

Pin Cushion Hang Up

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I finally came up with a good idea for the pin cushion. So for me, my problem is storage. I really can't have little cushions cluttering up my work space and at the same time, I don't want to have to go hunting for it when I need it. I saw one of my friend Trixy's little quilt squares that she gave to me over vacation and was like "that's it!" I'm going to make a little cube with a loop so it can hang on my tool rack. I'm going to put a little lavender in it too so it will make my studio area smell nice every time I stab it. If I had steal wool I would put that in there too, but I don't so rice and stuffing it is.

Ingredients:

Six 3 1/2" X 3 1/2" squares.
Patterned or pieced squares work great

One 2" X 9" Strip of fabric

1 Cup rice

1 handful stuffing (cotton balls will work well for this too if you don't have any stuffing on hand)

1 T lavender or other pleasant smelling herb

Pins, needles, and



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Directions:

1. Prepare your strap first. Take the 2" X 9" piece of fabric and fold each long side over 1/4" and press, then fold in half and press. Stitch each long side 1/8" from the edge to hold in place. (Figure 1)
2. Fold the strap over and place between two squares that are right sides together and stitch the two pieces together with a 1/4 seam. (Figure 2)
3. Place a square right sides together with one of the squares that were just sewn together, opposite the edge with the new seam, sew together. Repeat for a fourth piece. (Figure 3)
4. Take one more square and place right sides together with one of the end squares. *Sew along the long side to 1/4" of the end of the new square. (Figure 4) Put your sewing machine needle in the down position, lift your presser foot, turn the square 90 degrees and line up with the next square in the length of 4 squares. (Figure 5) Repeat from * to end until all 4 sides of the new square have been attached.
5. Repeat step 4 for the last square.
6. Turn right sides out. Stuff with the rice, lavender, and stuffing.
7. Fold edges of open seam in and stitch shut.

Now fill with all your favorite straight pins and if you need a sewing needle on hand, just poke it through the strap. Hang up and enjoy always having your pin cushion when you need it.



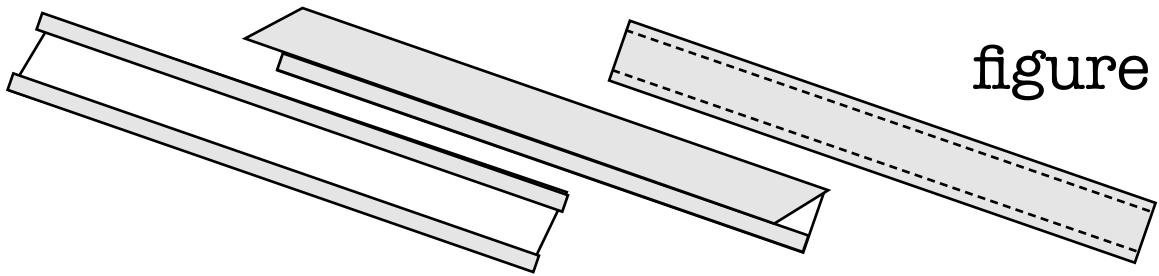


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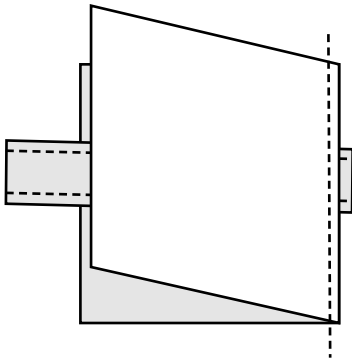


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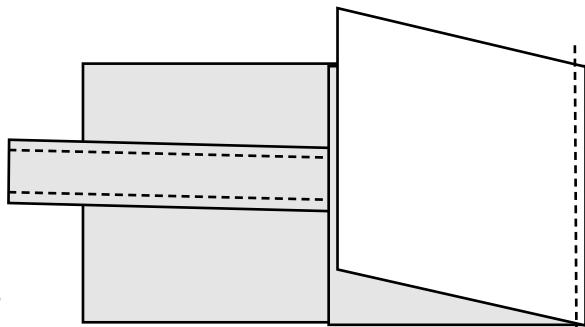


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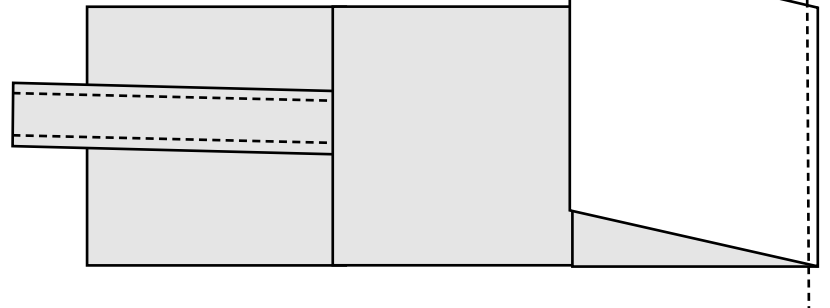


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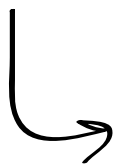


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