CREATIVE PROJECTS

Give your sewing machine a break and make this Creative Project for yourself or gifts. Consider making one or more for our friends at Chartwell Montgomery Village where we have regular sewing days. Leave on the Outreach table at a Guild meet- ing. This was a good seller at the Members' Boutique in October..

PLAYING CARD HOLDER (No sewing machine required)

Supplies:
2 old CDs
2 pieces of cotton approximately 1" in diameter larger than the CD
2 buttons with 2 holes in each
2 pieces of high loft batting, or 4 low loft batting or 2 foam interfacing
Thread and hand sewing needle
You are essentially making two 6.5" yo-yos with a CD and padding in the middle
Method:
On the backside of the fabric, trace the CD. Add 1" to the diameter. Cut out two circles.
Cut either 2 (or 4) of your chosen padding the exact size of the CD.
Baste a running stitch around the perimeter of both circles about 1⁄4" or 3⁄8" from the outside. Do NOT cut your thread when you finish your circle.
Place padding in the middle of circle followed by one CD. Pull the thread so it gathers around the CD. Hold in place with one hand and place a few stitches to secure the gathers. Knot and cut the thread. Repeat with the second fabric circle, padding and CD.
Take one CD and put your threaded needle through the underside of the center hole. Take one of your buttons and put your needle through one of the holes in the button. Center the button over the hole in the CD and pass the needle through the second button hole. Now your needle is back on the underside of the CD so take the remaining CD and repeat threading the button. This time when you go through the second hole you will feel with the needle to find the first button hole in the first CD.

Pull the thread tightly but without breaking but not too tight. Keep sewing the buttons together until you feel it is secure and the CDs will be able to hold cards between them.
To knot your thread pass the needle under a few strands of thread on top of the button and knot. Then pass the needle through to the other side and knot two more times.
You're Done!
YouTube video: https://ajpadilla.com/playing-card-holder




