

QuiltWorks Northwest and Beads & Beyond

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2011 – Holiday Inspiration – Day 14

All tied up! For class, that is!



(Thanks, PeggyG, for Day 14 sewing idea!)

A pretty little place to rest your beads. Rotary cutter, markers, rulers and pliers will be safe during travel, if you add the optional pocket. To make a mat like this one, choose a vellum bead mat and a Fat Quarter of fabric. Ric-rac or other trim, and fabric pocket is optional. Additional fabric is needed to add a pocket. *See us at the shop to help with your choices!*

1. Cut a strip of fabric from the short end of the FQ to make a fabric tube for the strap.
2. With right sides together, sew down the length and turn right side out; topstitch, if you wish.
3. Trim vellum and FQ to the same size.
4. With right sides together and the strap folded in half and pinned in place (its fold peeking out from between the vellum and FQ), sew around the perimeter leaving a gap on the short end of the mat opposite the strap (so you can turn the mat right side out before finishing the seam.)
5. Turn and whipstitch closed.
6. Fold in 3 and tie closed. Ta-da!

*To add pockets, just fold a strip of fabric (9" tall x width of your vellum and cover fabric) in half, line the 3 raw edges up (on the side opposite the strap) and sew it to the vellum with a line down the center (from fold to raw edge to create 2 pockets) between steps 3 and 4, above.

What's old is new again! Antique inspiration...



This sample made of color Padparadscha. See the sample and many more colors to choose at the shop.

Quick gift or Holiday Party adornment for YOU! The larger pendant is an antique treasure. The smaller pendant is a replica that can be made from Swarovski crystals. On a headpin, stack a large crystal (8mm), a rondelle (5mm) and a bicone (4mm). Clip and turn the end of the headpin to form a loop. Add a chain and clasp, then wrap or wear for just the right sparkle! What's in your treasure chest that you can share with friends?