

Flower Pincushion - Lilo Bowman

2 “(5 cm) Finished

Supplies:

- 5”x 8 ½” piece of cotton fabric.
- Pearl cotton to blend with fabric.
- Sewing thread to match fabric.
- Small button for center.
- Handful of stuffing.
- Sewing needle.



Directions:

1. Cut out pincushion top and base (use pattern provided). Lay paper pattern on the wrong side of fabric. Trace around pattern piece with a water soluble marker. Mark petal lines on right side of fabric as indicated. Do this lightly so that it is just visible enough for you to see later. (see photo 1)
2. Fold a scant ¼” (6mm) under on wrong side of fabric (top) and sew close to the edge. I used a double strand of sewing thread for this. Once you have sewn all around pull the thread to bring up the pincushion. Do not cut the thread at this point. (photo 2)
3. Begin adding the stuffing (little bits at a time). Fill the small petal areas. You want the stuffing to be quite thick. Pull on your sewing thread occasionally to see how your pincushion is looking. Add more stuffing if needed. Once you are satisfied, pull the sewing thread tight and sew down to secure. There will still be a small hole in the bottom at this point.
4. With the pearl cotton stitch up through the center point from the bottom. Bring the pearl cotton (along the marked line) back down to the bottom and come up through the center. Repeat this again on the same line. Pull hard to make the petal shape. Repeat this step 4 more times. You should now have a total of 5 petals. Secure the pearl cotton. (photo 3) If you can still see your guide line markings, give a little spritz with water. They should disappear.
5. Sew button to the top of the pincushion.
6. Using the bottom circle piece, fold a scant ¼” (6mm) under on wrong side of fabric and sew close to the edge. Secure the thread. Position the circle over the base of the pincushion and sew down with small stitches. Your pincushion is now complete.

See the images on the following page.

****Pattern can be enlarged to make a pincushion of any size**

****As the small pincushion looks like a flower, why not add a couple of fabric petals and sew on a pin back. You can then wear your little flower on a jacket or coat.**

Happy Sewing,
Lilo

