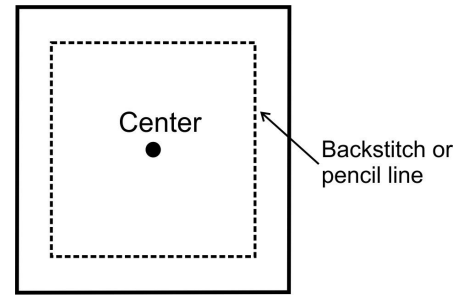


Biscornu finishing instructions

These instructions can be used with either linen, fabric or both. The basic technique is the same.

For a design without a backstitched line, draw a pencil line on the back of the fabric the size that you want the biscornu to be. If you have not already done so, mark the center of the top and bottom of the biscornu with a piece of thread.

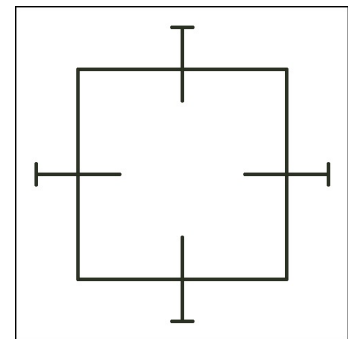


1. Press the linen (front) on the wrong side.
2. Trim off the linen $\frac{1}{2}$ inch out from the backstitched or pencil line.
3. Cut a piece of fabric or linen for the bottom that is the same size as the front.
4. Cut two pieces of interfacing that fit just inside the backstitched or pencil line of the front.
5. Iron one piece of interfacing to the back of the stitched linen, making sure that it fits within the backstitched or pencil line.

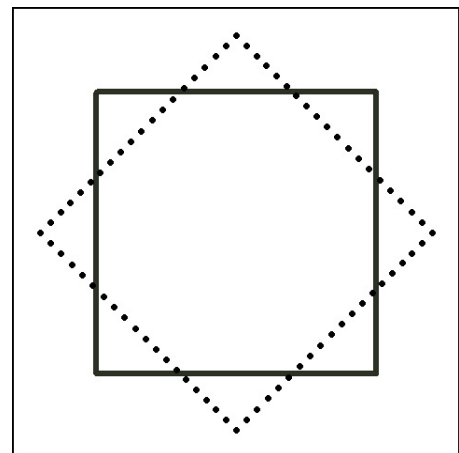
6. Center and iron the other piece of interfacing to the back of the fabric for the bottom.

7. Fold the seam allowances to the back and press on both pieces.

8. Fold the fabric for the back to find the centers along the sides and mark with a pin, also mark the center of the fabric with thread. Also fold the front and mark the center with a pin or thread.

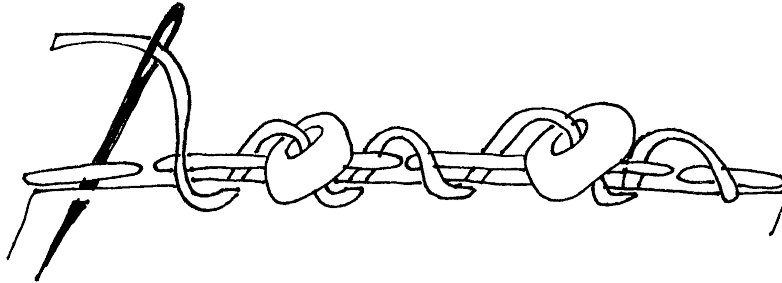


9. Place the front and back, wrong side to wrong side, matching the **centers of the sides of the back** (where you have marked with a pin), to the **corners of front** and pin in place. Then pin the other centers and corners in place.



10. Using one strand of matching “floss” or thread in a sharp needle, whip stitch the two pieces together until you have just about an inch and a half left open. For designs that have backstitching, catch the just the backstitching on the front side and 2 or 3 fabric threads on the back side. For those that do not have backstitching, just catch 2 or 3 fabric threads on each side, keeping the stitches small (12 to 16 stitches per inch).

Optional: Add a bead to every other stitch as you stitch the sides together.



11. Stuff the biscornu with batting. Do not stuff very full; you need to be able to pinch the center and have the front and back touch.

12. Finish whipstitching (add beads if you are doing that) the rest of the biscornu closed.

13. Take a 24-inch piece of thread and thread it in a sharp needle. Double the thread over so that you have a 12-inch piece of doubled thread. Insert the needle in the center of the bottom of the biscornu where you have marked it with thread and come up in the center of the stitched linen front. Leave about 4 or 5 inches of thread hanging down. Pick up the large bead or button and go back down through the front and back (do not come out in the same hole). You may wish to add a small button to the bottom. Pull on both ends of the doubled thread so that the bead or button pulls the linen and fabric so that they touch. Then knot the threads tightly together several times. Sink the ends of the thread in the biscornu and cut off the excess thread.