

Victorian Ladies Sampler Pillow

Approximately 13 x 14 inches tall.

You Will Be A Needlin':

- Muslin & vintage chenille
- 3M stickers for folders, etc.
- Picture frame (one pictured is approximately 13-1/2 x 15-1/2 inches)
- Embroidery floss: Light blue, dark blue, dark brown, pink, red, dark green.
- Mechanical pencil
- Light box or sunny window
- Embroidery needle
- Paint: Burgundy, Coffee Bean Brown
- Clean, dry rags
- Small paintbrush
- Card stock 8-1/2 x 11
- Crayons: Light & dark blue, black, red, brown
- Paint: Stoneware blue acrylic paint
- Thick rope

For Rusting: Peroxide, white vinegar, large plastic container, salt, paper towels.

For Staining: Instant coffee, vanilla extract, fragrance oil (optional)

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Read through all directions before beginning.

Embroidery:

1. Trace an 8-1/2 x 11 piece of card stock on doubled muslin and cut out.
2. Print out "embroidery pattern."
3. Tape the embroidery pattern to a sunny window or light box.
4. Place one layer of the muslin on top of the embroidery pattern and with your mechanical pencil trace the pattern.
5. Place the second layer of muslin underneath the first layer (with the embroidery pattern) and pin together.
6. Using the appropriate colored embroidery floss, embroider the sampler using a double strand of embroidery floss and a simple backstitch pattern. NOTE: The arm of the Victorian lady as well as the face, arms and legs of the Victorian stick people are embroidered using a single strand of dark brown embroidery floss; everything else is embroidered using 2 strands. See picture for placement of colors.
7. Stain embroidery using the recipe and instructions given at the end of these directions.
8. When completely dry, color in where indicated on pattern and picture. Victorian lady's dress (blue & dark blue), hair (brown), umbrella (blue). Victorian couples at bottom; men's overcoats and hats (black), one lady's dress and umbrella (red). Go lightly when coloring. When the coloring is done to your satisfaction, place a clean dry rag over top of embroidery and iron over this for about 10 to 20 seconds keeping the iron in constant motion. This will heat set the crayons.

Pillow:

1. Cut 2 pieces of vintage chenille 12 x 14 inches.
2. Place right sides together, pin, and sew all around; do NOT leave an opening.
3. On center front, cut a small slit in middle of pillow to turn. Clip curves and turn.
4. Stuff firmly and sew opening shut.
5. Stain with recipe and instructions given at the end of these directions. Throw in dryer to dry. Be sure to remember to clean out dryer before using for clean clothes.
6. Color wash pillow with recipe and instructions given below at the end of these directions. Let dry thoroughly.
7. Center stitchery on front of pillow making sure to cover the hole cut for turning. With a running stitch, sew to pillow.
8. Stain rope with recipe and instructions given below at the end of these directions.
9. Beginning at center bottom, drape rope around stitchery pinning it in place as you go; sew on.

Color Washing:

Supplies Needed:

Paint (Stoneware Blue)
Instant coffee
Vanilla extract
Fragrance oil (optional, Cinnabun is one of my favorites)
Old cookie sheet
Small spray bottle or sponge brush
Funnel (if using a spray bottle)

1. Mix together in glass jar with lid - $\frac{1}{4}$ cup instant coffee, 2 cups hot water and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup vanilla extract. Add to this a couple of tablespoons of your paint. It should be of pretty thin consistency; you'll just have to eyeball it to tell whether or not you have enough.
2. Add fragrance oil to your taste. (HINT: You may want to add just a little at first and add more if you desire. If you add too much to begin with it may be stronger than you prefer.)
3. Lay the item you are staining on cookie sheet. Spray front and back thoroughly or apply stain with sponge brush. Be sure to cover item completely with stain.
4. Bake in oven at 200 degrees for 10 minutes. If you need to bake longer, only bake at 5 minute increments.

NEVER LEAVE THIS UNATTENDED. THIS CAN CATCH ON FIRE. KEEP CHILDREN AND PETS AWAY. WATCH CLOSELY.

You're done with Victorian Ladies Sampler Pillow. I hope you enjoyed making it as much as I enjoyed designing it. If you have any problems or questions, please don't hesitate to e-mail me or visit my "Stitch 'n' Stuff" page at <http://www.lilliemascrafts.com>.

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