

Pincushion and Snip-It's Bag

This pincushion helps keep your pins and needles ready for use as well as keeping all those thread and fabric clippings off of the floor and your workspace.

Supplies:

- Fabric A (cut as follows)
 - 1-17" x 13" for the outside of the bag
 - 1-5" x 7" for the pincushion
- Fabric B (cut as follows)
 - 1-17" x 12 ½" for the inside of the bag
 - 1- 5" x 7" for the pincushion
 - 1-9 ½" x 4 ½" strap
- 1-5" x 7" Gripper fabric
- 1-17" x ½" Plastic boning
- Crushed walnut shells filler for pin cushion



Use a ⅜" inch seam for this project, unless otherwise stated.

Instructions:

1. Cut all fabric pieces to size.

2. Fold the following pieces in half and sew a ⅜" seam:

- a. Fabric A: Outside bag 17" x 13" to make an 8 ⅛" x 13" rectangle.
- b. Fabric B: Inside bag 17" x 12 ½" to make an 8 ⅛" x 12 ½" rectangle.
- c. Fabric B: Strap 9 ½" x 4 ½" to make a 4 ⅜" x 4 ½" rectangle.

3. Press:

- a. Fabric A: Outside bag press seams opened.
- b. Fabric B: Inside bag press seams opened.
- c. Fabric B: Strap press seams opened turn right side out, centering the seam press flat.



4. Pin bottoms of Fabric A and B bag pieces right sides together, centering the seam. If your fabric has a pattern, double check that you are pinning the bottom of the pattern and not the top.

- a. Sew a ⅜" seam on the bottom of Fabric A bag all the way across.
- b. Sew a ⅜" seam on the bottom of Fabric B bag leaving a 2 ½" opening in the center. Backstitch each seam at the opening.

5. Making the squared bottom

- a. Open the bottom of the bag as shown to form a point at each end.
- b. Mark up 1 ¾" from the corner to make a right triangle.
- c. Repeat for the opposite side.
- d. Stitched marked line – backstitching at the beginning and end.
- e. Trim excess fabric, leaving a ¼" seam allowance.
- f. Turn bag right side out.
- g. Repeat for Fabric B inside bag, but leave inside out.



6. Finishing the bag

- a. Place right sides together, with Fabric A on the inside.
- b. Match seams and pin.
- c. Sew around opening, keeping bottom fabric flat and smooth. Overlap stitching to lock.
- d. Turn bags right side out by going through the opening in the bottom of Fabric B bag.



- e. On the bottom of Fabric B bag, fold in $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam allowance and topstitch closed, sewing close to the edge & backstitching.
- f. Place the inside bag into the outside bag and press.
- g. Fold the top of the bag down 1" and press.
- h. Set aside.



7. Constructing the Pincushion

- a. Layer and pin the pieces together as follows: Fabric A right side up, Fabric B Strap (centered on the long side of pin cushion, seam side up, and folded so only one side will be in the seam), Gripper fabric, and finally Fabric B right side down.
- b. Stitch a $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam around the pin cushion leaving 1" open on the opposite side of the pin cushion from the strap – backstitching at opening.
- c. Trim corners and turn right side out through the 1" opening.
- d. Set aside.

8. Attaching the pincushion to the scrap bag.



- a. Slide the strap under the folded edge, matching the seams, until it is fully inserted under the folded edge.
- b. Create a casing for the boning by sewing $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the top folded edge – overlapping at the end.
- c. Insert boning that has been overlapped 1" and taped closed, then close the casing by sewing $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the bottom of the casing – overlapping at the end.

9. Finishing

- a. Fill the pin cushion with the crushed walnut shells.
- b. With a hand sewing needle and thread, sew the opening closed. Sew the end twice for reinforcement.

