



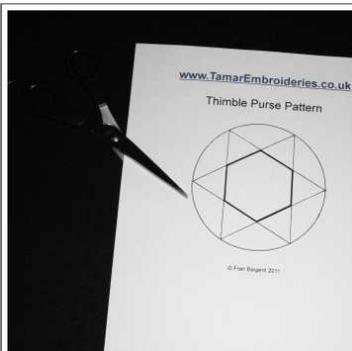
## Thimble Purse

A traditional pattern adapted by Fran Baigent

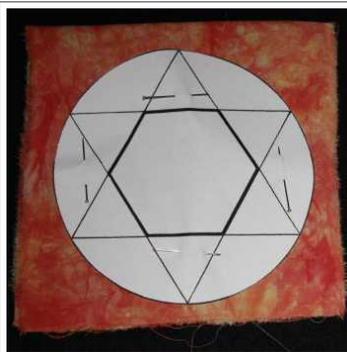
### You will need:

Cotton lawn 24cm x 12cm  
General purpose sewing thread (to match the cotton lawn)  
Porcelain button  
Combed cotton – 1 skein

### Instructions



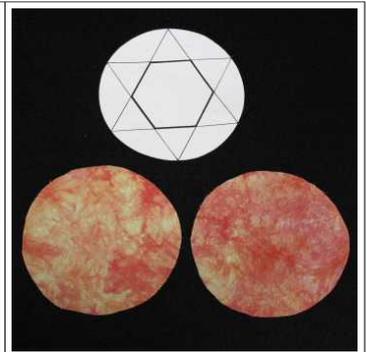
1) Cut out the thimble purse pattern.



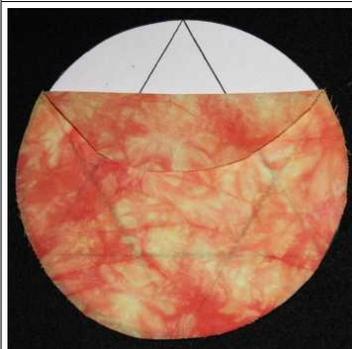
2) Fold the cotton lawn in half and pin the pattern to it, through both layers.



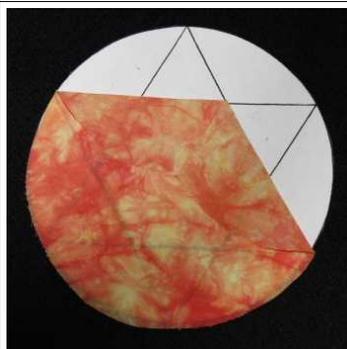
3) Cut round the pattern.



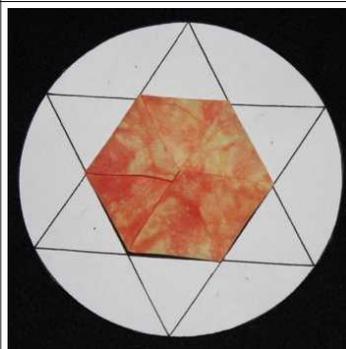
4) Remove the pins. You will have two circles of cotton lawn.



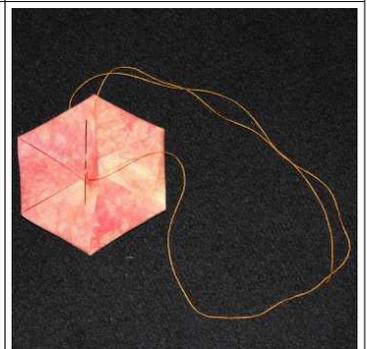
5) Place one circle of cotton lawn on top of the pattern. Fold the fabric down along any one of the diagonal pattern lines. Crease the fabric firmly with your fingers so that it stays in place.



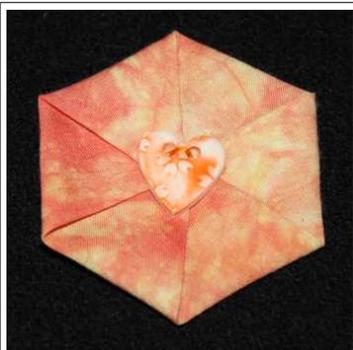
6) Work round the circle clockwise folding down the fabric along each diagonal pattern line.



7) When you have folded all the way round you will have a hexagon.



8) Using the general purpose sewing thread, take a few of small stitches in the centre of the hexagon to hold the fabric in place.

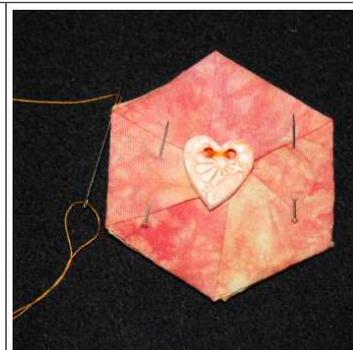


9) Stitch a button in the centre of the hexagon.

10) Repeat stages 6 to 9 with the second circle of cotton lawn.



11) Pin the two hexagons together, button sides out.



12) Stitch the two hexagons together round the bottom four sides with ladder stitch.



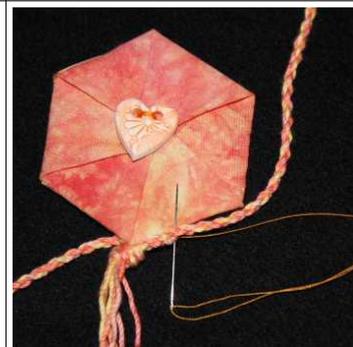
13) Twist a cord from combed cotton – cut a 4m length of combed cotton, knot the two ends together. Pin the folded end down to a secure surface with a drawing pin, put a pencil through the other end. Keeping the threads stretched taut twist the pencil round until the threads are twisted together tightly. Bring the two ends together still keeping the thread stretched tight. Then let go and let the two lengths twist together to form a cord. Knot the loose ends to stop it unwinding.



14) Knot the two ends of the cord together about 6cm from the ends.



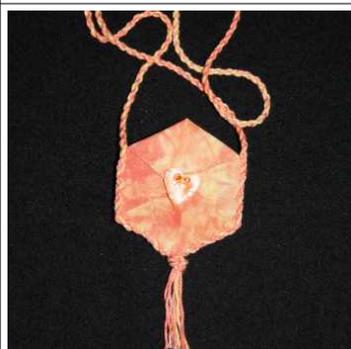
15) Cut off the the ends of the cord and unwind to form a tassel. Trim the ends so that they are even.



16) Starting with the knot of the tassel at the bottom point of the hexagon, use general purpose sewing thread to stitch the cord in place to one edge of the thimble purse, leaving the top two sides of the hexagon open.



17) Now stitch the cord in place on the other edge of the thimble purse.



18) Your thimble purse is finished.

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