

Flowery measuring tapes

Materials List



1. A plastic measuring tape - Hopefully you have a couple in your sewing basket. If not, you can find some [here](#). I'd suggest buying a few as they are really so fun to make and will make such a beautiful gift for friends.

2. Wool felt - in various colours to make your favourite flowers and to cover your measuring tape & the tab (end).

The base colours I used were:

Strawberries - Coral ([Indigo Inspirations](#))

Forget-me-knots - Dusk ([Indigo Inspirations](#))

Violets - Heath ([Indigo Inspirations](#))

3. Fabric - (optional) If you'd like to bind your measuring tape with some lovely fabric, otherwise you can simply use a piece of felt. I also used little scraps of yellow double cotton gauze fabric for the centre of my strawberry flowers & the forget-me-knot flower on the tab of the measuring tape.

For the **strawberry & violet measuring tapes** - I made some fabric binding using the sewing machine. For the **forget-me-knot measuring tape** I simply placed a piece of fabric over my piece of felt binding. I'll demonstrate both processes in the videos.

4. Embroidery cotton - I like to use embroidery thread for sewing the measuring tape together (ie. sewing the covers to the binding) and for the tops of strawberries and embroidering the stems. I also used embroidery thread for adding detail to the petals such as the white on the forget-me-knots & the yellow on the violets + strawberry seeds.

5. Cotton quilting thread or Polyester Sewing thread - I used Gutterman Polyester thread in various colours for attaching the flowers & some of the leaves as it is lovely and fine.

6. Sewing needles - I used quilt basting needles (these are very long thin sharp needles), embroidery and chenille needles for this project.

7. Scissors & pins

About the project...

*"Have nothing in your houses
that you do not know to be useful
or believe to be beautiful."*

- William Morris.

I love to make the things I use everyday just that little bit more beautiful. So I felt like it was time to give our measuring tapes a little love. Hopefully you have a few in your sewing basket that you can use for this project.

The meditative cutting of the petals and stitching them in place has been such a grounding and joyful process. I hope you will find it equally so. I've also really loved adding the flowers to the tabs for that little extra touch of beauty.

For this project you have the option of adding some fabric to bind the covers together, or to simply use a piece of felt. Both options look beautiful!