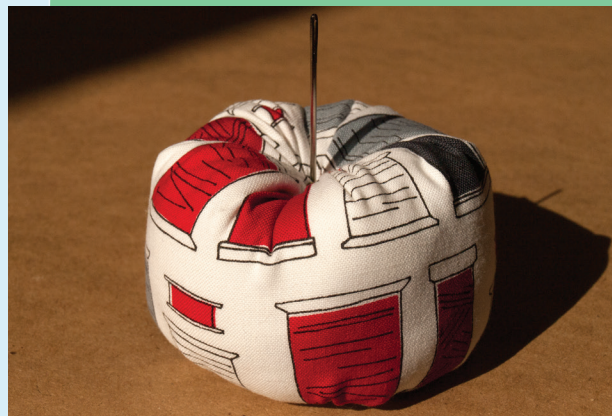


## Pin Cushion

- 1 Cut a piece of fabric that is 10" by 5".
- 2 With right sides together, sew the two 5" sides together, using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.
- 3 Sew a running stitch about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from and all around the bottom edge.
- 4 Pull on your thread, gathering the fabric tightly. Wrap the thread around the gathers a couple of times, and knot. Clip threads.
- 5 Turn inside out, and stuff tightly with cotton balls or wool scraps. (Wool scraps are best for your pins and needles). Wool yarn works well for stuffing!
- 6 Sew a running stitch about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the top edge. Gather tightly, stuffing the raw edge under. Knot tightly.
- 7 Using a heavier thread and a tapestry needle, flatten the pincushion by stitching through the top, down through the center to the bottom. Pull the thread tight. Repeat a few times.
- 8 Sew a button on top of the pincushion.



## Take It a Bit Further

Make a handy pincushion for hand-sewing projects by using the instructions above to make a smaller pincushion. Start with a 5" by  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of fabric. When gathering the bottom, leave enough room to insert a golf tee. Have the point of the tee protrude from the pincushion, and the head of the tee inside the pincushion. Use some white school glue to keep the tee from falling out. Finish the top of the pincushion as directed above. The tee can be inserted into the top hole on a spool of thread so that the pincushion and thread are together for hand sewing.