

Finishing your Tin Lid

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1. On your matt board, trace around the top of your tin lid.
2. Cut your matt board out so that it fits just inside the edges of the tin top.
3. Cut your cross stitched piece so that it is big enough to go around the piece of board and overlap about 1/2" all the way around the sides. Here, I like to serge my cross stitch piece around the edges, this makes it easier to work with and it won't unravel while you are handling it. (if you don't have a serger, you can zig-zag around the edge or put "Fray Stop" on the edges.)
4. Cut a piece of thin batting and a piece of medium weight fusible interfacing to just slightly bigger than the board.
5. Fuse the interfacing onto the back of the cross stitched piece, centering it in the middle. This adds a nice crisp look to your top.
6. Hand gather around the outside edge of your cross stitch piece with sturdy quilting threads leaving long tails where you end on both ends. (See Diagram A.)
7. Place the batting on the top side of the board then the cross stitched piece and gather this around the board, securing tightly. (I use a surgeon's knot for this.)
8. Glue in place (I use "Tacky Glue" here) and let dry. I usually put chip clips or binder clips around the edges to keep the fabric where I want it till it dries.(* Note: Instead of gluing, you may choose to lace the back, it is totally up to you.)
9. Make cording to go around your top. (See instructions, if needed)
10. Stitch the cording onto the edge of your top with thread. Do this BEFORE gluing the top to the tin.
11. Glue the tin tip and cording to the top of the tin with an industrial strength glue. I place books on top of the tin to hold it down while it is drying. When the top is dry you are done with this part!!

Finishing the Inside of your Tin

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1. On your matt board, trace around the bottom of your tin. Now, cut out about 1/8" to 3/16" smaller than that line— **CAUTION!!**— take off in very small amounts till you get a piece that will slip into your tin relatively easily but will not be too loose.— You can always take off more but it is really hard to put it back once you have taken it off! ;~}

2. Follow instructions #2. through #8 of the finishing directions for the tin top.

3. Now you are ready to finish the inside of your tin. There are several ways to do this:

A. Make a cording to go around the inside piece and secure it as Discussed in #10. of the top finishing instructions then slip it Into the bottom of your tin with a little glue to hold it in place. Ta! Da! Done! OR:

B. Take a piece of your linen and make a very thin piece to go on "Walls" (sides) of the tin. This can have a verse on it or a border Or your name and date. Measure your "walls" and add enough Fabric to turn under on the tip and bottom to make a band that Goes all the way around the inside walls of your tin and so you Can stitch it together on the ends. This band can then be glued In after you have placed your bottom in. You can then add a Small cording around the bottom.... I would just glue this in but Be careful with the glue! (See diagram B) Ta! Da! Done! OR:

C. Another idea would be to find a trim the size of the walls and To put that in as in B. Ta! Da! Done!

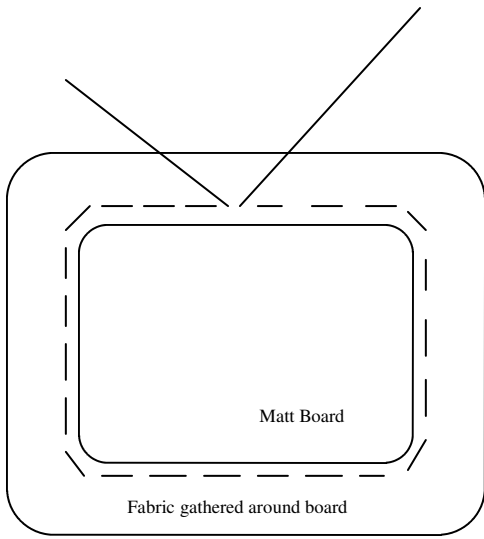


Diagram A: Underside of the top or bottom

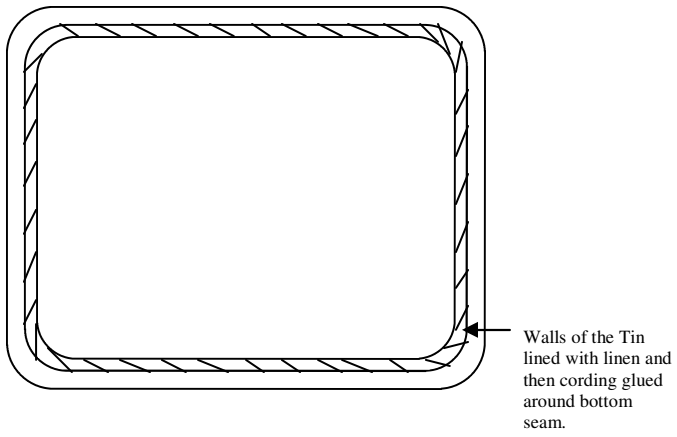


Diagram B: Inside of the tin with cording