

Patchwork Pincushions

Surprise all your sewing friends with patchwork pincushions to honor National Quilting Day (March 20). These cute pincushions are as useful as they are decorative and will give you an opportunity to show off machine embroidery or hand-stitching skills. Use scraps from your fabric basket to make each pincushion different and embellish each one with buttons from your collection.

1. Sew $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares together to make a Four-Patch Block. Press in direction of arrows.



2. Mark a diagonal line on wrong side of each $1\frac{3}{4}$ " square and pin to Four-Patch Block as shown (right sides together). Sew on drawn line. Trim excess fabric, leaving $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Press. Embellish seams with decorative stitching as desired and sew on buttons.



3. Place Block and Backing right sides together. Sew around edges, leaving a 2" opening for turning and stuffing. Clip corners, turn right side out, and press. Stuff tightly with fiberfill and hand-stitch opening closed.



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Materials for One Pincushion

Four-Patch: four $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares
Block Corners: four $1\frac{3}{4}$ " squares
Backing: one $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square
Polyester Fiberfill, Buttons, and Embroidery Floss



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