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Tic Tac Toe

When you are in the SCA, no doubt you will have plenty these: scraps of left-over fabric.... They can be annoying, because what are you going to do with them? The fabric is probably still very awesome and authentic looking but there is not enough to make a real garment...

Now what?

In our Society there is the tradition of Largesse and I have decided to dedicate a series of posts to that. Largesse is the true art of gift giving. More specifically: hand-made gifts donated to those awesome people that make our Kingdom what it is!

So, here is what you do with those tiny bits of fabric: **make a game of Tic-Tac-Toe**

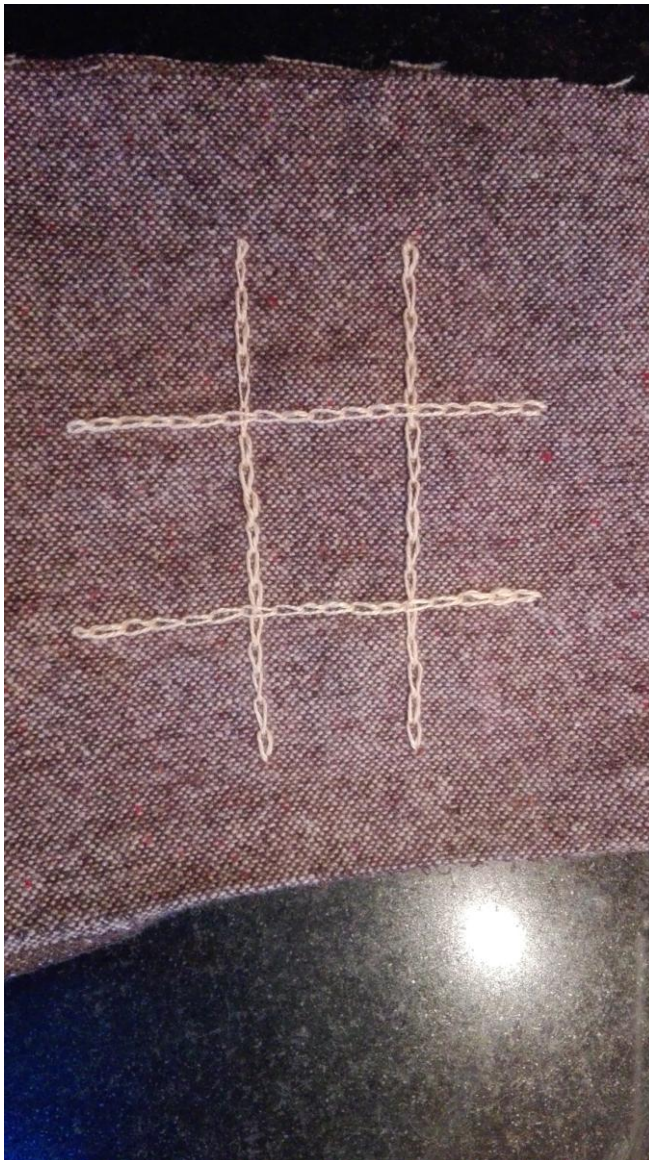
For the game of tic-tac-toe you really do not need a lot of time or materials.

First you cut four pieces of fabric measuring 10x10cm. I have used two woolen pieces for the outer layer and two linen pieces for the lining, but you can of course use different types of fabric.

Put three aside and pick up some thread, wool or silk to embroider the tic-tac-toe lattice on one bit of fabric, like so:



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This embroidery was done in less than 10 minutes. There really is no reason for you not to do this!

Then you stitch the outer layers together and the lining as well. Insert the lining into the pouch and leave the sides at the top open to add the drawstring later. Hand stitch the top to create a nice finish, fold back the hem and decorate with a blanket stitch. This also prevents the drawstring from damaging the fabric.



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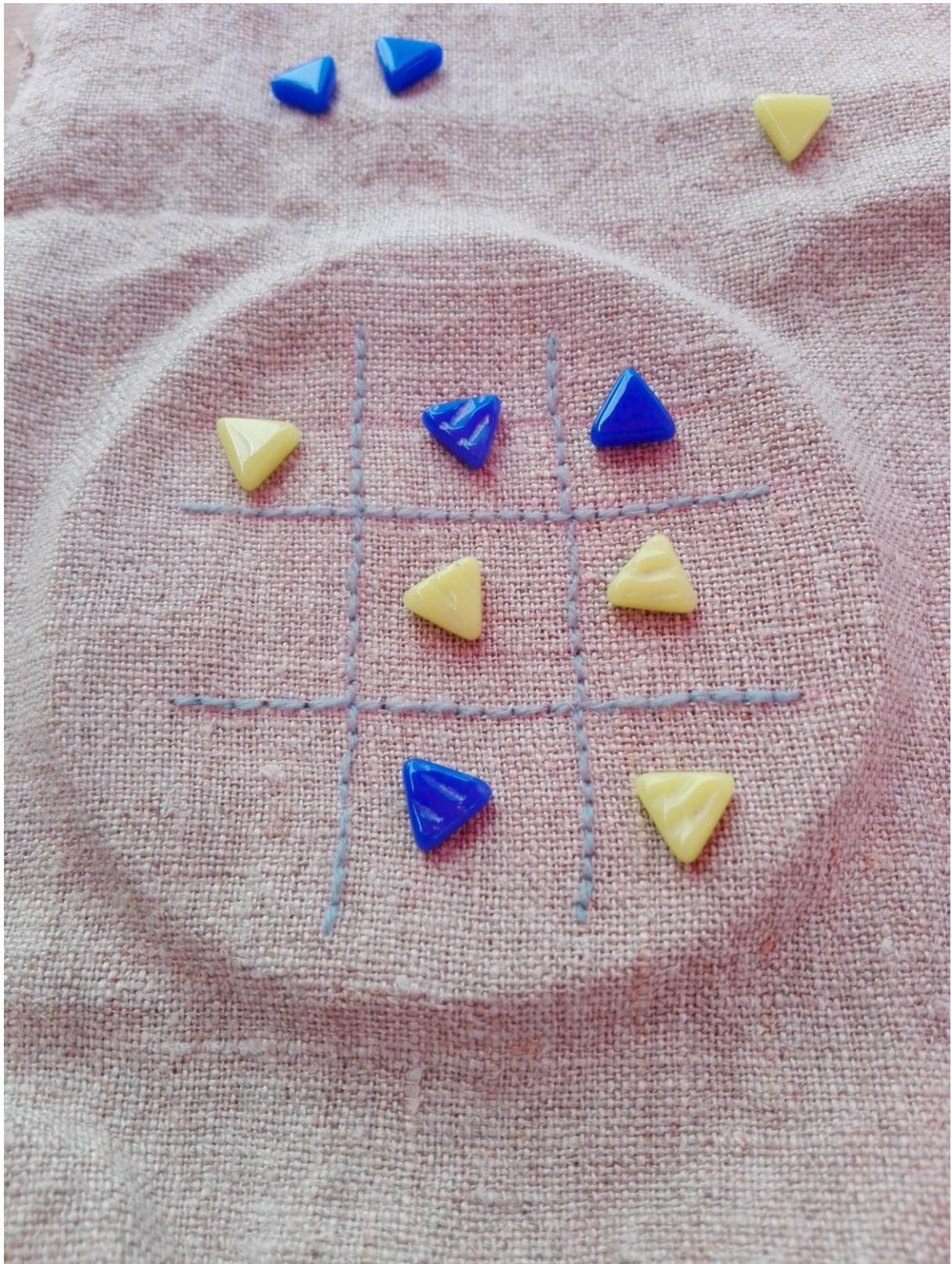
You can then make a drawstring with a lucet, this takes a bit of time but is worth the effort. If you are in a hurry you can use left-over fabric.

Now you must find game pieces!



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You can use small stones, beads, shells etc, as long as you have 5 (five!) of each in two different colours.





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The happy recipient of this gift can carry it everywhere. It is a great way to pass the time while you wait for feast and your kids will really like to play with this too (trust me, I know...)

