

Here are rough instructions:

My finished needlepoint was 3.75 inches square.

1. I cut a very thick acid free card stock (more like comic board thickness) slightly smaller than the finished design.
2. I cut a white muslin to be about 5.25 inches square.
3. I glued the muslin onto the card stock (by using Aileen's tacky glue on the back and folding the edges over and mitering the corners).
4. I clipped the muslin covered board around the edges with "wonder clips" and set it to dry. (You could use clothespins.)
5. Meanwhile, I cut two pieces of the brown fabric 4.25 inches by 8 inches.
6. I cut two pieces of light fusible interfacing 3.75 inches by 7.5 inches, centered them on the wrong side of each brown fabric piece and ironed them on.
7. I pinned the two brown fabric pieces wrong sides together.
8. I cut two pieces of ribbon ~ 8 inches in length, and I tucked the longer ends inside my sandwiched fabrics on either short side (roughly 1 inch sticking outside the rectangle and the rest inside the rectangle). Pinned them in place.
9. Using a sewing machine I sewed around the edge of all of this with a 1/4 inch seam allowance, leaving about 2 inches open on one of the long sides for turning. I sewed over the ribbon intersections like 3 times for extra strength.
10. I turned the whole thing right side out, took time to poke the corners out thoroughly, and ironed it.
11. I hand sewed closed the opening I left for the turning. Now you have a "wallet" roughly 3.75 x 7.5 inches.
12. Now I returned to the needlepoint piece. I trimmed the canvas, leaving about an inch of canvas showing all around the outside of the design.
13. I removed the clips from my muslin covered cardstock (that's dry now) and placed the needlepoint on on top of the muslin, folding the edges over the muslin card, mitering the corners again. I used the wonder clips again until I was satisfied with the placement. Because the mono canvas is stiff, I kind of finger pressed the edges.
14. I laced the needlepoint to the muslin covered card stock. Removed the clips.
15. I placed the laced needlepoint on one end of the fabric "wallet", securing it with the wonder clips.
16. Then I just used like a hidden slip stitch (I guess that's the name) to attach the needlepoint to the "wallet". Removed the clips.
17. I then cut two pieces of wool felt slightly smaller than the resulting open rectangle wallet.
18. I pinned one centered on the inside of the wallet.
19. I lengthened the stitch length a little on my sewing machine and sewed straight down the middle of the wool felt/wallet combination.
20. Repeated steps 18 and 19 with the second piece of felt.

21. From there I just cut pieces of wool felt as I saw fit and attached and decorated using the same perle cotton that was in my original needlepoint piece.