

Easy Pincushion



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This is the first in our series of craft projects to accompany our little Pots of Inspiration.

Our projects are simple and straightforward and we hope you enjoy making them!

You will need:

- Fabric such as cotton or polycotton
- Needle & cotton
- Stuffing (I recommend polyester wadding for this, available from most craft shops. However, if this isn't available you could use anything soft – from cotton wool, to cut up strips of an old cloth, pair of tights or t-shirt.)
- Buttons x2
- Scissors
- Ruler or tape measure
- Pins

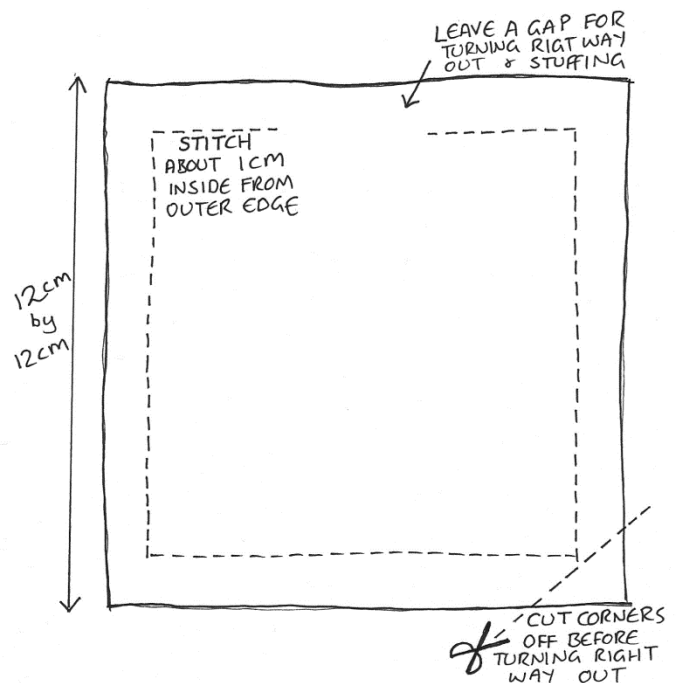
1. Cut out two squares of fabric 12cm x12cm in size.

2. Pin the two squares **PRINTED SIDES TOGETHER** (so that it looks inside out)

3. Measure in 1cm all around the edge and mark with a pencil or chalk.

4. Stitch all the way around this inner line, making sure that you leave a 3cm gap on one of the sides. You can either using a sewing machine or hand stitch the seams.

5. Snip the corners off, leaving at least 3mm between the snip and the stitched corner.



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6. Turn the pincushion cover the right way out, making sure that you push the corners out as far as possible.
7. Stuff the pincushion, making sure it looks evenly stuffed.
8. Stitch the opening closed as carefully as possible



8. Choose two buttons - it doesn't matter if they match or not. Place one either side of the pincushion at the centre.
9. Using a needle and thread, sew the buttons to each other through the pincushion, pulling them tight. Sew it through several times to make it nice and strong.



Ta Da! You have finished your lovely Pincushion!