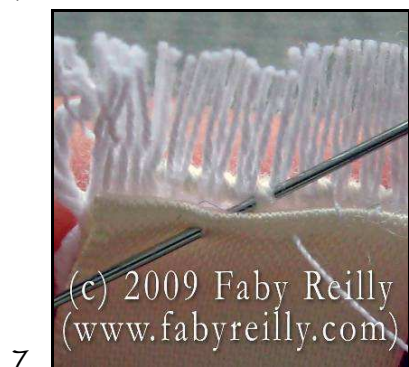


# Tutorial : 2 ways to put together a bookmark

## Method 1: the ribbon method

### You will need :

- Some stitched aida braid.
- Some interfacing.
- Some ribbon (as wide as the aida braid).



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## Method 1: the ribbon method (continued)

### **Step 1:**

Iron your stitched design, and cut out your interfacing to the same dimension.

### **Step 2:**

To prevent the stitching fabric from fraying, stitch a row of cross-stitch (using the same colour as your fabric) just above your design and just below.

### **Step 3:**

Trim your fabric, leaving approximately 4 rows of aida (8 strands if you're working on linen or evenweave)

### **Step 4:**

Pull out the loose strands of fabric to fray your bookmark up to the cross-stitch border line.

### **Step 5:**

Check that the interfacing isn't bigger than the design (watch out: the 2 stitched border lines must remain uncovered by the interfacing). Iron your interfacing to stick it to the back of the design.

### **Step 6:**

Prepare your ribbon and iron the hem down.

### **Steps 7, 8 & 9:**

Attach the ribbon to the back of the bookmark.

At either end, with tiny stitches, attach the ribbon to the row of cross-stitch that you did earlier (see picture 7). For the sides, stitch them with backstitch, ribbon side towards you (see picture 8).

Careful: for the right side of the bookmark to look neat, ensure that your stitches follow the scalloped edge of the aida braid. (see picture 9)

### **Step 10:**

Your bookmark is finished.

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## Method 2 : the felt method

### You will need :

- Some stitched aida braid.
- Some interfacing.
- Some felt (a little bigger in size than the bookmark).



### **Step 1 :**

Iron your stitched aida braid and reinforce it with interfacing.

### **Step 2 :**

Fold back the top of the bookmark and iron it in place.

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## Method 2 : the felt method (suite)

### **Steps 3 & 4 :**

Do the same for the lower end of the bookmark. To give it a pointed shape, fold your fabric diagonally (see pictures 3 and 4)

### **Step 5 :**

You can stitch a charm on the right side in order to dress the pointed tip of the bookmark and to help keep the layers in position.

### **Step 6 :**

Now you can stitch your design to the felt, using a forward stitch. Stitch it right side facing (as opposed to wrong side facing in the previous method) so that the stitches are evenly spaced out.

### **Step 7 :**

The stitches must look the same on the front and back of the bookmark.

### **Step 8 :**

Trim out the excess felt all around your design. Depending on the design you stitched, you may want to use standard scissors to achieve a straight cut, or use pinking shears for a more fancy finish.

### **Step 9 :**

Your bookmark is now finished.