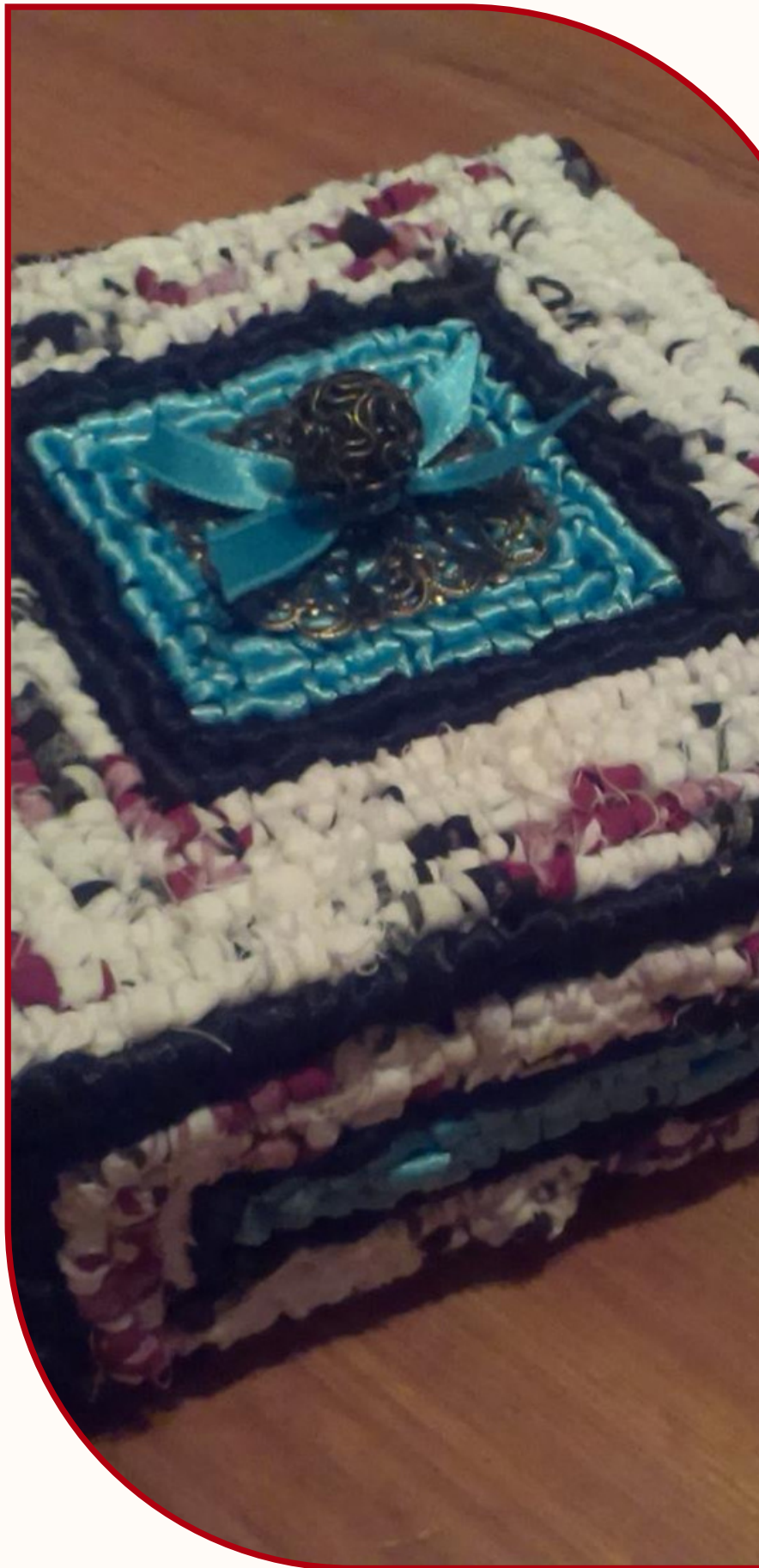Designed by Sonja Kiliánová

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for tea lights

Box for tea lights

I really like when I have several tea candles burning at home. I always buy a larger quantity of them in a bag, but every time I have to decide where to put them so that they don't bend.
So I tried to make a decorative, looped box to store the candles, which sits on my chest of drawers and the candles are nicely hidden in it and at the same time always at hand.

However, the cassette can be used in many other ways.

Dimensions: approx. 16 x 16 cm
Height: approx. 6 cm

USED TECHNIQUES
Preparing a square or rectangular foundation Hemming the foundation Spiral looping Hiding loose ends Assembling projects Decorating projects

MATERIAL INVENTORY
Kanava # 2 Fabric strips of fine cotton 1.5 cm wide (ideal for recycling old pieces of clothing and fabrics that you no longer have a use for)
1 pack of 10m satin satin ribbon in medium blue
1 pack of 10 m satin satin ribbons in black
Locking medium
Looping hook
Tapestry needle
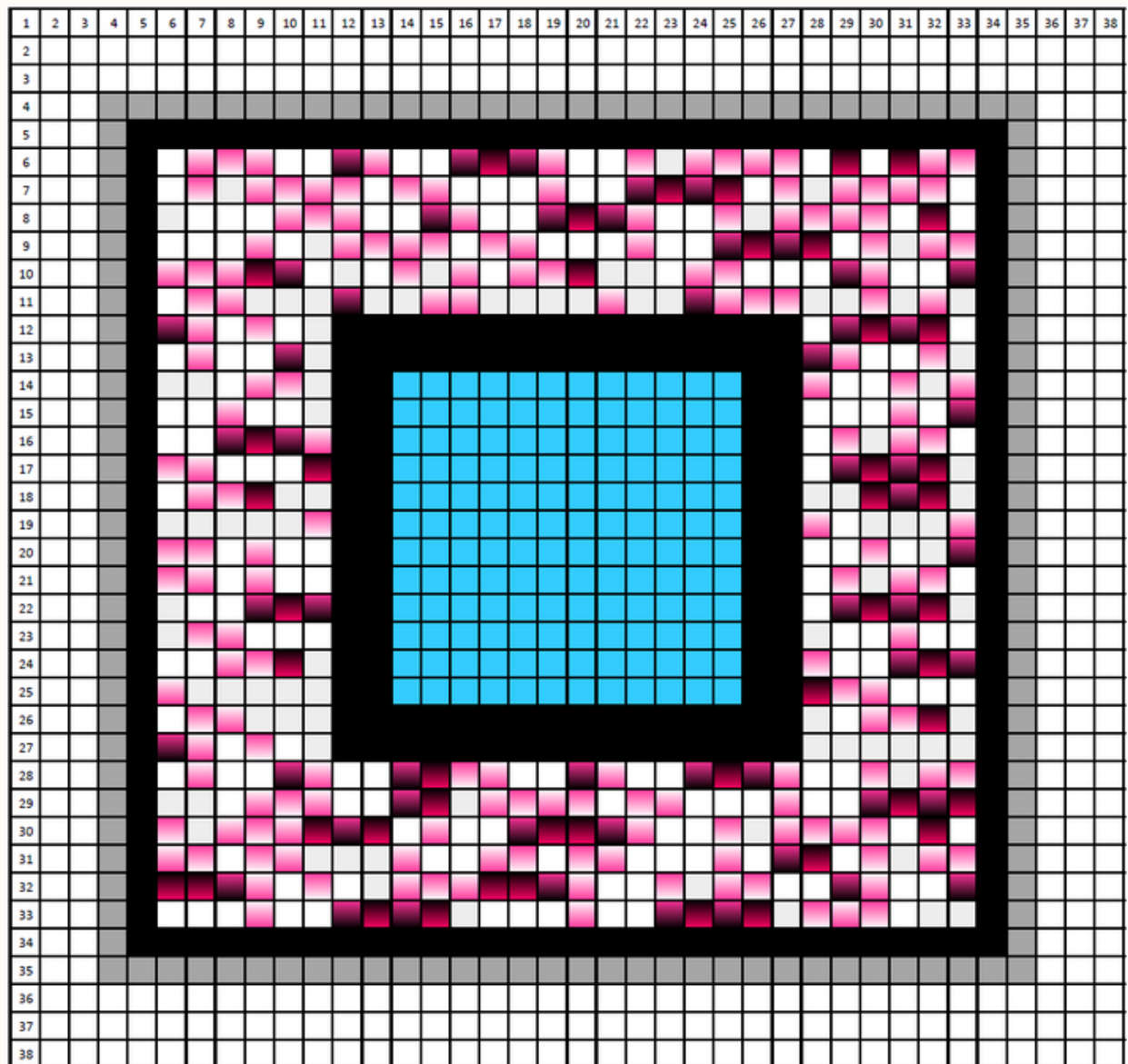Sewing needle
Scissors
Fast-drying permanent textile glue
Decoration of your choice - filigree, flower, bead, etc.
Permanent fix

1   Cut six pieces of canvas: two 38x38 square canvas pieces, four 38x20 square canvas pieces for the sides of the box.

2   Fold the edges of each part of the canvas by folding it in the row marked in gray in the instructions.

3   Loope the upper part using the spiral method according to the template. You can make the bottom by the same way as the top part, or to save time you can use only the main cotton strips. They will not be seen, the box will lie on this part.

4   Loope all four side tiles in the same way according to the template on the next page.

5   Whipstitch the upper part of the box on all sides with with a black satin ribbon. If you want to firmly attach the lid to the box, whipstitch the upper part on three sides only. You will complete the box by whipstitching the fourth side to the top at the end.

6   Align the two looped side pieces with the short sides together. Thread a strip of ribbon onto a tapestry needle. Make a whipstitch through the edges of the both pieces.

7   Continue to sew the two pieces together, always sewing in the same direction so that the decorative material around the edges is smooth.

8   Make sure the edge is neatly covered as you whipstitch, making extra stitches where necessary to completely cover the edge.

9   Once the topstitching is complete, continue sewing by whipstitching the other sides in the same style. After sewing the four short sides, you will have a square without a bottom and a lid.

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    Align the bottom of the resulting square and sew all four long sides to the bottom with a whipstitch all the way around. In the corners, you can pass the ribbon through one loop several times to fully cover the corner from both sides.

11 Decorate the upper part of the box as desired by sewing or gluing filigrees, flowers, beads, etc. There are no limits to creativity.

12 Then choose the way you want to attach the top part to the box body. You can use two sides a few cm from the edges by threading a satin ribbon through the lid and side and making a knot inside the box for a hidden closure. It is possible to use two metal rings. If necessary, connect firmly by sewing with a whipstich.

13 If you want to have a box with a closure, use either an eyelet made of black satin ribbon, which you fasten in the middle to the edge of the upper part and sew a button or a filigree bead to the side front part, through which you will pull the eyelet. The lid to the box can also be tied with a bow, etc. In this case, too, use whatever you like.

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