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Ball and Pincushion

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REQUIREMENTS:

Fat eight of fabric with print
Fat quarter of plain fabric
Polyester filling for toys
Template A – Half circle
Template B – Wedge

Templates already include ¼" seam allowance, feel free to add a seam allowance if you'd like to make the ball or pincushion larger.

CUTTING INSTRUCTION:

Draw around each template on the wrong side of the fabric, and cut carefully on the line. You will need to cut:

For Ball:

12x template A from plain fabric
12x template B from fabric with print

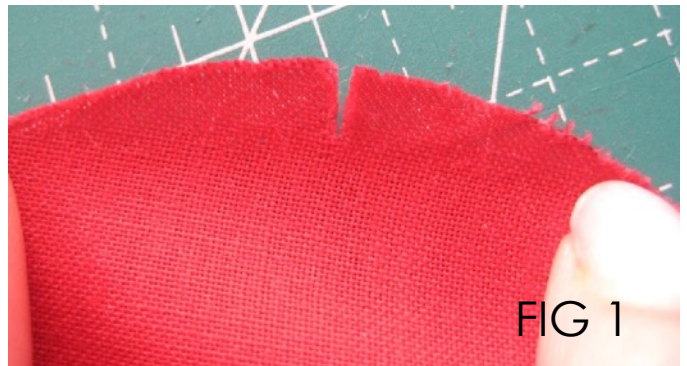
For Pincushion:

8x template A from plain fabric
8x template B from fabric with print

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS:

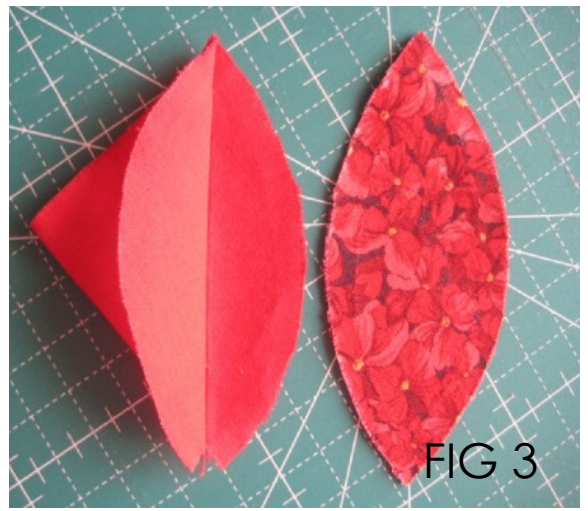
First part of the instructions is the same for ball or pincushion. You construct the same wedges and only put them together different way for different outcome.

1. With the pieces cut using template A – half circles, make a ¼" snip in the middle of the curved edge. (FIG 1)



2. Fold the half circles (template A) in half, right sides together, keeping the curved edge on the left and fold at the bottom. Starting and finishing with a backstitch, start stitching ¼" from the curved edge, and stop, leaving enough room at the bottom to turn the wedge right sides out. (FIG 2)

3. Now take both parts (template A and B) and put the curved sides on top of each other, (FIG 3), right sides together; the cut you made earlier will sit in the point of the wedge and open into a V.



4. You will be stitching with part B (wedge) at the bottom, and part A (half circle) on the top (FIG 4).
5. Start stitching with a backstitch from the beginning of the seam on part A, sewing in a curve; stitch right to the cut and stop with the needle down, still catching in both fabrics (FIG 5); lift your presser foot and position the fabric to sew the second half (FIG 6); finish with a backstitch just at the beginning of the seam on part A.

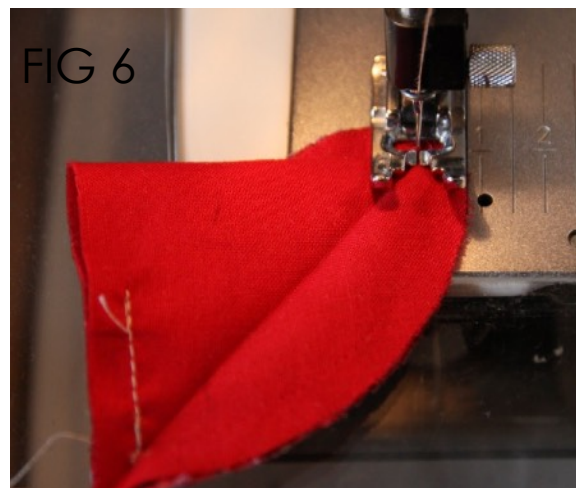
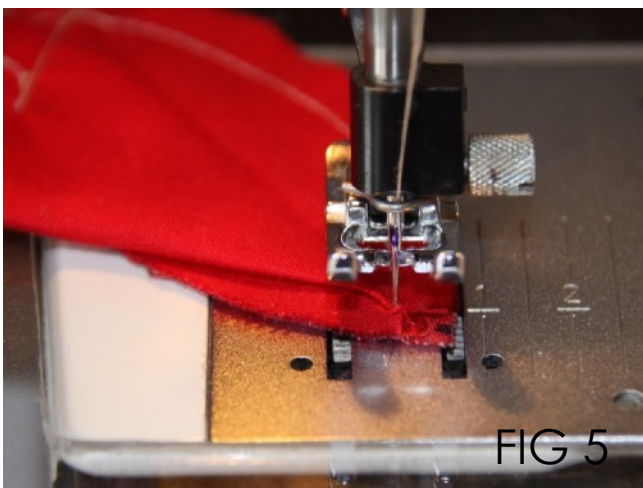


FIG 7



6. Once you have the two parts joined (FIG 7), turn them right side out through the small opening.
6. Finger press the curved seams and push the corners out with a pin or strong needle (FIG 8).



8. Fill the wedge with polyester filling and hand stitch the opening with whipstitch to close. (FIG 9)

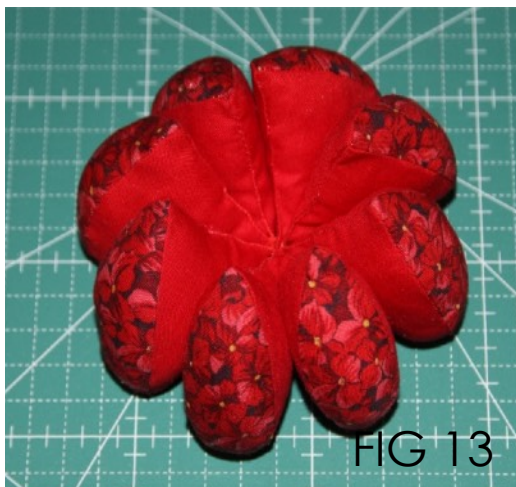
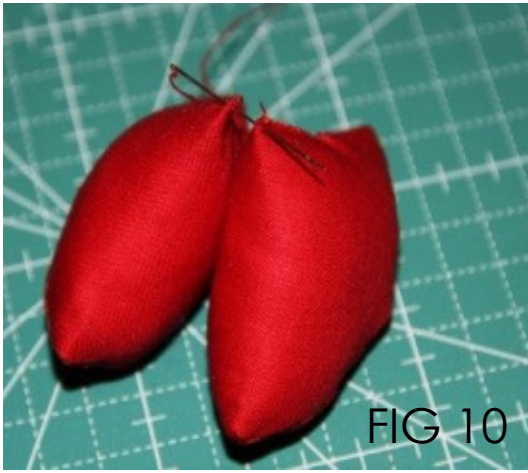
TIP: There is always the question of how much do you fill the wedges? Some prefer the ball or pincushion to be soft, others like them firmer, whichever way you decide, just keep all of them even, by first filling them and squeezing them one by one to check, only closing them afterwards.



TIP: Make the template for the wedge – Template B from clear plastic – this way you will be able position a design on your fabric right in the middle of the wedge.

TIP: If you use a stripy fabric for the pincushion and cut all the wedges identical, once sewn together the strips will form rings.





For Pincushion:

1. For joining the wedges together use a double length of a strong thread in a colour of your plain fabric
2. Start joining first two wedges together; you only need to stitch together the tips of the wedges (FIG 10) with few stitches.
3. As you are adding all other wedges, keep the folded edges next to each other on one side and all the edges with a seam on the other. (FIG 11, 12) This will create neat base of the pin cushion.
4. I also recommend to make a knot before joining any new wedge, to prevent breaking thread while joining the last wedge and having have to start again.
5. Once they are joined at the bottom, you can start joining the top the same way, in order to keep it neat, take the thread through the plain fabric only. (FIG 13,14)

TIP: if your stitching is not very neat, you can always sew a button or make a flower to stick on the top.



For Ball:

1. Join all twelve wedges by the tip to create centre of the ball. (FIG 15)
2. Now join four tips of the wedges together; in order to keep it neat, take the thread through the plain fabric only.
3. Now pick one wedge of the four you have just joined and add another three wedges to the other tip (FIG16).
4. Continue in the same way until all the tips are joined together and you have created a ball.

FIG 15



FIG 16



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