

CUPCAKE PINCUSHION TUTORIAL



1. To make this pin cushion you will need the following items:
 4" Mini Bowl - Ramekin
 6" Circle of cake fabric
 Small pink fabric swatch for frosting
 Small red fabric swatch for cherry
 3/4" x 3" Brown fabric strip for cherry stem
 Stuffing of your choice
 Freezer paper
 Loop Turner
 Glue Gun - or another method to glue the cushion to the bowl
 Basic sewing supplies
2. Print off a pattern template at http://www.chitterchatterdesigns.com/files/Cupcake_Pincushion.jpg
3. Trace the frosting template onto the dull side of your freezer paper and cut it out. Iron the template shiny side down onto the right side of the pink frosting fabric. Cut out the fabric 1/4" bigger than the template. Clip the inside curves, cut in about three threads away from the paper template.
4. Pin the frosting into place, in the middle of the 6" cake circle
5. Using a needle turn method with matching thread, turn under the 1/4" seam allowance to match the freezer paper pattern.
 Turning inside corners: Position your needle as shown in the far left picture. With a counter clockwise motion, pivot your needle to the position shown in the large picture sweeping under the seam allowance. This method helps to turn your edge under all at once making it easier to match the paper pattern.
6. After completing your appliqué, run a basting stitch 1/4" in from the outside edge of the cake circle. Pull your threads making a yo-yo of sorts and tie a knot leaving an opening big enough to fit a finger in.
7. Stuff your cake with stuffing until your desired stiffness is achieved.
8. Glue your cake into the 4" bowl with a glue gun or your desired method
9. Fold your brown cherry stem strip in half right sides together lengthwise. Sew a seam with a 1/4" seam allowance. When sewing is complete, trim seam allowance to 1/8".
10. Use a loop turner to turn the strip inside out. Tie a knot in one end, and trim the strip to about 2" in length for the stem.
11. Match two cherry pieces right sides together and hand sew a seam using a backstitch with an 1/8" seam allowance.
12. Match another cherry piece to the unsewn side of the one you have just sewn and repeat the seam (top left picture.)
13. Piece the rest of the six pieces in the same way until your cherry looks like the middle left picture.
14. Match up (right sides together) the two end pieces, and sew half way, then turn right side out.
15. Stuff the cherry with stuffing.
16. Blind stitch the opening, leaving a small opening at the top of the cherry.
17. Use the tip of your scissors and push the cherry stem into the cherry.
18. Sew stem to the top of the cherry.
19. Sew the cherry to the top of the cupcake as shown. Add some cute pins and you're done!

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