
- Align the other long folded edge of the embroidered pincushion piece along the other stitched line of the accent piece and edgestitch in place. The excess fullness in the fabric will form a tunnel. Insert polyester filling into the tunnel.
- Make tiny tucks on the ends of the tube and pin. Machine-baste the ends in place and trim them even with the base.



## ATTACH THE POCKETS

- Align one pocket edge with the base fabric/FiberForm™ and machine-baste ¼" from the raw edges.
- Align the other edge of the pocket with the other edge of the base and machine-baste ¼" from the raw edges.
- Remove the fullness along the bottom edge of the pocket by pinning a small tuck on each side. Machine-baste with a ¼" seam allowance.
- Repeat for the other pocket.

## APPLY THE BINDING

- Use ¼"-wide seam allowances to sew the short ends of the four 2¼" x 18" strips together, making one long strip. Press the seam allowances open.
- Fold the strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides together and press.
- Bind the edge using a ¼"-wide seam allowance.

## ATTACH THE RIBBON (optional)

- Cut the ribbon into 18" lengths. Attach to the wrong side of the caddy 3" up from the bottom on each side.
- For optimal stability, place the caddy over an easel when using as a caddy stand.

## CREATE A BORDER DESIGN WITH EXPLORATIONS EMBROIDERY SOFTWARE

- Open Explorations Software. Click New and open a New Project.
- Click the Designs Mode icon. Click Tools > Filing Assistant and find the location of the scissors design stored on your computer. Click and drag the scissors design (NY579) onto the Workspace.
- With the design selected, click on one of the outside corner Sizing Handles (solid boxes) and reduce the size by approximately 50% to 1.48 x 0.92.
- With the design selected click Tools > Layout Wheel. Click the Wreath button and type "5" in the dialog box.
- Left click the mouse to position the wreath.
- Click on each individual scissors design and move them into a line. (Do not worry about alignment at this point. We will let the software do this later.)
- Position the scissors so that the left edge of the left scissor is approximately 7" from the right edge of the right scissor.
- To center the scissors border vertically, click Edit > Select All. Then click Align > Vertical center.
- To space the designs evenly, click Align > Space Horizontally.
- Click on the Workspace to deselect the design.
- To ensure that the scissors stitch out from left to right (and thereby avoid lots of thread clipping!), hold down the Control key on the keyboard and select each pair of scissors individually from left to right. Click Tools > Sequence as Selected.
- To ensure that the design will fit inside the hoop of your machine, click the Hoops Mode icon and select the hoop for your machine. Notice that part of the design is green (the part that will fit inside the hoop), and the other part is black (the part that will not fit inside the hoop).
- Rotate the hoop to cover all parts of the design by clicking on the hoop to select it, then clicking Edit > Rotate Left 45. Click Edit > Rotate Left 45 a second time.
- Click the Threads Mode icon to view the number of color changes. There are five colors in each scissors design, but there are now 25 color changes. To reduce the number of thread changes, click Tools > Stitch Sequence.
- Click Save on the General Tools Menu bar and you are ready to send the design to a file on your computer, or to your BERNINA embroidery system via a direct connection or a USB stick.

