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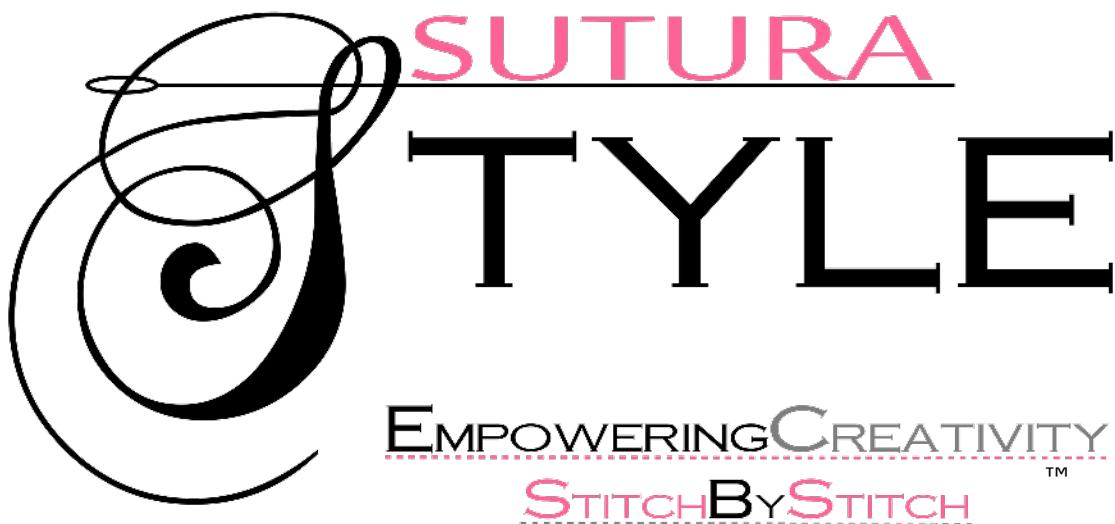
BOBBIN' ALONG PINCUSHION &

Cookie Tin Sewing Kit



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*Oh Sew
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The Sutura Style Learn to Sew Series

Bobbin' Along Pincushion

And Cookie Tine Sewing Kit

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The Bobbin' Along Pincushion is the second of four Novice Sewing Projects in the Sutura Start Course. It is fun to make and a joy to have!

You will need:

- 2 eight-inch squares of fabric
- Glue stick
- Snippet of elastic
- a 6" square of interfacing
- Yarn and thread Cushion filling such as Polyfil brand
- a saucer or small side plate
- Your sewing kit

Optional:

- A medium sized cookie tin
- 5 eight-inch squares of fabric
- An 8" square of medium weight fusible interfacing
- An 8" square of heavy weight double sided fusible interfacing
- A package of swimsuit elastic
- Pretty rayon thread for decorative stitching

Pincushion Cutting Instructions

- Trace the pattern templates onto plain computer paper or print a copy of page 3. Use the larger circle for the Optional Bobbin' Along Basket and Sewing Organizer.
- Use the smaller circle to draw 2 circles on the fabric squares and cut them out for the pincushion. Clip all notches.
- Cut another small circle from the medium weight fusible interfacing. Trim 1" around.

Pincushion Sewing Instructions

1. Place the interfacing at the center of one fabric circle. Fuse.
2. With right sides together stitch the two circles together with a 2 mm stitch and a 1-inch seam allowance.
3. Stop about 3 inches before the end.
4. Backstitch.
5. Press your stitches.
6. Clip the seam allowance at once inch intervals to the sewing line but do not cut through the stitches.
7. Apply a glue stick generously to clipped area fabric, just inside the stitching line.
8. Press again.
9. Repeat on the other side.
10. Turn the project inside out.
11. Stuff with Polyfil.
12. Stitch the opening shut with neat hand stitches.
13. Decorate.

A selection of fabrics in hues of lapis, turquoise, gold and black. The color scheme was selected to match a purchased insulated grocery bag. Students use these economical bags as Sewing Machine Totes.



PINCUSHION PATTERN PIECES

Bobbin Basket and Organizer Circle.
Cut 5 of fabric. Cut 1 Medium Fuse.
Cut 1 Heavy Double Fuse

Pincushion Circle

Cut 2 of Fabric

Cut 1 of Medium Fuse

Stitching Line Guide

Place on the bottom edge
of the organizer at center
notch and stitch through
the paper



The circles can be cut using the pattern template or use the tiny hole (arrow) as a fulcrum and your sewing gauge can become a compass. In this case, because the fabric has such a striking pattern, the circle was drawn around the pattern. This is called Fussy Cutting. It is frequently used in quilting.



With right sides together stitch the two circles together with a 2 mm stitch and a 1-inch seam allowance between the notches. Backstitch. Press to set your stitches.



Stuff with Polyfil or a similar polyester stuffing. Use a chopstick instead of your fingers to make stuffing the project easier.



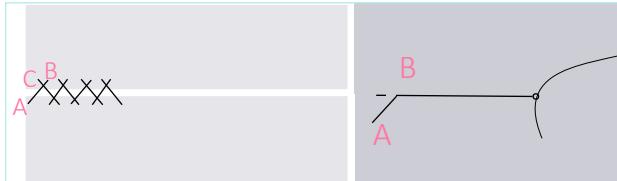
Fuse the interfacing to one piece of fabric. I made several of these so a different fabric is shown than in the previous step. **Second Option:** use pretty rayon thread, and a satin stitch of your choice, to add a decorative trim.



Clip the seam allowance at one inch intervals to the sewing line but do not cut through the stitches. Apply a glue stick generously to clipped area fabric, just inside the stitching line. Press again. Repeat on the other side. Stitch the opening shut with neat catch stitches



Thread a hand sewing needle with cotton. Make a good knot. Bring the needle up at point A. Pick up the stitch on the opposite side, Point B,. Bring the down into the fabric.



Pick the needle back up at Point C and continue stitching as shown. This method is used for hemming garments so it is good to practice. Decorate as desired. **Novice students may stop here.** Continue to the Bobbin Basket and Sewing Organizer if time allows.



OPTIONAL STEPS FOR BOBBIN BASKET



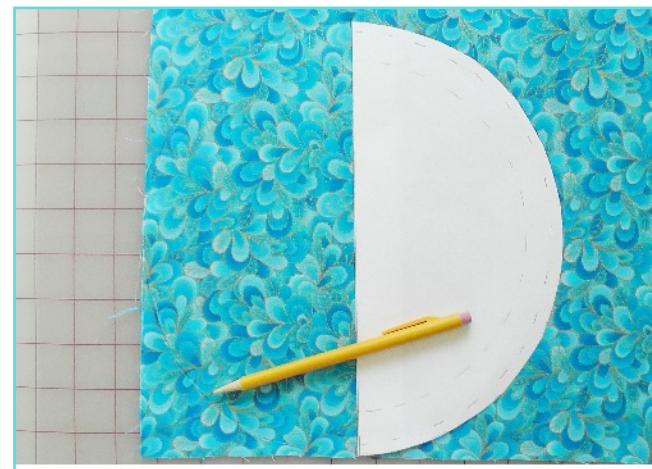
3) Fold 2 circles in half horizontally. Press. Open 1 and fold it again for a vertical fold. Press. This divides the circle into quarters. Leave 1 circle in half as shown.



4) Cut a circle of medium weight fusible & heavy weight double fuse interfacing with the templates. Trim 3/8" from the edge. Fuse to 2 unfolded circles. Sew a line of basting stitches around the remaining circles as shown. Press the raw edges toward the center.



1) Select 8 spools of thread, the same size and brand. Measure around the spool with swimsuit elastic. Add 1" seam allowance. Repeat with your bobbins. Cut 8 of each.



2) Use the larger circle template and trace 5 circles onto paper. Cut.



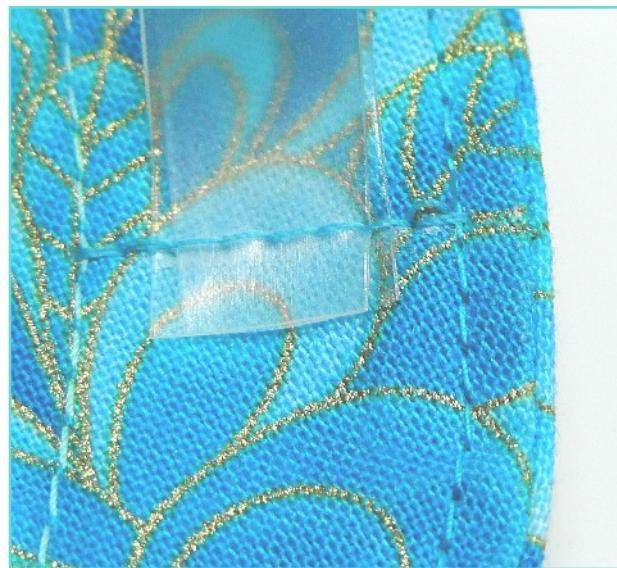
5) Place two circles together and sew a scant 1/4" top stitch all around. Sew around again 1" away. Fold the bobbin elastic in half. Place a piece between the stitching lines at the dividing folds. Stitch. Trim. Repeat for all 4 quarters.



6) Place the complete pincushion on the stitched circle. Use pretty yarn and a large darning needle to sew through all layers. Start with a short length of yarn, doubled. Tie a big knot. Pierce the pincushion at the center and push the needle through to the back. Bring the needle up at the dividing fold. Stitch to create 4 segments. Then sew 4 more segments for a total of 8. The stitching is shown below. The knots should be on the top of the pincushion. Sew beads, sequins or a pretty button at the center point to cover the knots.



19) To make the organizer, place the stitching guide on the folded circle. Pin in place. Put the folded circle on the basted and pressed open circle from Step 4. Pin. Sew through all layers, including the paper, along the stitching guide line using a triple stitch. If your machine doesn't have a triple stitch sew back and forth along the lines. There are now 5 pockets as shown above. Fold the raw edge of the pocket fabric under. Press. Place the pocket piece on the circle of fabric with double fuse from Step 4. Fuse all layers firmly. Use a walking foot to sew a topstitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge as shown above.



7) Sew the remaining 4 pieces of bobbin elastic in place. Use your stitching lines as a placement guide.



8) Pin the thread elastic in place halfway between the bobbin placement lines. Stitch and trim like the bobbin elastic. Use hand stitches to tack the Bobbin and Thread organizer up as shown on the front cover.



The Bobbin' Along Pincushion holds 8 spools of thread, matching bobbins, needles, and pins. The Sewing Organizer holds thread snips, a seam ripper, tweezers and a crochet hook. Place everything in a decorative tin, or better still, up-cycle a cookie tin, for the ultimate Cookie Tin Sewing Kit. It's perfect to give or keep!