

SEW HAPPY

MAKE AN OVERSIZE PINCUSHION
THAT WILL BECOME YOUR NEWEST
SEWING ESSENTIAL.

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FINISHED PINCUSHION:
5½×5½×2"

MATERIALS

Wool felt is from the WoolFelt collection by National Nonwovens (*nationalnonwovens.com*).

- ☐ 7×14" piece aqua print (pincushion top and bottom)
- ☐ 4×5" piece turquoise wool felt (appliqué)
- ☐ 2" square light blue wool felt (appliqués)
- ☐ Scrap of tan wool felt (appliqué)
- ☐ 2×6" piece light green wool felt (appliqués)
- ☐ 6×15" piece light green print (appliqué, side panel)
- ☐ Lightweight fusible web
- ☐ Embroidery floss: turquoise, light blue, light green
- ☐ 7/16"-diameter button: light green
- ☐ 5/8"-diameter button: turquoise
- ☐ 2—1/4"-diameter buttons: light green
- ☐ Ground walnut shells

“This cheery pincushion pays tribute to the classic sewing machine.”

—Kathleen Berlew, designer

CUT FABRICS

Cut pieces in the following order.

Patterns are on *Pattern Sheet 1*.

To make a template of Pattern A, see *Make and Use Templates, page 106*.

To use fusible web for appliquéing B-H pieces, complete the following steps.

1. Lay fusible web, paper side up, over patterns B-H. Use a pencil to trace each pattern once, leaving ¼" between tracings. Cut out each fusible-web shape roughly ⅛" outside traced lines.

2. Following manufacturer's instructions, press each fusible-web shape onto wrong side of designated wool felt; let cool. Cut out wool felt shapes on drawn lines. Peel off paper backings.

From aqua print, cut:

- ☐ 2 of Pattern A

From turquoise wool felt, cut:

- ☐ 1 of Pattern B

From light blue wool felt, cut:

- ☐ 1 each of patterns C and F

From tan wool felt, cut:

- ☐ 1 of Pattern D

From light green wool felt, cut:

- ☐ 1 each of patterns E and G

From light green print, cut:

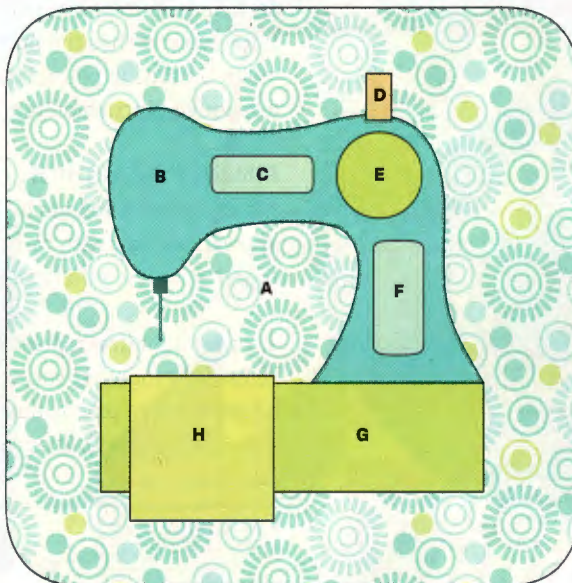
- ☐ 2—2½×11¼" strips
- ☐ 1 of Pattern H

APPLIQUE PINCUSHION TOP

Use two strands of embroidery floss for all embroidery stitches.

1. Referring to **Appliqué Placement Diagram**, on an aqua print A piece arrange appliqué pieces B-G. Fold one short edge of light green print H piece under ¼"; finger-press. Place H piece atop light green wool felt G piece with H folded edge extending slightly above G top edge. Fuse all pieces in place following manufacturer's instructions.

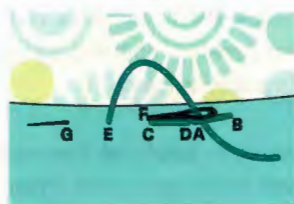
2. Using floss in colors that match appliqués, backstitch ⅛" from edges of all pieces except tan wool felt D spool and folded edge of light green print H piece.



Appliqué Placement Diagram

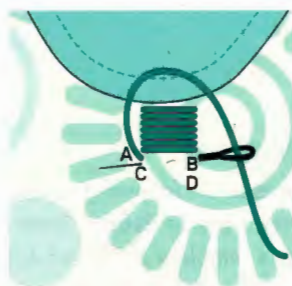
To backstitch, pull your threaded needle up at A (**Backstitch Diagram**), insert it back into fabric at B, and bring it up at C. Continue in the same manner (needle down at D, up at E, down at F, and up at G) until all edges are stitched.

3. Using turquoise floss, on turquoise B machine satin-stitch a knob at top left-hand edge and a needle head at bottom left-hand edge.



Backstitch Diagram

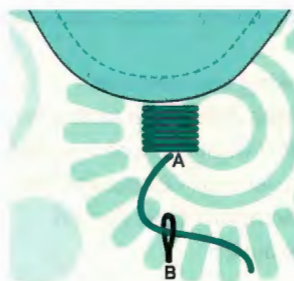
To satin-stitch, pull your threaded needle up at A (**Satin Stitch Diagram**) and insert it back into fabric at B. Holding floss out of the way, bring needle back up at C and insert it back into fabric at D. The CD stitch should touch the AB stitch. Continue in same manner until the space is filled.



Satin Stitch Diagram

4. Use turquoise floss to make one long straight stitch for the needle.

To straight-stitch, pull your threaded needle up at A (**Straight Stitch Diagram**) and push it down at B.



Straight Stitch Diagram

5. Referring to photo, *below left*, use light green floss to satin-stitch tan wool felt D spool, leaving $\frac{1}{16}$ " unstitched at top and bottom edges.

6. Referring to photo, *page 30*, use floss that matches the button colors to stitch buttons in place, completing the appliquéd pincushion top.

FINISH PINCUSHION

Measurements include $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

1. Layer light green print $2\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{4}$ " strips; sew together short edges to make pincushion side panel (**Diagram 1**). Press seams in one direction.

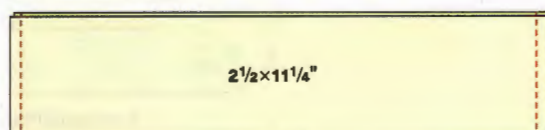


Diagram 1

2. Pin side panel to appliquéd pincushion top, matching raw edges and centering side panel seams along top and bottom edges of pincushion top. Sew together, easing fabric around corners (**Diagram 2**).

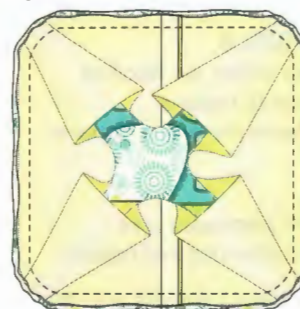


Diagram 2

3. Pin side panel to remaining aqua print A piece. Sew together as before, leaving a 2"-wide opening in one edge for turning (**Diagram 3**).

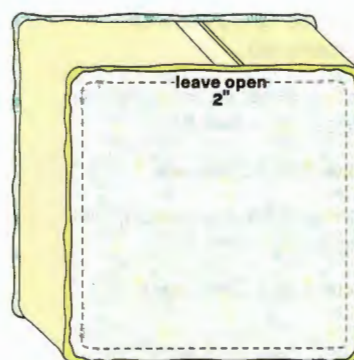


Diagram 3

4. Turn Step 3 unit right side out. Firmly stuff unit with ground walnut shells. Hand-stitch opening closed to complete pincushion.

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