

HAT PIN CUSHION



A cute pin cushion embellished with ribbon, flowers, buttons, shells, etc.



MATERIALS NEEDED:

- 1/2 yd. of fabric - cotton print
- 1/2 yd. netting, some polyester fiberfill, and rubber band
- 1/2 yd. of ribbon (3/4" to 1" wide) to match
- Embellish with artificial flowers, buttons, shells, etc.
- 2 - "Chinet" dessert paper plates
- 1 - Small tuna can (cleaned and dried)
- Hot Glue Gun
- Thread – any color

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:

FROM COTTON FABRIC: First, make your paper patterns.

- **CUT 1 CIRCLE for TUNA CAN - 9" DIAMETER**
Make a paper pattern from a "lunch" size paper plate, then make a half pattern, marking the center, so you can "fussy" cut a particular design on the fold of the fabric, such as a flower, an animal, Disney character, etc. When you open the fold the design will be in the center of the circle on the top of the pin cushion. How cute!
- **CUT 1 CIRCLE for 2 PAPER PLATES - 12" DIAMETER**
You may use a "dinner" size paper plate and make any adjustment on the size for your pattern. Cut a half circle on the fold of your fabric.



Sample of "fussy" cutting

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **SEW WITH A CONTRASTING COLOR THREAD ON THE BOBBIN AND SET MACHINE TO THE LONGEST STITCH FOR GATHERING.** You will be pulling the threads on the "right side" of the fabric to gather circle. So by using a different color thread on the bobbin, you will not make the mistake of pulling the wrong thread.
2. **SEW A 1/4" STITCH FROM THE EDGE OF EACH CIRCLE WITH RIGHT SIDE OF FABRIC UP. DO NOT "BACKSTITCH".** Sew all around, stopping where you began, leaving threads long to be able to pull and gather circle.



3. Begin pulling only the top thread on the right side of fabric of the **LARGE CIRCLE** to gather edges, one thread at a time. Then place 2 paper plates upside down in the center of large circle. Continue to pull threads gently so they do not break, until the edges begin to "hug" the paper plate. Tie a knot with the threads. Put glue just under the gathered edges on the paper plate, a section at a time and you can then pull the fabric in a bit tighter. Set aside.



4. Pull the threads for the **SMALL** circle in the same way, but leave enough opening to place the **TUNA CAN**. Take a couple handfuls of polyester fiberfill (used to stuff pillows) and place it tightly in the netting with a rubber band. Place the rubber band side down in the tuna can and put inside the circle. Pull threads so it hugs the Tuna can then tie a knot with the 2 threads. Put some glue under the edges of the fabric and push down on can and pull the fabric in tighter.



5. Put glue around the outer edges of the fabric under the tuna can, working quickly since the glue dries quickly. Immediately place tuna can on paper plate making sure it is centered, and hold about 30 seconds. It will look like a HAT!



6. Embellishing with ribbon - first, measure the ribbon with a 1/2" overlap at the bottom edge of the tuna can. Put a "dab" of glue on the tuna can side. Place the beginning of the ribbon on the glue bringing the ribbon around tuna can. Cut the remainder of the ribbon in half, glue them together as an "upside down V", then glue it to the "join" part of the ribbon on the tuna can. Glue other embellishments to cover the "join" area. Cut the edges of the ribbon in a upside down "V" shape or cut diagonally. Glue artificial flowers, buttons, etc. to hide the join of the ribbon.

WHAT FUN WAS THAT!



FINISHED PROJECT

**CONGRATULATIONS,
NO MORE PIN BOXES!**