

blue dandelion felted bag Much of

Scandinavian pattern work is stylized. In the 1950s, a much freer, looser stitch was sometimes used, often adapted from traditional embroidered motifs. I took this style as my inspiration and embroidered a simple dandelion motif on a subtle milky-blue felted wool. Suede handles give the bag that extra-luxurious feel.

1 Enlarge the templates on page 97 by 200 percent (see page 117). Transfer them to the fabrics (see page 118), and cut out one front and one back section from both the felted wool and the lining fabric.

2 Using dressmaker's carbon paper or the tissue paper and basting (tacking) method (see page 118), transfer the pattern to the front of the bag. Following the stitch guide on page 97, using dark blue embroidery floss (cotton), embroider the dandelion.

3 Using white stranded embroidery floss (cotton), embroider the label motif on one half of the piece of orange felt. Fold the felt in half widthwise, wrong sides together, and machine stitch down each of the side edges close to the edge.

4 Pin the front and back lining pieces right sides together. Machine stitch down each side and along the bottom of the lining. Trim the seam allowance and cut across the corners to reduce the bulk. Repeat with the front and back bag pieces, positioning the label between the front and back pieces about 1 1/2 in. (4 cm) down from the top and facing in toward the bag.

materials

Templates and stitch guide on page 97

12 1/2 x 25 in. (32 x 64 cm) blue felted wool

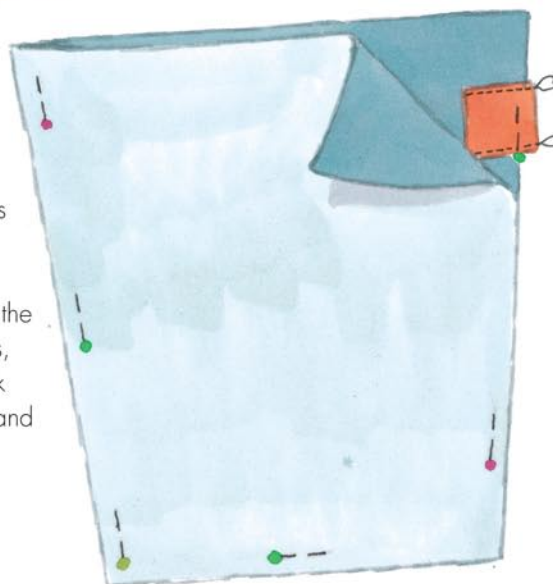
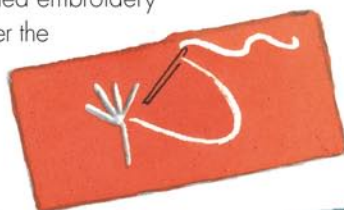
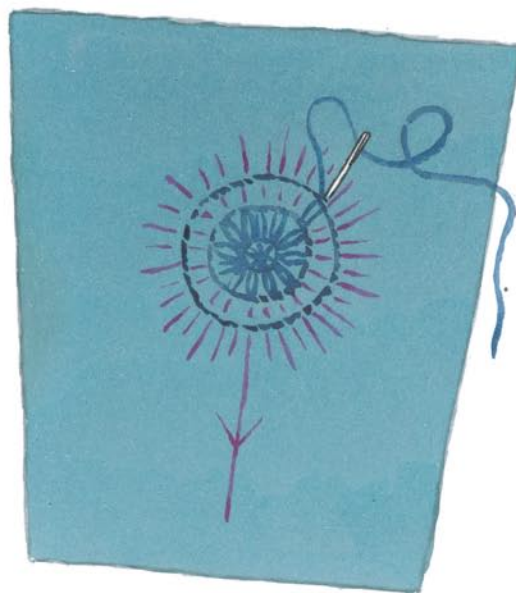
12 1/2 x 25 in. (32 x 64 cm) cotton fabric for lining

Dressmaker's carbon paper or tissue paper

Two 19 x 1 1/2-in. (48 x 4-cm) strips of dark blue or black suede for handles

3 x 1 1/2 in. (8 x 4 cm) orange felt for label

Dark blue and white stranded embroidery floss (cotton)



5 To make the handles, fold each piece of suede in half widthwise, wrong sides together. Machine stitch along the long edge, as close to the edge as possible. Position the handle ends inside the bag, about 2½ in. (6 cm) in from each side edge and ½ in. (1 cm) down from the top edge. Pin in place, and machine stitch back and forth across each handle end to secure.



6 With wrong sides together, place the lining inside the bag. Fold over a small double hem at the top edge of the lining and slipstitch the lining in position all around the top edge of the bag (see page 120).



