

Thread Catcher Pattern

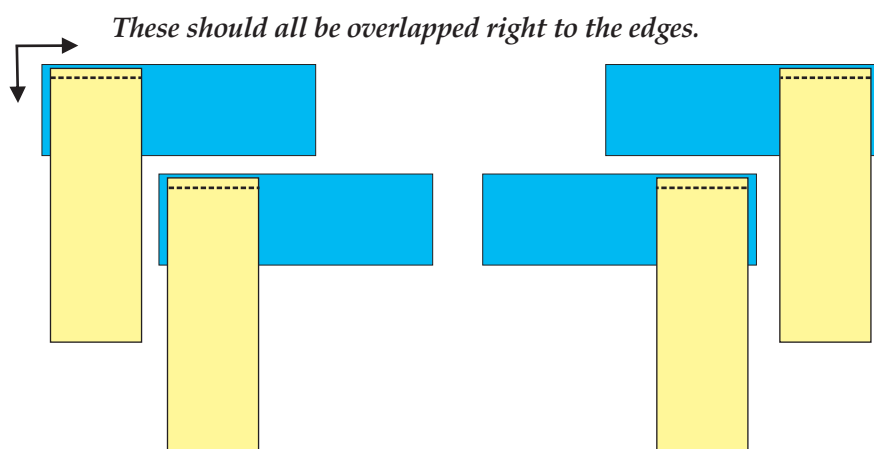
This little thread catcher measures about 3" across and 2 1/2" deep. It folds up to fit in your sewing kit.

Supplies: Two contrasting fabrics.
Four 7 1/2 x 2 1/2 inch strips of each.

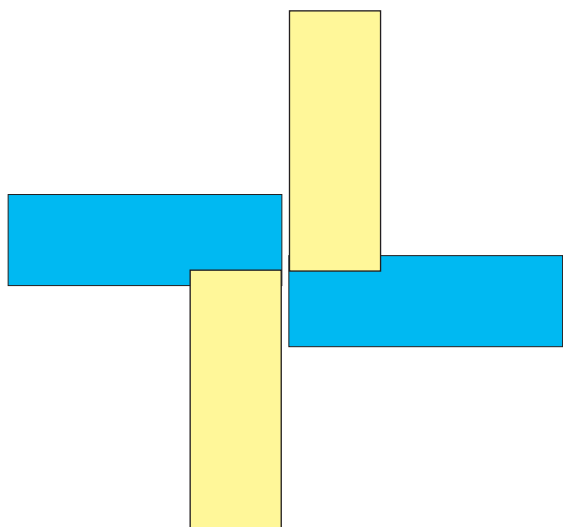


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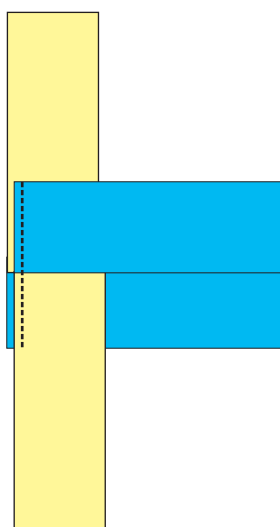
Start by laying out the 4 dark strips. Lay the light strips on each end as shown - right sides together. (Each pair is slightly different - they will form the two sides). Stitch across the end of the light strip. All seams are 1/4". Flip up the light strip and press flat.



2 Take one identical pair and line up center seams as illustrated.



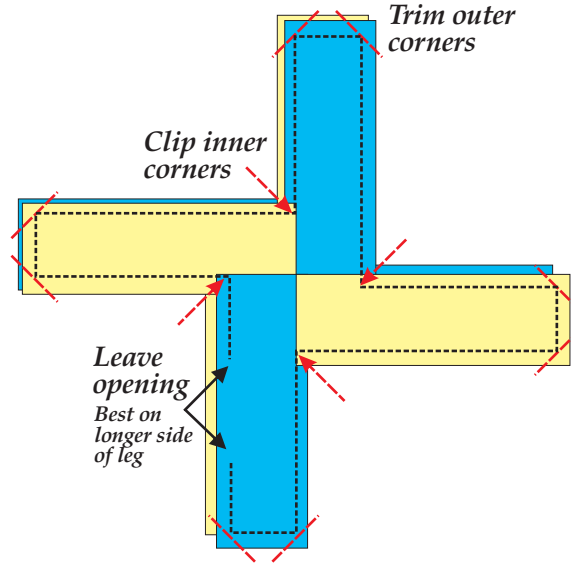
3 Flip over one piece on top of the other and sew across the overlap. Then press flat to one side. You will need to clip one edge to make it lie flat - it will be obvious.



4 Now sew the other pair the same way.

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Lay the two sets right sides together with opposite colors together and pin in place. Sew all around the perimeter leaving an opening along one arm about 2" for turning it right side out.

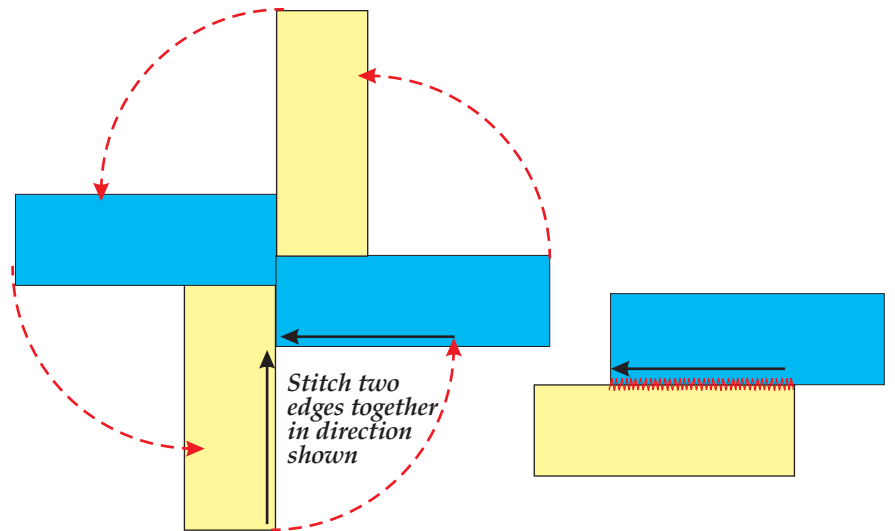


Trim all 8 outer corners and clip into the 4 inner corners. The inner corner is critical - clip carefully and trim some excess fabric.

Turn it right side out through the opening. A chopstick is very helpful to push out all the inner corners. Press carefully. You do not need to stitch the opening as it will be sewn closed in the next step.

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Almost done - now the difficult part! Swing adjoining legs together and stitch each of 4 seams. These can be hand sewn or use your machine and zigzag or use a decorative stitch to hold the two pieces together. They are not overlapped - just "butted" together. Logically you would start inside the "box" but it is difficult to get your presser foot here. Best approach is to make sure the two sides are lined up perfectly and sew from the outside in.



When all four seams are sewn, fold down the points to make your Thread Catcher.