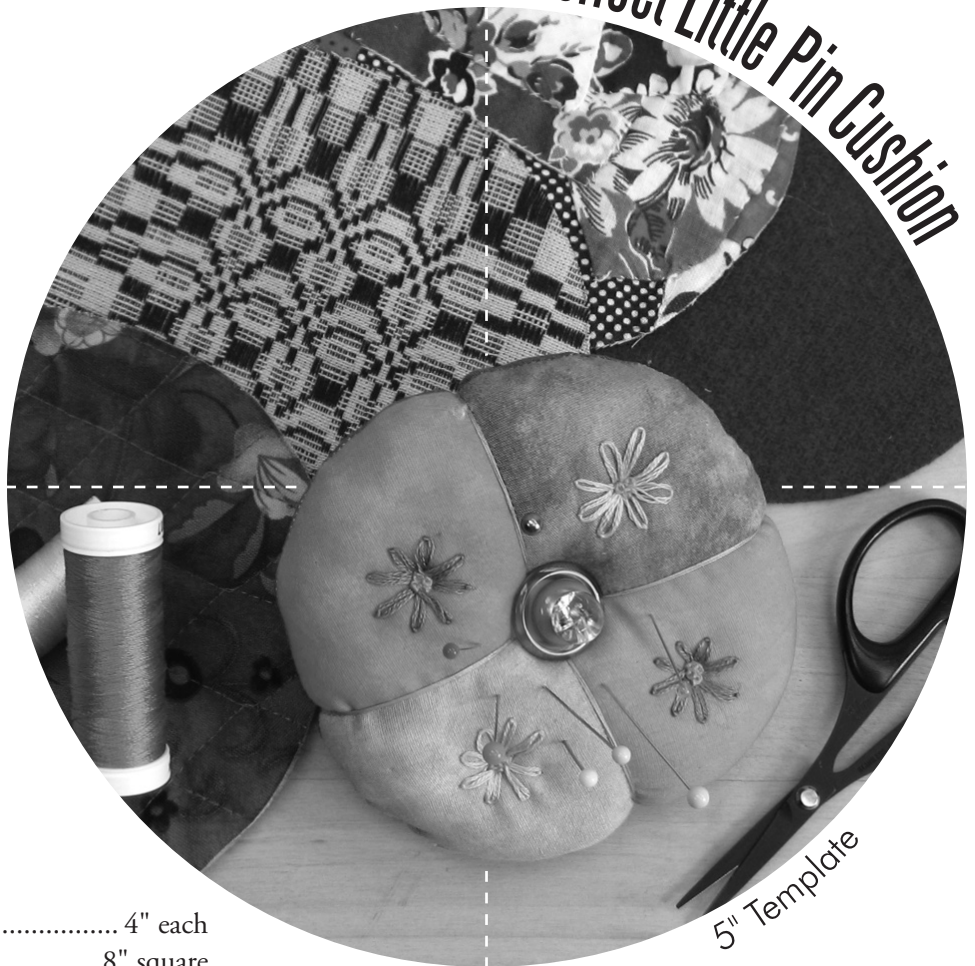


The Perfect Little Pin Cushion

Have you ever thought
 where we, as quilters,
 would be without PINS?
 Here is a fun little cushion
 that can be made
 in Moda basics (as shown)
 or any quilter's cotton,
 wool, an old quilt,
 velvet, brocade or just
 about any fabric.
 Embellish with embroidery,
 buttons and lace.

A perfect gift
 for your quilting friends.
 Sign the cushion as a
 remembrance of your

friendship.



Materials

- 4 squares for cushion top..... 4" each
- Fabric for back of cushion 8" square
- Embroidery Floss
- Stuffing and sand to fill cushion
- Assorted buttons and trims for embellishment

Cutting and Construction

1. Make a 4-Patch with the 4" squares. Sew 2 pairs of two squares together then join the pairs.
2. Using the picture above create a 5" diameter template. Draw two lines across the center of the circle crossing in the center at 90 degree angles. Lay the circle pattern on the pieced 4-patch, matching the drawn lines with the center and seam lines of the patchwork. Cut a circle from both top and bottom fabric. You can vary the size of the pincushion by reducing or enlarging the circle. You may choose to embellish with embroidery at this point.
3. Place and pin the two circles with right sides together and sew around the edges with a 1/4" seam. Leave a 1-2 inch opening to turn. Clip around the circle seam allowance. Turn the pincushion right side out through the opening.

5. Stuff the pincushion with polyfill and sand. Once you are satisfied with the fullness of your pincushion, slip stitch the opening closed.
6. Using a long needle and 6 strands of embroidery floss, knot the thread securely. Starting from the back side, stick the needle with thread through the center back of the cushion and out at the top center. Pull it tight and then loop it around the cushion over to the back side along patchwork seam line and come up through the center in the same place you started. Continue this same process in a figure 8 around the pincushion. Wrap the thread around the opposite side of the first wrap and come back up through the center again. Continue to make as many wraps as you wish. The model shows 4 but 8 is attractive as well.
7. Once you are satisfied with the look, knot the thread while it is still attached to the center and then add button embellishment.

Make a little *pile* of pincushions...

Just for fun!





Vintage hoop tote

This tote is reminiscent of a vintage tapestry bag brought up to date with today's wonderful floral prints, wovens, velvets or any fabrication you might choose. The handle is a cleverly wrapped embroidery hoop large enough to fit over the shoulder if both hands need to be free. Make one for yourself and many more for friends.

Materials

Outside Fabric..... 1¼ yards
 Lining Fabric..... 1 yard
 Inexpensive Embroidery Hoop..... 10"
 Glue Stick

Cutting

From outside fabric, cut:

- 1 rectangle 34"x32" and
- 4 strips 1½" x WOF for hoop handle cover

From lining fabric, cut:

- 1 rectangle 34" x 32"

Construction

1. Cover the embroidery hoop handle. Fold 1½" strips in half lengthwise with wrong sides together. Stitch ⅛" away from raw edges along the length of the strip. Press with seam centered on one side of tube.
2. Separate embroidery hoops. Tighten the hoop with hardware attached to completely close the gap. Spread glue over 4" of the outer side and inner side of hoop. Begin by pressing the end of one fabric strip from step one onto the inner side of the hoop. Make a straight wrap around the hoop and then begin to work along at an angle just covering the glued edge of the last wrap. You may cover the whole hoop or leave approximately 5" free of fabric. This area will be hidden with purse fabric. Repeat this step on the second hoop. The attached hardware will be the area that is left unwrapped and will be covered with tote fabric.



3. Place 34"x32" fabric rectangles with right sides together and edges matching. Stitch together using a ¼" seam, leaving an opening in one side for turning. Clip corners, turn and press.
4. Fold tote piece in half with Top fabric together to measure 16¼"x31½". Sew sides together with ¼" seam allowance from fold to 7". Back stitch at beginning and ending to secure. Turn the bag right side out.
5. Fold the top of tote fabric over the hoop toward the lining side to form an 1½" casing hem. With matching thread sew along finished edge of tote top through both thicknesses encasing the hoop as you move along. Back stitch at the beginning and ending to secure. Repeat for the other hoop handle.
6. Push tote casing together so that it hangs nicely. *Securely tack each bottom corner to it's side seam where the side opening of the tote begins.*



Your vintage tote is complete.

