

SELVAGES PINCUSHION

Supplies

- Piece of muslin or neutral background fabric cut to desired size for top of pincushion
- Coordinating fabric for back of pincushion
- Fusible interfacing cut to same size as back of pincushion
- Assorted selvages, enough to cover pincushion top
- Walnut shells for stuffing (you may also use tightly packed fiberfill)
- Very small amount of fiberfill to prevent leaking walnut shells while closing opening
- Buttons - decorative button(s) for top and small button for bottom of pincushion

Instructions

1. Cut muslin to desired size and shape for pincushion top - $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 inches square is a manageable size or you may want to cut a rectangle.
2. Cover muslin base with assorted selvages. If you don't have a "selvage stash", go through your yardage and cut a few. Be sure to include at least $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of the fabric along with the selvage edge. Starting near top edge, stitch raw edge of the first selvage strip to the base fabric. Then slip raw edge of next selvage strip under the finished edge of the strip above and stitch close to finished edge. Continue until muslin is covered. No raw edges should be showing. When you are positioning strips, remember that $\frac{1}{4}$ inch around the edges will be lost to the seam allowance
3. When top is completely covered, trim selvage strips even with muslin.
4. Fuse fusible interfacing (not batting) to the coordinating fabric to give it stability. If you are using a light fabric, this will also keep the darker color of the walnut shells from showing through.
5. With right sides together, sew front and back of pincushion together, leaving an opening to stuff with walnut shells or fiberfill. The walnut shells provide extra weight and help sharpen pins. Stuff tightly.
6. If using walnut shells, finish with a small wad of fiberfill at the opening to keep the walnut shells from spilling while you stitch the opening closed.
7. Add decorative buttons to the top. At the same time, stitch through a small button on the underside of the pincushion to keep threads from cutting into the fabric.