

Sew What?!

Custom Pincushion – February 2, 2017

Supplies:

- 6 x 8" cotton fabric
- 1 yd grosgrain ribbon (1/2" or 5/8" width)
- Velcro (sew in, not sticky back)
- Fiberfill

Pin Cushion

1. Measure the width and height available of your sewing machine that would be available for a pin cushion. _____ (W x H)
(do not cover any dials)
2. Decide how much of this space you'd like to use, ie, how large your finished pin cushion will be. _____ (W x H)
3. Add 1/2" to each measurement for seams. _____ (W x H)
4. Cut 2 pieces of fabric to this measurement (from #3).

Ribbon

5. Measure the width around your sewing machine. _____
6. Subtract width of pincushion (from #2) from measurement in #5. _____
7. Add 1 1/2" to the measurement from #6. _____
8. Cut grosgrain ribbon this length (from #7). Divide in half.

Construction

9. Using 1/4" seams, right sides together, position ribbon inside pincushion edges so it will be included in the short sides. Pin in place. Pin around pin cushion perimeter, leaving a 2" opening for stuffing the fiberfill along one of the longer sides. Let bulk of ribbon fall out of 2" opening. Sew around pin cushion, being careful to only sew over ribbon included in the short side seam. Clip corners to reduce bulk.
10. Turn piece right side out. Fingernail press. Fill with fiberfill. Hand sew opening.
11. Position around sewing machine. Mark placement of Velcro. Trim ribbon if necessary. Machine sew Velcro in place.

