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Original Recipe



Charming Pin Cushion #1 by Vickie Eapen

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Ingredients:



Oh Cherry Oh! charm pack
DMC pearl cotton size 8
YLI silk thread
Large Clover Yo-Yo maker
Upholstery Thread
pins
Doll Maker's Needle
polyester stuffing, walnut shells for 'stuffing'

Garnishes (optional):

Buttons
Yo-Yo's

Instructions:



Choose 2 charms from your pack. Using the Clover yo-yo maker as my guide...



I trace around the edge...
This will be my sewing line.

I pin my charms right sides together to prevent slipping of the fabric as I sew the circle.



I recommend changing your stitch length to 1.5 instead of 2.2 or 2.5. I have found it will allow you to sew with out moving your presser foot up and down as often. Make sure to leave an opening for turning. I usually backstitch at the beginning and end of stitching to lock those stitches...to allow for a smoother finished look to the pincushion.



I trim to about 1/8 inch, with the tight stitches it is unlikely the stitches will pull out.



Next, turn pincushion right side out.



Stuff very full...or use walnut shells.



This step takes patience. I turn the openings in and pin at least 3 places. You want to align the edges as closely as possible. I sometimes find myself repinning 5 times or more.

Then using the silk thread, wip stitch opening closed.



To give your pincushion more personality...chose a pearl cotton size 8 to coordinate. Knot one end of the pearl cotton and draw up into the center of the pincushion. I use a doll makers needle as they are longer and stronger to pull through the stuffing and fabric layers.

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I proceed to up and over the sides of the cushion 6 to 8 times, pulling taught with each pass.



I finish off my thread end on the side of the cushion in which I started. In effect there are 2 knots there. I use a button or yo-yo to cover my knots and center.



Here's an example with a yo-yo center.

Yield:

A charm pack can make several pincushions...depends on the number of charms in the pack. I have also used extra charms from finished projects for these pincushions.

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