

Holiday Open House 2022

Pincushion with Wonder Clip holder

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This project will allow you to practice sewing a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance featuring the HP foot and plate system (the O foot can also be used) while making a fun, fast, easy, and useful project other than stitching standard patchwork seams!

Materials and Supplies

- 1 – $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ " square (center fabric)
- 2 – $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles (border fabric)
- 2 – $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $9\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles (border fabric)
- 4 – 3" x 4" rectangles of clear vinyl
- 1 – $9\frac{1}{2}$ " x $9\frac{1}{2}$ " square (backing fabric)
- Janome sewing machine (Kimberly is using the Continental M7)
- HP Foot and Plate System OR O foot can be used
- 50wt cotton neutral colored thread for top and bobbin
- 1 – hand sewing needle
- Fiberfil to stuff the cushion
- 4 – Wonder clips
- Fabric marking pen and ruler



Construction

Lay out the fabric pieces so that the short strips are opposite each other, with the center square in the middle.

Fold the vinyl plastic rectangles in half lengthwise and clip to the edge of the center square.



Use the HP foot and plate or the O foot and stitch a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.



Sew the short strips and center block with the plastic vinyl in between from top to bottom.



Repeat the same method for the long sides of the block and trim the block to 9½" x 9½" square if necessary.



Use a roller or finger press your seams; do not use an iron, as the heat will melt the vinyl!



Lay the backing fabric square over the right side of the front of the pin cushion.



Sew a ¼” seam around all sides but leave a 3” opening in the middle of one side for turning.



Before turning right sides out, use a ruler and mark a 1” square in each corner of the backing.



Cut the fabric on the drawn lines.



Pinch the seam together so that the front and back align with each other as shown.



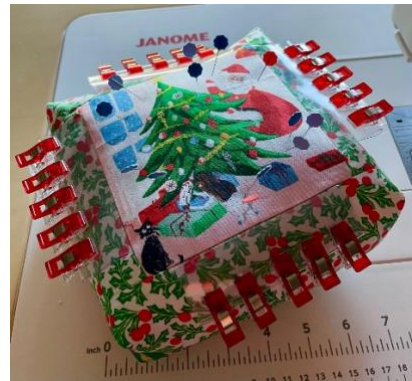
Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam along this edge.



Turn the pin cushion right side out and fill with fiberfil stuffing until the desired firmness is reached.



Stitch the opening closed using a hand sewing needle and thread or sew an $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam using the machine. Add wonder clips to the vinyl flaps and enjoy!



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