

Needle Sorter Pincushion

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VIRTUAL SEWING GUILD

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Needle Sorter Pincushion Design Size: 5.87”h x 5.82”w

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Supply List:

- Fabric for Pincushion Front
- Fabric for pincushion Back
- Batting and cut-away Stabilizer OR Batting with stabilizer built into it
- 60 weight embroidery thread
- Stuffing for making pincushion insert
- Construction thread
- Tape (painters or regular “scotch” or embroidery tape)
- Hand needle and thread

Equipment List:

- Embroidery Machine in good working order
- Hoop large enough to fit the design
- Machine Feet: Embroidery foot

General Sewing Supplies

- Pins
- Sewing Sheers
- Rotary Cutter, Mat, Ruler
- Fabric marking pen

| Fabric/Batting/Prep fusible | Quantity | Size | Notes |
|--|----------|----------------------|---|
| Fabric front of pincushion | 1 | 6 1/2”w x 7”h | |
| Fabric for back of pillow | 2 | 6 1/2”w x 7”h | |
| *Batting with stabilizer built into it | 1 | Large enough to hoop | OR you can use batting and cut away stabilizer |
| *Batting | 1 | 6 1/2”w x 7”h | OR you can use batting with stabilizer built into it |
| *Cut-away Stabilizer | 1 | Large enough to hoop | * this is NOT needed if you are using batting with stabilizer built into it |
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These directions are designed to be used in conjunction with the step by step detailed videos.

NOTES:

1. You can use EITHER batting with stabilizer built into it, OR you can use cut away stabilizer and regular batting...you don't need both for this project
2. If you are using batting with stabilizer built into it you will need a piece large enough to hoop, if you are using cut-away stabilizer and regular batting your cut-away stabilizer will need to be large enough to hoop, and the batting should be cut to 6 1/2"w x 7"h
3. It is important that you use a 60 weight thread...the 40 weight thread that we normally use will be too heavy and your letters/numbers will be hard to read

Machine Embroidery

***Working with batting that has the stabilizer built in**

1. Thread your machine with 60 weight thread in the needle and embroidery bobbin thread in the bobbin
2. On your embroidery machine, load and then open the embroidery design provided for this class
3. Optional: Move the design up instead of leaving it centered to save a bit of the stabilizer with the batting built into it
4. Hoop your batting with the stabilizer built into it
5. Attach the hoop to the sewing machine
6. Stitch a basting stitch on the batting that has the stabilizer built in (this basting stitch will be found on your sewing/embroidery machine, it is not part of the design)
7. Position the fabric for the front of your pincushion on top of the batting that has the stabilizer built into it, so it completely covers the basting stitch
8. Stitch color #1-this will attach the pincushion fabric to the batting with the stabilizer built into it
9. Continue stitching out the embroidery design changing colors as you go
10. Stop after you stitch color 16 which is the last number to stitch (the number 100)

Machine Embroidery continued

***Working with cut-away stabilizer and regular batting**

1. Thread your machine with 60 weight thread in the needle and embroidery bobbin thread in the bobbin
2. On your embroidery machine, load and then open the embroidery design provided for this class
3. Optional: Move the design up instead of leaving it centered to save a bit of stabilizer
4. Hoop your cut-away stabilizer
5. Attach the hoop to the sewing machine
6. Stitch a basting stitch on your cut-away stabilizer (this basting stitch will be found on your sewing/embroidery machine, it is not part of the design)
7. Layer your fabric for the front of the pincushion and batting together and position them onto of the cut-away stabilizer making sure they completely covers the basting stitch
8. Stitch color #1-this will attach the pincushion fabric and the batting to the cut-away stabilizer
9. Continue stitching out the embroidery design changing colors as you go
10. Stop after you stitch color 16 which is the last number to stitch (the number 100)

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Machine Embroidery-Attaching the back pieces

1. After stitching color 16 and before stitching color 17, change to construction thread
2. Remove the hoop from the embroidery machine, but do not remove the project from the hoop
3. Fold both of the 6 1/2" w x 7" h pieces of fabric in half and press them (they should now be 6 1/2" w x 3 1/2" h)
4. On the front of the project position one of the folded pieces so the raw edges are at the bottom of the project and the folded edge is on the line under the word "quilting", being sure it completely covers the tac down stitch on the right, left and bottom of the project
5. Tape in place on the bottom
6. Next, on the front of the project position one of the folded pieces so the raw edges are at the top of the project and the folded edge is on the line under the words "ball point", being sure it completely covers the tac down stitch on the right, left and top of the project and that the 2 pieces of fabric overlap at the center of the project
7. Tape in place on the top
8. Tape the overlap area on the left and right sides
9. Place the hoop back on the machine
10. Stitch color 17-this is the stitching that goes around the outside the project.

Finishing it up

1. Remove the hoop from the machine
2. Remove the project from the hoop
3. Cut around the outside of the project on all 4 sides leaving about 1/4" of fabric all the way around
4. Cut diagonally across the corners leaving about 1/8" of fabric extending beyond the stitching
5. Iron to set the stitches
6. Turn the project right sides out, making sure everything is laying how you want it and iron again
7. Stuff the pincushion
8. Hand stitch the opening at the back closed

ENJOY !