

Keeping it Real Sewing Series
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Vintage inspired design for your modern life.

Lesson Two: Easy Pin Cushion



Materials:

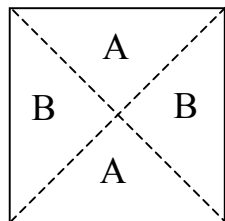
- sewing machine
- thread
- 5 or so scrap fabrics at least 6" square.
- large needle
- poly-fill
- upholstery thread (this is different from what you are using in your machine. In fact, please don't put this in your machine... it will jam. Not saying how I know that.)
- vintage button about the size of a quarter

Cut:

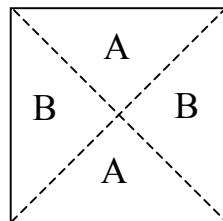
- 2 ~ six inch squares out of two different fabrics
- 4 ~ three inch X 5.5" rectangles of four different fabrics
- In two layers cut the two squares from corner to corner to make 4 triangles (eight all-together with the two fabrics).

Join:

- Take two from one fabric and two from another and form two squares alternating the fabrics. These will be your two sides.



Side One

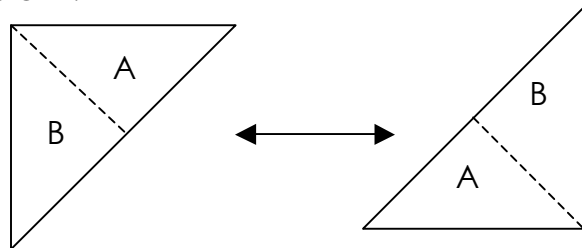


Side Two

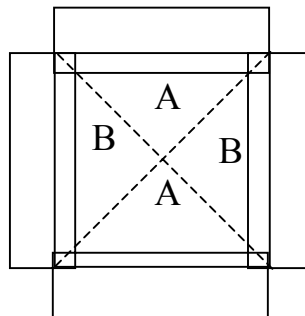
- **USE 1/4" seams**

Note: be careful to use your 1/4" seams throughout to assure your corners all match up in the end.

- Side One: Face to face, Join an A/B two times to make two bigger triangles for side ONE.



- Matching at the seams and face to face, join those two triangles.
- Repeat for SIDE TWO.
- Join a rectangle to each of the four sides of SIDE ONE one at a time face to



- At each corner join the rectangles together ensuring that your seams are aligned to each corner leaving one side open to turn and stuff.
- With your needle in the down position, join the rectangles to SIDE TWO. Simply start at one corner and sew around corner to corner leaving an opening on the last side.

Note: To avoid messy corners leave the opening toward the middle. It doesn't need to be more than an inch or so wide.

- Stuff well with poly-fill.
- Sew the opening closed by hand (make this side the bottom).
- Using a large needle and upholstery thread, attach the button securely by sewing all the way through the cube with long stitches all the way through.