

RETRO Wristwatch

Don't like to wear a watch, but would appreciate an overview of the time without having to take your mobile phone out of your purse every time? Make a retro clasp watch bracelet according to your needs.



- Kanava size 2 - max. size approx. 40 x 10 cm.
- Fabric strips 1.3 cm wide or yarn; 2 colors - from every 5 m (for the projects I used).
- Looping hook, tapestry needle, 3 meters of inner cotton yarn, scissors.
- Watch face, jewelry closure (slide, lock, magnetic, hook/eye); in my projects I used a five-row slip-in and in the second two pairs of hooks.

Take a tape measure. Wrap it around your hand and test how long you can pull the tape measure over your wrist. The bracelet consists of five fields of equal size, so divide the resulting number by five. That's how big the fields should be after looping.



After looping, the size of the bracelet will decrease, it will not be stretched and it will look nice - neither too big nor too small.

My example: I stretch 20 cm over my wrist, so I make a 20 cm long bracelet. I divide 20 cm / 5 squares and get the number four cm. That's how big one field should be after 8x4 cm.

For creation, we will use fine canvas size 2, on which fine patterns will stand out and it has 2 squares of 1 cm. With a size of 4x4 cm, it would be necessary to use 8x8 squares for one part, but since the canvas works and the eight-sided edges slightly increase the size, we will take 2 squares in each direction. So we will need 6x6 squares for one piece + don't forget to add 3 squares for the foundation in each direction.

Cut 5 equal pieces according to the breakdown below and form the edges of the gutter.



If you drag, for example:

- 20 cm: 5 pieces of size 6 x 6 squares + 3 squares in each direction = cut 12 x 12 squares x 5 pieces
- 22-23 cm: 5 pieces size 7 x 7 squares + 3 squares in each direction = cut 13 x 13 squares x 5 pieces
- 25 cm: 5 pieces of size 8 x 8 squares + 3 squares in each direction = cut 14 x 14 squares x 5 pieces
- 27-28 cm: 5 pieces size 9 x 9 squares + 3 squares in each direction = cut 15 x 15 squares x 5 pieces
- 30 cm: 5 pieces of size 10 x 10 squares + 3 squares in each direction = cut 16 x 16 squares x 5 pieces

Choose the pattern you want on the bracelet and loop all five parts according to the diagram. Pull the resulting ends of the fabric/yarn strips as well as the inner yarn up to the finished loops and use the tapestry needle to push through several finished loops at a time and cut off the remaining end. Two pieces will always have the same pattern and the fifth, the middle one, will be modified so that a watch can be placed on it. Don't forget to stitch the edges to fully cover the gutter.



We will modify the middle part for a watch. Either, like I did in Fig. 6, use a tapestry needle to spread the two threads of the canvas apart and push the watch face into the resulting hole with stronger pressure - it has a half-ball at the end, so it will hold well in the hole. Use both hands to help you put it on. Use your index finger nail on the reverse side to expand the opening between the fibers of the channel and gently push the dial from above with your thumbs until you push the ball through. Or use the second method.

For the second method, you will need a snap-on watch face. You prepare the middle piece by cutting all four threads around the middle cross and coating the ends with quick-drying glue. When it is dry, turn the part with the bottom part up and sew the dial counterpart in the middle of a few stitches and snap the dial from the upper (front) side into the counter part. Sew the individual parts together on the underside with a strong thread, sew the closure (as per your choice - push-in, lock or even ordinary skirt/dress hooks).



If you don't like burrs - loose threads sticking out - cut them as close to the fabric as possible with scissors.

Done! Just get dressed and go out.



Have you tried it? Are you satisfied?

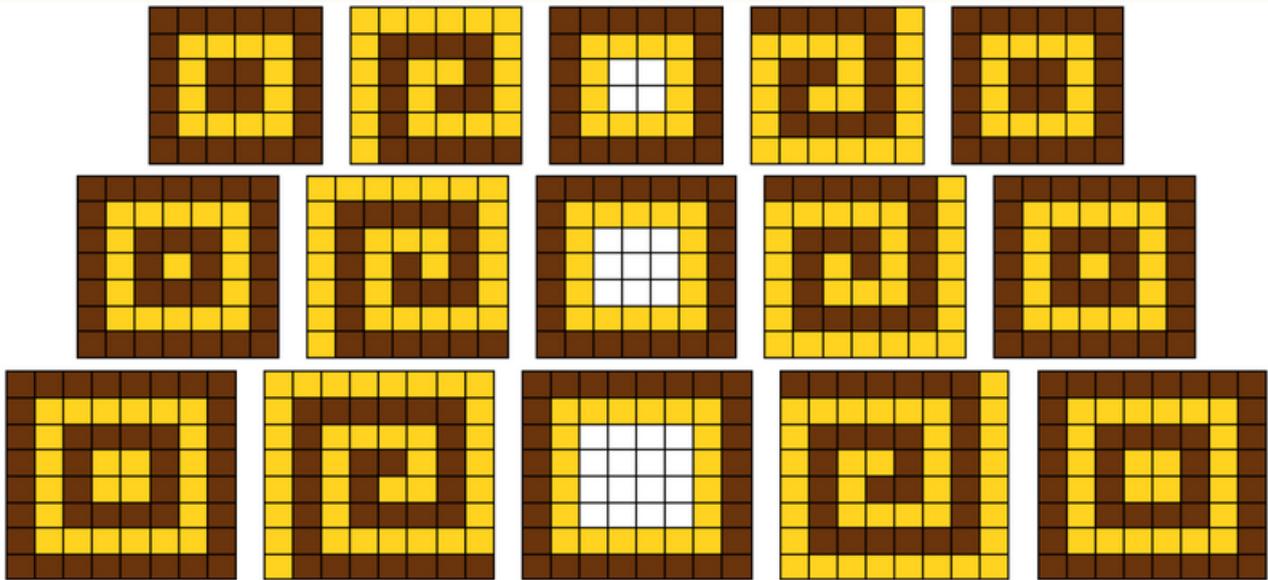
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