



round pincushion instructions

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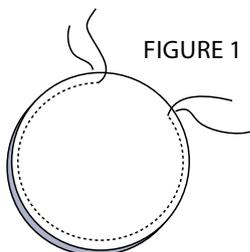
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MATERIALS

- Small amount of fabric for two 5" circles
- Two buttons (large holed to fit the large needle)
- Pearl cotton (#5)
- Polyester fiberfill
- Doll sculpture needle
- Optional charm (We bought ours in a multipack from the jewelry section of our local craft store)

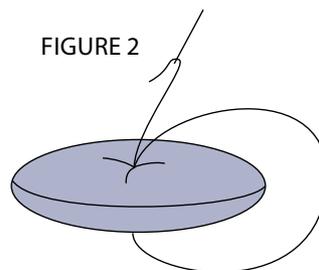
INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut two circles of fabric about 5" in diameter.
2. With right sides together, sew around the circle, leaving about a 2" opening for turning (fig. 1).



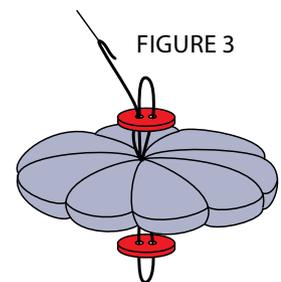
3. Turn the circle right side out. Stuff until quite firm.
4. Stitch 2" opening closed by hand.

5. To form pie shaped wedges, cut a very long strand of pearl cotton and knot one end with a substantial knot. Using a long, sturdy needle (one meant for doll sculpture works well) start at the bottom of the pincushion and push the needle all the way through the center of the stuffed circle form. Then pull the thread from the top around the side and back to the center point on the bottom. Go back up through the middle, down the other side, and up through the same point. Pull the pearl cotton snugly each time (fig. 2).



6. Continue until you have six pie shaped sections. Knot thread at bottom.
7. Use one long pearl cotton thread to sew the top and bottom button to the center of the pincushion

using the long needle. Start at the bottom, go through the holes of the button, up through the pincushion and through one hole of the top button. Then sew down through the other hole of the top button and down through the hole of the bottom button (fig. 3). Repeat several times and then secure the thread on the bottom.



8. Attach a sewing charm to the top button or the center of the pincushion. —SB



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