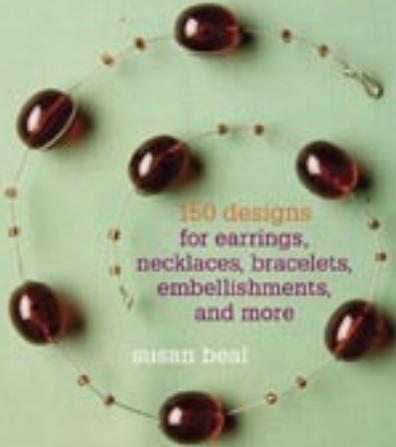


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## Vintage-Style iPod Cozy

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## Sewing your Cozy

### You'll need

Silk or satin fabric  
Wool felt for inside lining  
Thread to match lining  
Ribbon (approx 18"-20")  
Scissors  
Invisible Thread  
Sewing Machine



This cozy fits the classic iPods 2004 and iPod video 2006. To fit an iPhone, increase 1/2" at the top, and decrease 1/2" on one side. Or measure the iPod you have and add a 1/2" around the device to create your own pattern.

1. Cut your fabric pieces from the pattern in the next page of PDF. You'll need to cut 2 pieces of your main fabric and 2 pieces for your felt lining.
2. Pin the right sides of your main fabric together (shiny side in) and place the wool felt lining pieces on either side of the fabric with the right side for the lining facing out. Trim ends to make even. Using a serger or zigzag stitch, sew around the left, right, and bottom of the fabric with a 1/4" seam. The stitch should lock in your seam and since felt doesn't fray, you won't have loose threads.
3. Snip the 2 bottom corners in a diagonal close to the seam. (This will make it easy when you turn your cozy inside out.)
4. Turn the cozy inside out.
5. The main fabric should hang longer at the top over the lining. Fold in the fabric twice to have a clean seam and press all around the top of the cozy.
6. For a seamless look, use your invisible thread for hand sewing and sew a blanket stitch by catching the main fabric and the lining. Do this until you have finished sewing all around the top. You can also choose to stitch this with your sewing machine but a seam will appear at the top on the outside of your cozy.
7. Insert your iPod into the cozy. Tie your ribbon around the cozy and now you're ready to embellish with beads!

You can also modify this to become a drawstring cozy or add a zipper at the top for extra security!

## Cozy Patterns

Main Fabric  
4" X 5"

Cut 2 pieces

Lining Fabric  
4" X 4.5"

Cut 2 pieces

## Embellishing your Cozy

### You'll need

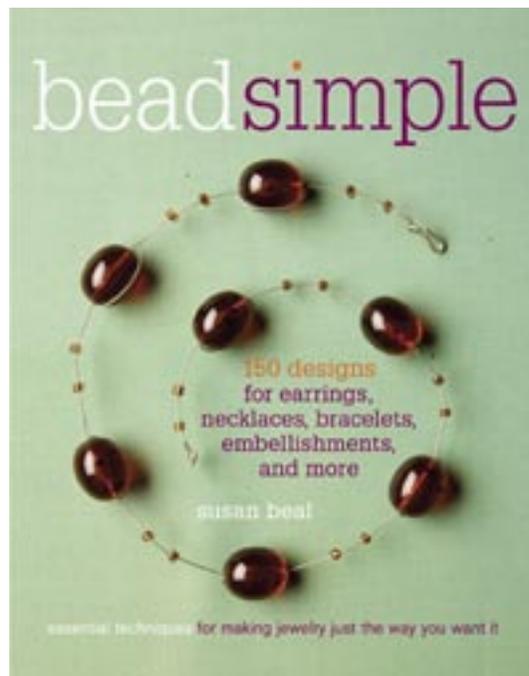
Fabric pencil or chalk  
Fabric glue  
Small paintbrush  
Scissors  
Straight pins  
Sewing needle  
Invisible thread  
1 vintage rhinestone jewel or large ornate bead for centerpiece  
12 clear small Swarovski® crystals  
8 light blue/green small Swarovski crystals  
5 green small Swarovski crystals  
3 orange small Swarovski crystals



### TIP

Work your jewelry pieces in sections so that you aren't tangled up while sewing with a long piece of thread. This design is broken up in three pieces—the main centerpiece, top left, and bottom right areas. Invisible thread is fantastic because you will not be able to see the thread through the beads. But it can also be tricky to work with because in addition to being hard to see sometimes, the thread curls up easily.

1. Position your vintage rhinestone jewel on your iPod cozy to where you think it will look best. Mark the location on the fabric with a tiny X on your cozy.
2. Dab fabric glue on a small brush and brush the back of the rhinestone jewel. Be careful not to add too much glue or it will get messy. Place the rhinestone on your marked X on the cozy.
3. Thread your needle with invisible thread.
4. Gather your 12 clear beads and start to sew each bead around the rhinestone center jewel in a circle. Sew each bead into the cozy separately and do not string them together. This will keep each bead secure to the fabric. Cut off the end of the thread and tie a knot.
5. For the color bead decoration, you can pretty much design the motif in any way you want, depending on how small or big your cozy is. To create the same look as this cozy, start with the top left area. Gather four light blue/green beads, four green beads, and two orange beads to create the top left pattern.
6. Sew on the light blue/green beads. Work your way in rows moving down, then back up until all the beads are used. Cut off the end of the thread and tie a knot.
7. The next jeweled area is the bottom right. Gather four light blue/green beads, two green, and one orange to create a pattern in the lower right side of the design.
8. Start with the light blue/green bead, and continue to sew down and back up in the same fashion. Cut off the end of the thread and tie a knot. Your embellished cozy is ready for use.



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