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Memory Envelope

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A memory envelope makes a thoughtful gift for significant occasions or a special hiding place for treasured keepsakes. They take very little time to make and you can personalise them for the recipient. Ours is made with a square from a vintage linen sheet, with a Liberty print lining and tiny scraps of the lace that I've collected over the years. Dress it up with a few simple embroidery stitches and a scattering of beads.

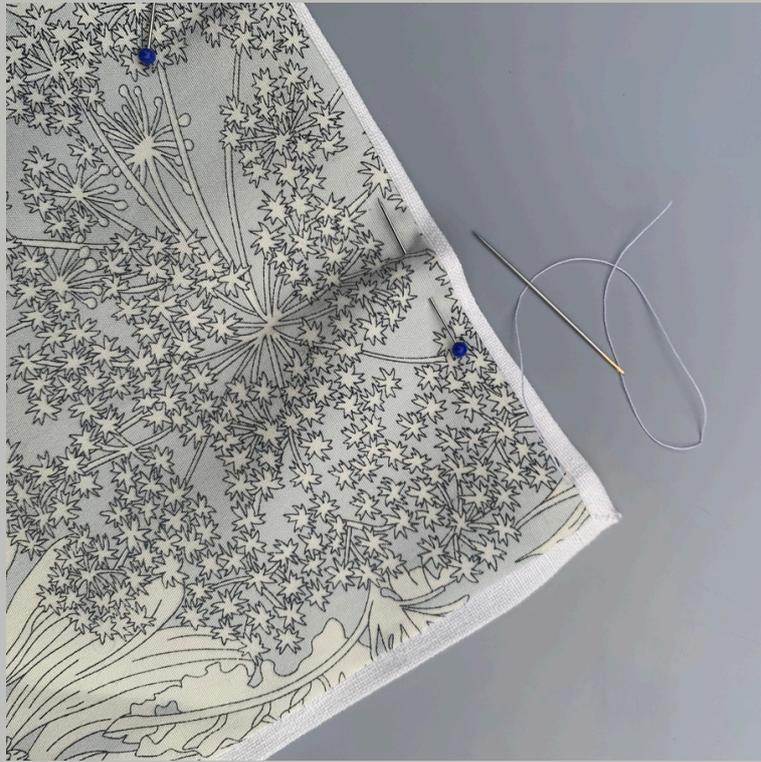
The photographs are of our Nana on her wedding day and many years later at the beach in a glamorous costume. She was always very smartly dressed whatever the occasion, handmade and on a budget!





Fold under the edges of the fabric by about 1cm /  $\frac{1}{3}$ in and press well. You can mitre the linen as I've done here or make straight folded corners as I've done for the Liberty fabric. Only a tiny section will show on the finished envelope. Arrange the two squares wrong sides together and pin in place.





Slip stitch in place with the sewing thread. Press the seams then bring three corners to the centre and pin in place. Oversew the edges to make a pocket.



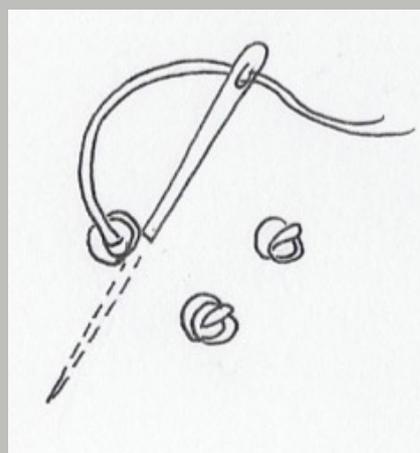
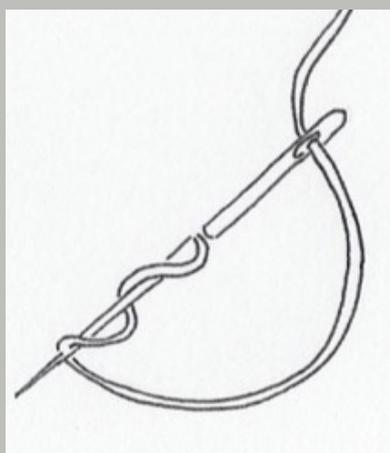
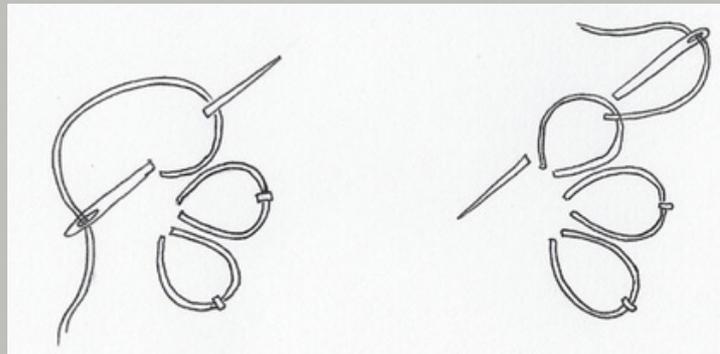


Using small scissors cut motifs from the scraps of lace. Pin down the flap of the envelope and arrange the motifs. I built the design gradually adding a little embroidery so I could see where to add a few more pieces of lace. I roughly marked out the lines of embroidery with very faint pencil.





Using two strands of embroidery thread gradually build up the design with Back Stitch, Lazy Daisy and French Knots. Then add a sprinkling of beads sewn on with sewing thread or one strand of embroidery thread. Slip a small piece of paper into the envelope if you are in danger of sewing the front to the back!



Sew the button to the point of the flap and the press stud to the underneath. Fill with a few treasures and hide away or put on display!

