

# Pin Tote Pincushion

What better gift for a fellow quilter? Add a pair of small pair of scissors and a package of needles to complete the gift!

## materials

- \* 3 different charm squares (5" x 5") or scraps for tote top, bottom, and pockets;
- \* 9" x 22" piece (fat eighth) coordination fabric for lining, cushion and straps
- \* 8 1/2" x 5" rectangle of Lightweight fusible fleece
- \* 1 package 1/4" double fold bias tape or 35" of 1/4" bias tape

## cut fabric

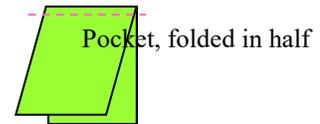
- \* From flowered print, 2 - 2 1/2" x 5" rectangles for tote top
- \* From green paisley, 2 - 2 1/2" x 4" rectangles for tote pockets
- \* From pink paisley, 1 - 5" x 5" square for tote bottom
- \* From yellow paisley, 1 - 8 1/2" x 5" rectangle for tote lining, 2 - 5" x 5" squares for inner cushion, 2 - 1 1/2" x 11" rectangles for straps
- \* Lightweight fusible fleece 1 - 8 1/2" x 5"



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## prep

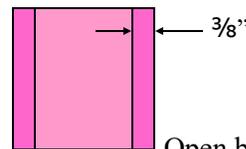
1. Press pocket pieces in half as shown. Topstitch along the folded edge.



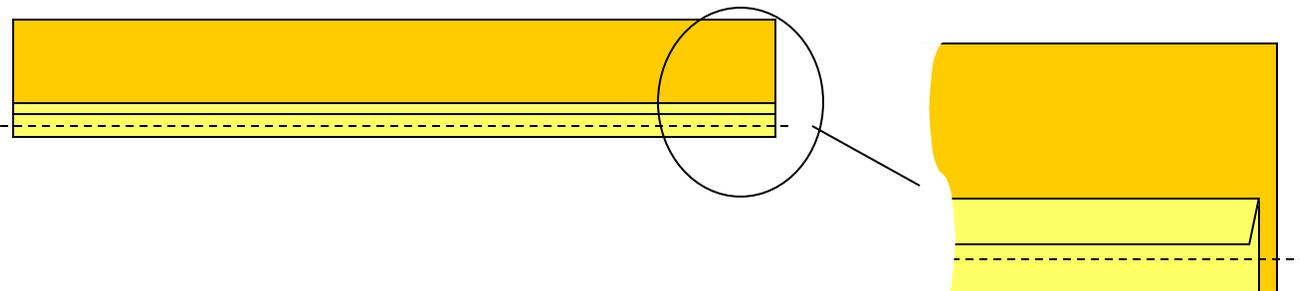
2. Bond tote lining to tote batting (fleece).



3. Press over 3/8" on opposite sides of bottom piece.



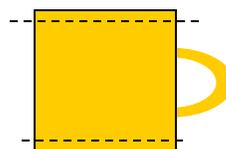
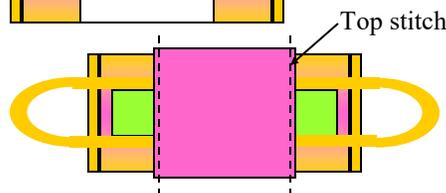
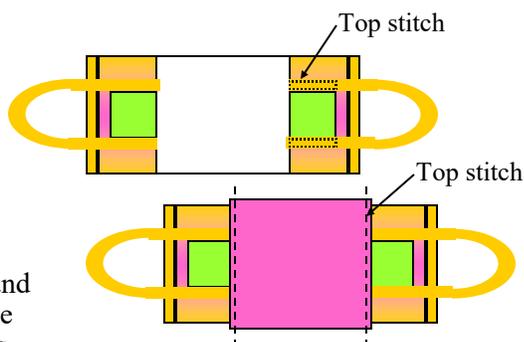
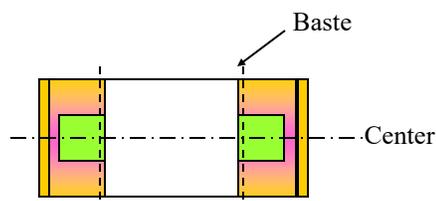
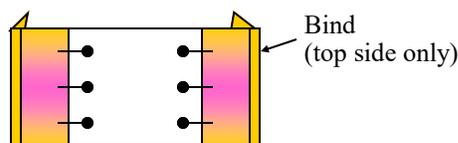
4. Fold straps lengthwise in half. Cut one piece of bias tape to 11" long. and sew tape to long edge of strap along opened out fold of bias tape, about 1/4" from the edge. Fold bias tape over raw edges. Fold bias tape over and center bias tape and press. Zig-zag or top stitch entire strap.



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## assemble

1. Place tote lining face down on cutting mat.
2. Place top pieces on batting as shown and pin in place. Open out and sew binding to outer edges of tote tops through all layers. Binding will be attached to inside in a later step.
3. Place prepared pockets over top pieces and center as shown. Baste in place. Raw edges of pocket are to be aligned with inner edges of top pieces.
4. Place handles as shown and topstitch in place.
5. Center prepared bottom over pocket and topstitch in place.
6. Fold entire bag right sides together; align the bottom and pin together as desired. Stitch with  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance on each side of bag (keep handles out of the way). Zig-zag side seam.
7. Hand sew binding to inside.
8. Hold bag bottom facing you. Push bottom of bag towards side seams and sew as shown  $\frac{5}{8}$ " from the points to make a box pleat in bottom of bag. Repeat on opposite side of bag.
9. With right sides together, sew remaining 5" x 5" pieces together to make the "cushion", leaving a 2" opening on one side. Turn to outside and stuff as desired. Slip stitch cushion closed. Place inside tote and enjoy!



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