



Blooming
PINCUSHION



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Materials needed:

- pencil
- paper
- a pleasing combo of fabric scraps
- 6"x6" piece of coordinating felt or other fabric for the backing
- Felt scraps to make the flower on top
- Stuffing
- Coordinating embroidery thread
- Embroidery needle
- Button

STEP 1- make your pattern

- A - Trace a circular plate or lid about 6" depending on the size you want.
- B - Next cut out the circle and carefully fold it into 6 wedges of equal size. Be as exact as possible with this step and refold if need be.
- C - Cut out one of the wedges to make your pattern piece.

STEP 2- cut your fabric

- A - Cut six pieces of coordinating fabric using your pattern as a guide. You can trace around the pattern wedge as a guide.
- B - Press the pieces
- B - Arrange them in a pleasing way

STEP 3- sew the wedges together

- A - Now with right sides together sew two of the wedges together along one long side. Choose a $\frac{1}{4}$ " or $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam allowance and be consistent when sewing all of the wedges together.

- B – Next add another wedge to make a half circle. Be sure to press seams open as you go.
- C – Sew the other half circle together and press seams open.
- D – Now sew both halves together. Center points don't have to be too neat as the felt flower will cover them.
- E – Press all the seams open so the circle lays nice and flat.

STEP 4- add backing fabric

- A – Using the wedge circle as your size guide trace a circle on your backing felt and cut it out.
- B – Sew the two circles together with right sides together leaving a 2" hole for turning. Use a ½" seam allowance for this step. Backstitch at the beginning and end for extra strength.
- C – Turn your pincushion right sides out.
- D – stuff your pincushion with stuffing until it is nice and plump.
- E – Slipstitch your cushion closed.

STEP 5- embroidery thread

- A – Thread your embroidery needle and tie a knot at the end.
- B - Starting at the top center push your needle through to the back center.
- C – Wind your thread around to the front following one of the wedge seams and then push it through to the back again. Be sure to pull the thread fairly tight as you go in order to make the plump pumpkin like indentations.
- D – Continue this until you have embroidery thread decorating all of the top seams.
- E - Tie a knot to secure and clip the remainder of the thread.

STEP 6- felt flower and button

- A – Using the template provided cut out your felt flower and center.
- B – stack them in the center and secure with your button.

Enjoy your new pincushion!

