



Petite Pincushions
Free Project Download
for First Friday at Tammy Gilley Studios
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You'll Need:

Fabric scraps, at least 6" x 6"
2 circle templates, 6" and 4" diameter
Buttons or other bling
Embroidery floss
Polyfil
Scissors, needle and thread

Cut it up:

Cut a 6" circle from your fabric scrap.

Get to Work:

Turn edge of circle under about 1/4" to the wrong side and secure it with a hand-gathered stitch. Continue all the way around the circle. Once you get all the way around, pull thread taut, but leave an opening at the top. Leave thread on the needle; do not tie off.

Stuff pincushion quite firmly.

Pull threads taught, tied off and cut thread. Your pincushion will not be completely closed, and that's okay. Set aside.

Make a fabric yo-yo from a 4" circle of fabric. If you've never done this, it's just like making your pin cushion, only you'll go ahead and pull the ends taut, and tie and cut the threads. Instead of stuffing it, you'll flatten it to make a yo-yo. Fun!

Thread needle with embroidery floss. Pull needle and thread through yo-yo so that the knot is on the underside. Place yo-yo on top of pincushion.

Push needle back down through the yo-yo and out through the bottom of the pincushion.

Wrap embroidery floss around the top of the pincushion, underneath the yo-yo, and back around to the bottom. Catch the needle in the thread coming out of the bottom of the pincushion. Pull thread taut. Do this twice more, catching the needle in the thread and pulling the thread taut each time. After the last thread wrap, push the needle through the top of the yo-yo and tie a knot in the thread as close to the top of the pincushion as possible. Add your button or other bling to the top of the yo-yo, secure with a knot and cut the thread.