Strawberry Pin Cushion BY BETHANY MILLER

Supplies

- 7" × 7" red fabric for **strawberry**
- 3" × 6" green felt for leaves and plug
- 1 jar PlumEasy Emery Sand
- Richard Hemmings Size 4 Embroidery Needles
- hand quilting thread
- glue gun
- Olfa 18mm Circle Rotary Cutter

Directions

Cut Fabric:

Refer to Cutting Diagrams. Trace shapes onto material as instructed. Cut material along traced lines.







1. Center the small leaf circle on top of the large leaf circle. With the embroidery floss, bring your needle through the center from underneath, hold the loop to the desired length, and bring the needle back through the center. From underneath, tie the threads in a knot to secure.



2. Fold the **strawberry** circle in half, wrong sides together, and press.

Keeping both layers together, press a ½" hem into the curved edge.



3. Using hand quilting thread and a size 4 embroidery needle, use long stitches to baste the hemmed edge down, starting and stopping 3/8" from the straight sides.



4. Leave both tails of the thread long for pulling later.



5. Fold fabric in half so that the raw hemmed edge is facing out, and the straight sides align. This should form a quarter circle.



6. Starting at the raw edge, sew the straight side with a ½" seam allowance, stopping ½" from the bottom.



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7. Pivot 45° then continue sewing to the folded edge. Backstitch the beginning and end of this seam.



8. Carefully clip corner.



9. Turn right side out. Keep long thread ends out for gathering at a later step.



10. Fill the pin cushion with PlumEasy Emery Sand to ½" from the top.

(You will only use about half of one jar of PlumEasy Emery Sand per pin cushion.)



11. Pull the ends of the quilting thread to gather the opening until it is partially closed.

Tuck the green **plug** circle into the pin cushion on top of the sand.



12. Gather the quilting threads tightly around opening and tie off.



13. For extra reinforcement, seal the opening with hot glue.



14. Hot glue the felt leaves over the gathered pin cushion top.



Enjoy your finished pin cushion!



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Cutting Diagrams

