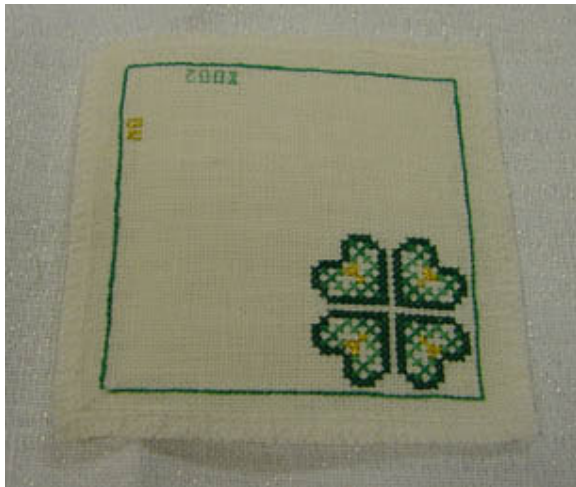


## Biscornu Finishing Instructions By Nancy B.

Let's get started:

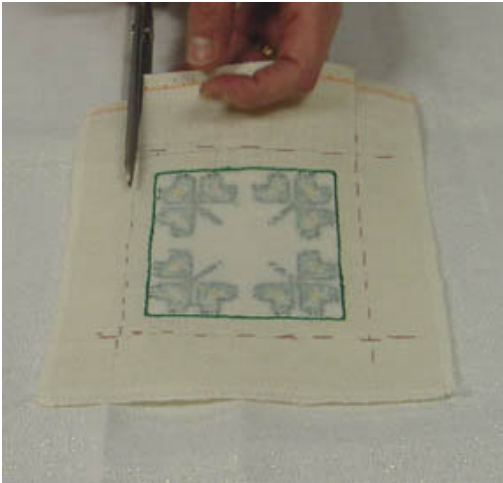


Finished top and bottom design pieces.

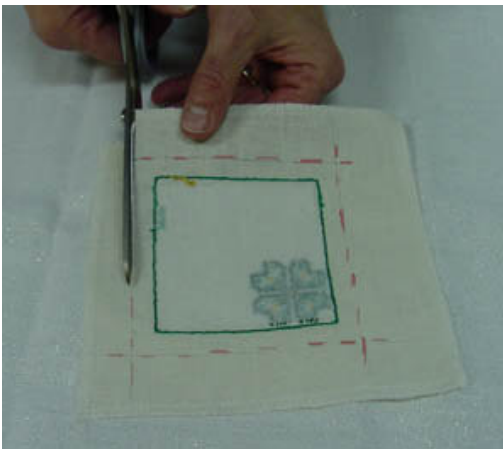


Your design should be square, preferably with an even number of backstitches around the outer border. The most common size is between 60 and 64 stitches per side. It is possible to finish up a biscornu with an odd number of stitches per side; you simply need to take an extra stitch at each corner.

First, prep your design by trimming excess fabric from the backstitch line. I usually leave about a quarter to a half inch. I also "pull" a thread so it makes the cutting easier.



I do this for the top and bottom of the biscornu. After cutting I serge or zig zag the edge



Cut 2 pieces of fuseable interfacing to apply to the top and bottom pieces of your stitched biscornu. (Remember to fuse this to the wrong side or inside of the pieces).



This is the top of the biscornu with the interfacing fused to it. I also finger pressed along the edge of the backstitching. The bottom should look just like it with interfacing and trimmed so you can start to sew it together!



Find the center of one side of the top. Match a corner from the bottom to center of the top and start to sew by knotting your thread and bring it up in the the corner of the bottom.



Stitch catching the back stitching only. Continuing along until you come to a corner.



Fold around the corner as shown in photo and keep stitching.



Another view of going around the corner!

Continue around...see the cushion shape forming?



When you are almost all the way around except for just this little bit it is time to stuff!



I use fiberfill to stuff my biscornu. I also use a long chop stick to help stuff it!



Stuff your biscornu so that it has a nice feel to it but not tightly stuffed!

Still stuffing! When done stuffing sew close the opening and end your thread! Whew! Now it is time to sew on your buttons!



I will end my thread and sew on the buttons next!

I use quilting thread to sew on the buttons because it is stronger. There is a lot of pressure on the buttons as I pull them tight to give the biscornu its dimple!



Sewing on the buttons with quilting thread and alas a sharp needle! So be careful! There is a button on the top and bottom of the biscornu and they are centered. After running your thread through the buttons pull it tight to get the "dimple"!



End your thread with a small knot behind the button and bury the thread.