

Bloom Pin Cushion

Finished Size 4" diameter x 1 1/2" high

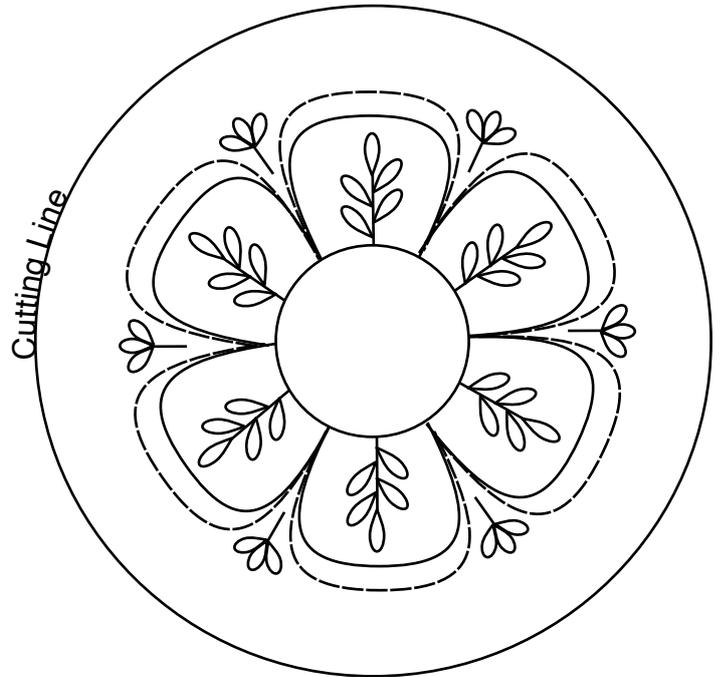
1/4" seams

Requirements

- 10" square of linen for top and base
- 3" of floral for sides and applique
- 4" weaveline (fusible stabiliser for embroidery)
- 4" plain lining fabric
- Stranded threads to coordinate with fabric



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Cutting

- * Cut two circles from linen, weaveline & lining, using the template.
- * Cut one 2" x 18" from each of floral fabric, lining and weaveline.

Instructions

1. Trace the stitchery design onto the centre of one linen circle. Do NOT trace the centre circle, this is applied. Use a lightbox and fine permanent pen to trace. Fuse weaveline to the back of the linen. If you prefer you can cut a 4" square of linen and trim to circle after stitchery is completed.
2. Complete all stitchery with 2 strands of embroidery floss. Choose thread to coordinate.
Back stitch for the petals and running stitch on the broken line on the pattern.
Lazy Daisy (single chain stitches) for the small loopy petals (red in photograph).
3. From the floral fabric cut a circle 1/2" bigger all around, than the centre circle on the template. Sew a running stitch 1/8" from the edge of the circle, leaving the ends loose. Use a Perfect Circle or cut a template to match the centre circle. Place the template on the wrong side of the fabric in the centre of the circle. Pull the ends of the running stitch so the fabric gathers up and over the edge of the template. Press. Release the gathers a little and remove the template. Press again. Sew the circle in the centre of the stitchery.
4. Fuse weaveline to the wrong side of the remaining linen circle and the 2" x 18" floral.
5. Place a piece of lining on the wrong side of all three pieces cut for the pincushion. Sew the lining to the wrong side of each circle with stitching around the edge. This just holds the lining in place, you wont see it once you are finished.
6. Sew the lining to the wrong side of the 2" x 18" floral, along each side, but use a long stitch on your machine. We are going to use this to gather the fabric, hence the longer stitch length.
7. Sew the short ends of the 2" x 18" together, right sides facing and press the 1/4" seam.
8. Carefully pull the ends of the gathering stitch until the 2" x 18" fabric gathers up to match the size of the pincushion top and base. Place the gathered side, right sides together on the pincushion top and pin in place so the gathers are evenly spaced.
9. Repeat Step 8 for the pincushion base, but leave a 2" opening for turning through.
10. Fill the pincushion with crushed walnut shells and toy fill and slip stitch the opening closed.