

Materials for 1 Prairie Flower Pincushion -

Note: Three pincushions can be made from the squares in the Bake $Shop\ Box - 1$ from each collection and 1 with assorted squares.

- $86 2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares
- 2 –9"x 9" squares thin batting or fleece –
- White Sewline Pencil and Sewline Glue Pencil
- Ground walnut shells (available at pet stores) fiberfill, or play sand for filling pincushion
- 38 1" hexagons for paper piecing (Paper Pieces Stock #HEX100) or use enclosed template

Petite • 4s[™] 320 tasty 2½" squares from two collections

Construction

Prepare Hexagons - 38 squares

- 1. Place prepared hexagon in center of 2½" square. Fold edges over template paper and baste in place using a running stitch. Make 38.
- 2. Join edges of hexagons using a narrow zig zag stitch and invisible thread. First make 2 sets of 3, 2 sets of 4 and 1 set of 5.
- Arrange sets in the following order, set of 3, set of 4, set of 5, set of 4 and set of 3. Stitch hexagons together using a narrow zig-zag to complete top of pincushion. Repeat with remaining hexagons for pincushion bottom.
- 4. Remove basting threads and paper from sewn hexagons.

STITCH HEXAGONS TO FLEECE

- 5. Use glue pencil to position joined hexagons, right sides up on batting or fleece. Stitch in the ditch or quilt as desired to join hexagons and fleece.
- 6. Use Sewline pencil and enclosed template to mark and cut 2 6½" circles from layered hexagons/fleece for top and bottom of pincushion.

Hint: Use the inserts that come in all magazines it is the perfect weight for paper piecing.

1" Hexagon Template Make 38











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- 7. Join 11 squares. Press seams in one direction. Repeat.
- 8. Stitch 1 row together to form a loop then choose your least favorite square and cut in half in the middle of the square to re-open loop. This will allow rows to offset.
- 9. Join the two rows. Press.
- 10. Trim side strip to measure 3½"x 19¾" Hint: If desired, now is the time to add any embellishments – applique, embroidery, buttons, beads, etc. to side of pincushion.

Petal Points for Pincushion -26 squares

11. Spray squares with fabric sizing (we used Mary Ellen's Best Press), then fold each square in half point-topoint. Press. Fold triangle in half once again to complete petal point. Make 26.

ASSEMBLE PRAIRIE FLOWER PINCUSHION

- 12. Arrange long sides (pøints toward center) of 13 petal points around edge/of hexagon circle. Nest folded edge of petal point inside its neighbor to fit 13 petals. Step 14 Pin in place. Stay stitch 1/2" from edge to hold petal points in place. Repeat with second circle for bottom.
- 13. With right sides frogether join prepared side strip to form a ring.
- 14. With right sides together align edge of hexagon/ fleece circle and side strip. Pin carefully.
- 15. Stitch top to side using a generous 1/4" seam allowance. Then for added strength stitch seam once again betweeth first seam and edge of circle.
- 16. Repeat Step 15 with bottom circle leaving a 2" opening for turning and stuffing pincushion. To prevent tearing be sure to backstitch the beginning and end of seam.

FINISHING

- 17. Turn pincushion right side out.
- 18. Fill to desired firmness with ground walnut shells, sand or fiberfill.
- 19. Align edges and stitch opening closed to complete pincushion.





Step 10



Step 11



Step 12





Step 18



6½" Circle Template - includes seam allowar

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