**Construction**

**Prepare Hexagons – 38 squares**

1. Place prepared hexagon in center of 2½” square. Fold edges over template paper and baste in place using a running stitch. Make 38.

2. Join edges of hexagons using a narrow zig zag stitch and invisible thread. First make 2 sets of 3, 2 sets of 4 and 1 set of 5.


4. Remove basting threads and paper from sewn hexagons.

**Stitch Hexagons to Fleece**

5. Use glue pencil to position joined hexagons, right sides up on batting or fleece. Stitch in the ditch or quilt as desired to join hexagons and fleece.

6. Use Sewline pencil and enclosed template to mark and cut 2 – 6½” circles from layered hexagons/fleece for top and bottom of pincushion.

**Materials for 1 Prairie Flower Pincushion**

*Note: Three pincushions can be made from the squares in the Bake Shop Box – 1 from each collection and 1 with assorted squares.*

- 86 – 2½” squares
- 2 – 9”x 9” squares thin batting or fleece –
- White Sewline Pencil and Sewline Glue Pencil
- Ground walnut shells (available at pet stores) fiberfill, or play sand for filling pincushion
- 38 – 1” hexagons for paper piecing (Paper Pieces Stock #HEX100) or use enclosed template

**Hint:** Use the inserts that come in all magazines it is the perfect weight for paper piecing.
SIDES OF PINCUSHION – 22 SQUARES


8. Stitch 1 row together to form a loop then choose your least favorite square and cut in half in the middle of the square to re-open loop. This will allow rows to offset.


10. Trim side strip to measure 3½” x 19¾” Hint: If desired, now is the time to add any embellishments – appliqué, embroidery, buttons, beads, etc. to side of pincushion.

PETAL POINTS FOR PINCUSHION – 26 SQUARES

11. Spray squares with fabric sizing (we used Mary Ellen’s Best Press), then fold each square in half point-to-point. Press. Fold triangle in half once again to complete petal point. Make 26.

ASSEMBLE PRAIRIE FLOWER PINCUSHION

12. Arrange long sides (points toward center) of 13 petal points around edge of hexagon circle. Nest folded edge of petal point inside its neighbor to fit 13 petals. Pin in place. Stay stitch ⅛” from edge to hold petal points in place. Repeat with second circle for bottom.

13. With right sides together join prepared side strip to form a ring.

14. With right sides together align edge of hexagon/fleece circle and side strip. Pin carefully.

15. Stitch top to side using a generous ¼” seam allowance. Then for added strength stitch seam once again between first seam and edge of circle.

16. Repeat Step 15 with bottom circle leaving a 2” opening for turning and stuffing pincushion. To prevent tearing be sure to backstitch the beginning and end of seam.

FINISHING

17. Turn pincushion right side out.

18. Fill to desired firmness with ground walnut shells, sand or fiberfill.

19. Align edges and stitch opening closed to complete pincushion.