

Sunbonnet Sue Needle Keep

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Supply List:

- Front & Back: 5" x 8.5" woven woolen fabric (blue)
- Slip: 4" square woven woolen fabric (white)
- Shoe, accent: small scraps of woven woolen fabric (brown, pink)
- 3 inches ½-inch flat lace
- 1/2 inch button for flower
- Small bit of wool roving or poly fiberfil
- 4 inches mini ric-rac (optional)
- Matching embroidery floss or Perle cotton thread
- Crewel Embroidery needle or other large-eye needle
- Freezer Paper (optional)

Instructions:

Roughly cut between pattern pieces, pin to right side of fabric and CUT OUT pieces on the lines. Note: If you are using Freezer paper as a way to get more precise cuts, especially for smaller pieces, follow these instructions:

TRACE pattern pieces on the dull side of freezer paper and rough cut. PRESS waxy side of freezer paper to the right side of woven wool fabric until it adheres and CUT OUT pieces on the line. Peel off freezer paper.

ASSEMBLE as follows: Back piece then Shoe, Underskirt (align atop shoe), Front piece, Trim and Embellishments.

Use Perle cotton or embroidery floss and an embroidery needle to blanket stitch, or use fabric glue to secure the parts. Stitch the boot to the back. If using trim, stitch to the bottom edge of the underskirt, or cut lower edge with pinking shears or wavy blade. Align the underskirt above the boot and secure the top edge to the back piece (I stitched this by machine). Use a blanket stitch to join the front and back pieces together around the bonnet area only. Stuff a small amount of filler in the bonnet, then secure in place with a few basting stitches through all layers. Continue blanket stitch around back piece and front skirt if desired. Add an accent trim to the bonnet and stitch a few French Knots to secure. For a refresher on simple stitchery, see my tutorials: bit.ly/1UcTx2g (French Knot, etc.) and bit.ly/1nKC2bu (Blanket Stitch). You may wish to outline the arm with a stem stitch or otherwise embellish as desired.

With a needle and thread, gather one long edge of the flat lace and stitch the short ends together to form a circle. Use the same thread to tack the lace circle to the front of the needle keep as pictured. Add a small button to the center, and your Sweet Sunbonnet Sue Needle Keep is complete! Load it up with pins and needles. Use the bonnet as a mini pincushion!



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Key Block (87/100 actual size)

