

## Put A Pin In It Pincushion By Miriam Coffey



Make these adorable pincushions with any container! This is a great scrap buster project and is a perfect gift for your friend that loves to sew!

Skill Level: Beginner

Sewing Time: 1 1/2 - 2 hours

Finished Size: Varies

### Janome Supplies Required:

- Janome Sewing Machine
- Janome Red tip needles
- 1/4" foot O
- Stitch in the Ditch foot

### Project Supplies & Fabric Requirements for each pouch:

- Container for pincushion - See note below for suggestions on choosing one
- Scrap Fabric
- Low-loft batting scrap
- Hot Glue Gun
- Hand Sewing needle
- Scissors for paper
- Scrap paper
- Pen or marker for paper
- Basic sewing tools - rotary mat, rotary cutter, scissors, straight edge ruler

### Notes on Picking a Container

Opaque containers work the best. (This way, you don't see raw edges or glue on the inside of the container.) You can use anything from vintage creamers, tea cups, tiny pots, and succulent containers. Keep your eyes open and you will see possibilities everywhere!

### Creating the Pattern

1. Place scrap paper over the opening of your chosen container.
2. Draw around the perimeter and then add 1" around this line for some allowance. (If you want a really lofty cushion you may want to add an allowance larger than 1".)
3. Cut out your paper pattern.



## Making The Pincushion

### Cutting Instructions (Court House Step Block):

1. Cut center square 1" x 1".
2. Cut 1" side strips of scrap fabric.

### Sewing Instructions

1. Start with the center square and sew one strip to a side using a 1/4" seam. Sew another strip to the opposite side.
2. Press and trim down these two pieces so there is no extra length coming off the edges of the center block..
3. Continue to sew strips to the opposite side of the seam just sewn.



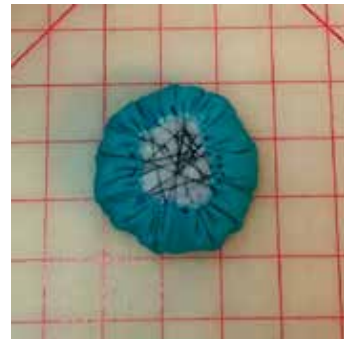
4. Sew strips using this method until the block is larger than the paper pattern you created.



5. Layer the batting under your quilt block.
6. Attach the Stitch in the Ditch foot and stitch down each seam with contrasting thread.

### Making the Pincushion

1. Using the paper pattern, cut out the quilted block to the shape you made.
2. Thread your hand needle and hand baste around the top edges. Overlap your start and end points by 1/2".
3. Pull thread gently so the edge starts to gather and form a small bowl-like shape.
4. Place stuffing in the inside of the cushion top to fill the space.
5. Eliminate puckers by sewing from one side to the opposite side until puckers are under control. This will create a spider-web effect.



6. Stuff the inside of the container as needed for extra height.
7. Place the cushion top inside the container to check fit. Add or remove stuffing as needed for proper fit.
8. Using a hot glue gun, glue around 1/4 of the container opening and place cushion top in place.
9. Continue around the rest of the container opening to firmly secure the cushion top.

Give yourself a pat on the back! You're done!