

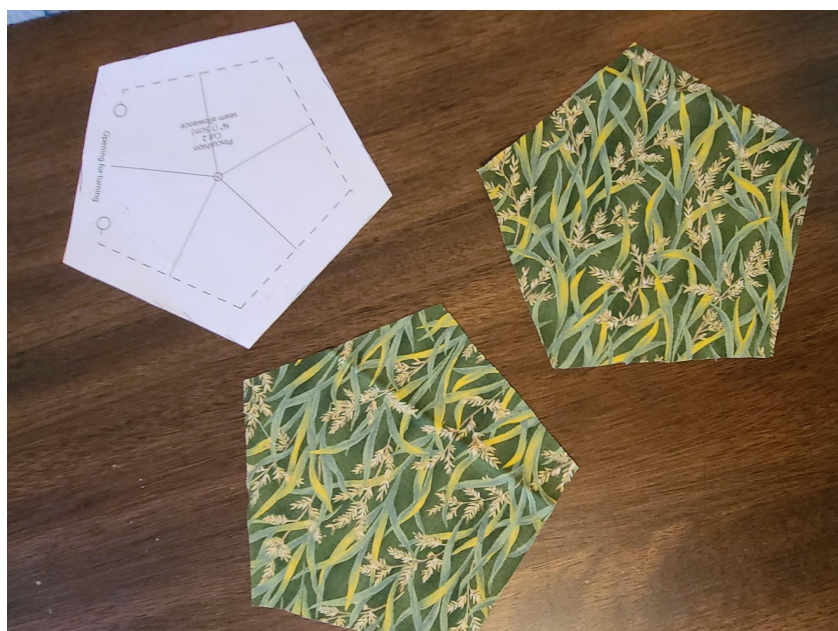
Project 3: Pin Cushion



Materials	Tools
Fabric	Sewing machine
Matching thread	Iron
Stencil	Fabric scissors
Batting	Sewing pins
Button	Turning tool
Embroidery floss: 6 strands, 30" long	Tapestry needle

Steps for making the Pin Cushion:

1. Cut out 2 pentagons using the provided stencil.



2. Put both pentagons together, right side facing each other.
3. Pin both pieces of fabric together.

4. Next, sew around the pentagon with $\frac{5}{8}$ inch seam allowance. Start and end where the circles on the pattern indicated for turning the cushion right side out.



5. Trim the seam allowance at the corners.
6. Turn the pentagon right side out. Use the turning tool to poke the corners out to define them.
7. Iron the pentagon.
8. Next, using the opening in the side, stuff the cushion lightly with batting, making sure the corners have plenty. Use enough batting so that the pentagon is just firm.



9. Pin the opening hem to prepare the opening for hand sewing using a ladder stitch/slip stitch.



10. Next, hand sew a ladder stitch to close the opening. A ladder stitch creates a nearly invisible seam from the outside of the fabric.

- a. Thread the hand needle with the same thread you are using in the machines
- b. Create a knot from the inside of the project so it doesn't show
- c. Begin weaving the needle in and out of the fold in your fabric, making stitches about $\frac{1}{4}$ " long.
- d. Move to the next side, progressing forward and repeat the same stitch.
- e. Tighten the stitches lightly as you go along and you'll see the ladder shape formed.
- f. When complete, pull the thread tight and the thread will disappear into the finished project.



Ladder stitch: Also known as a slip stitch, this creates a nearly invisible seam from the outside of your project.



The opening closed.

11. Next, thread the embroidery needle with embroidery floss to hand sew the center.
12. Loop the thread around the entire cushion lining up the floss with the 5 pattern line markings. Tighten and hold each line as you go around.



13. Add a button to one side by sewing through the button holes.
14. Then sew a knot in the center to complete the cushion.
15. Tada! Your pin cushion is done.

