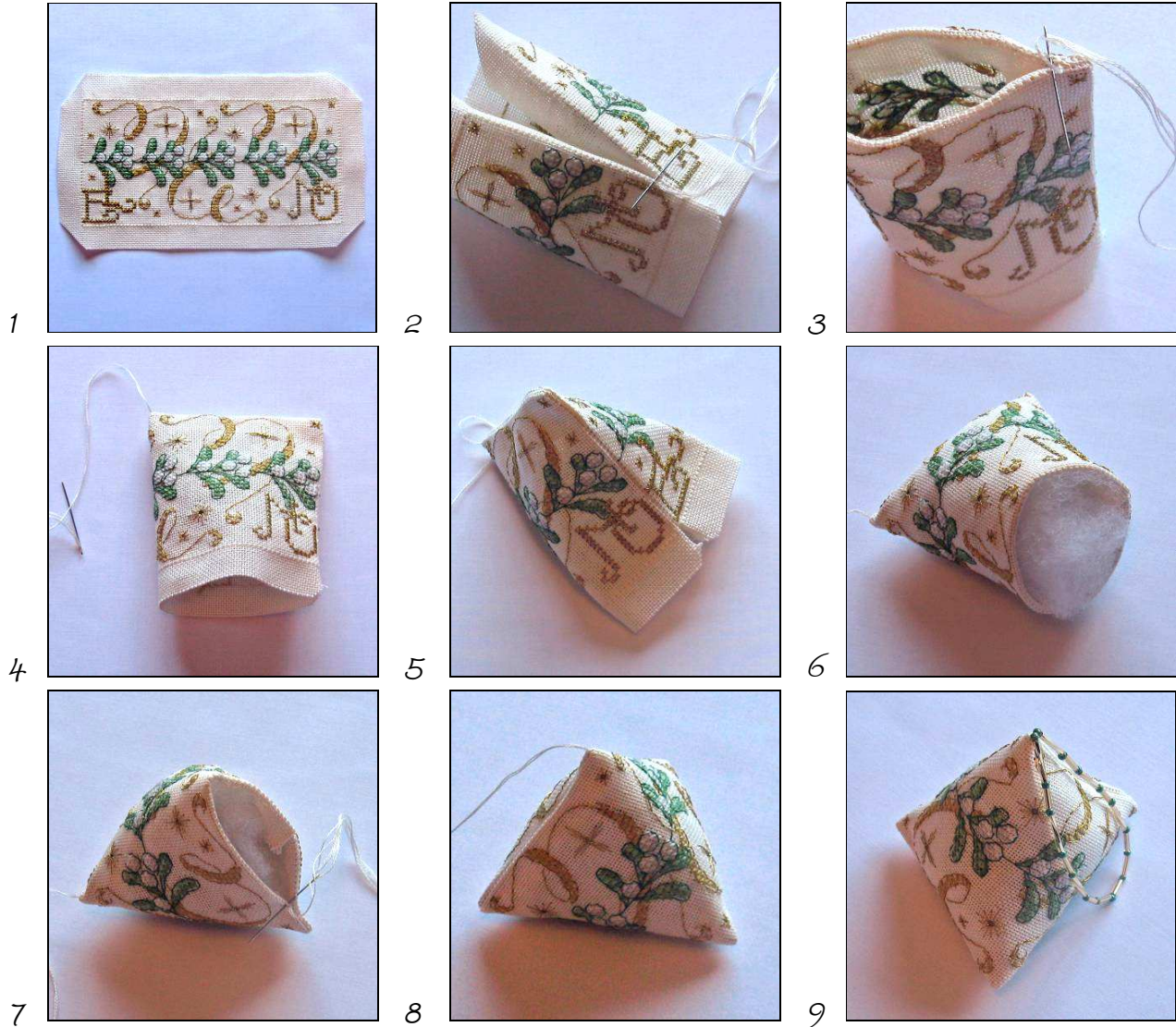


Tutorial to assemble a Humbug

You will need:

- a stitched rectangle
- some filling
- some matching beads



Step 1:

Iron your stitched design and trim off the 4 corners so that you don't end up with a build up of fabric in the seams.

Step 2:

Assemble the sides of your humbug by stitching the backstitched borders together the way you would a biscornu (each opposite backstitch together). Start with the bottom corners of your design and stitch your way up towards the top.

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Step 3:

When you reach the corner, keep going until the end of the seam. Watch out: do not cut the cotton you used to stitch your seam! (Unless you prefer to attach your humbug with a ribbon, in which case you can do so now.)

Steps 4 & 5:

You should now have a little pocket. You need to shape the last side in order to get a humbug shape (see the photographs), otherwise you'll end up with a simple cushion.

Step 6:

Before you stitch up the last seam, fill in your humbug.

Step 7:

Finish your last seam and this time, stop and cut your excess cotton.

Steps 8 & 9:

Now you need to turn to the cotton we left hanging from the first seam: use it to string beads to it (matching the colours of your humbug), and stitch it up with a few strong stitches.