

Embroidered pincushion

Materials and detailed instructions



Materials

- 1 sheet of printable fabric for the pincushion front (hand embroidery option)
- 12" x 12" piece of solid or tone-on-tone fabric for the pincushion front (machine embroidery option)
- 4 sheets of printable fabric for the backing, ruffle, and piping
- Embroidery stabilizer
- Embroidery thread or floss (red, blue, or other colors)
- Temporary embroidery adhesive
- 8" x 7" piece of quilt batting
- 1 yard of mini piping filler cord
- Thread
- Small amount of pillow filling such as polyester stuffing

Tools

- Rotary cutter
- Quilter's straightedge
- Cutting mat
- Iron (no steam) and ironing surface
- Straight pins
- Sewing machine
- Needle
- Embroidery hoop
- Scissors

Instructions

This pincushion project, provided by Bernina USA, will be ideal for keeping pins handy while you are machine or hand sewing, setting the hem on a dress, or pinning a pattern on fabric.

Getting started

- Instructions are included for hand or machine embroidery (digitized artwork for home embroidery machine provided by Bernina USA).
- For hand embroidery, choose from one of our charming red or bluework patterns. Use your crafty and creative touch—personalize the artwork, add a quote or other text, and print the design on fabric.
- For machine embroidery, simply download the embroidery design in the format needed for your embroidery machine and transfer the design to the embroidery machine (referring to owner's manual if needed).
- Choose from our selection of printable fabric designs, or design your own, to make the backing, ruffle and piping. You'll need one sheet for the backing, one for the piping, and two sheets for the ruffle.

Hand embroidery option

1. Choose an embroidery design and follow the instructions on the screen to customize your design. Or, choose one of our Build an Embroidery designs and personalize the design by choosing the border art and main image, font, and text.
2. Download fabric sheets for the backing, ruffle, and piping. We used coordinating fabrics from the Sewing notions collection.

Printing on fabric

3. Test your project first by printing a sample onto paper.
4. Make sure your print settings are on Best quality and Plain paper. Remove the paper from your printer and insert the fabric sheets one sheet at a time. For detailed instructions, read more about printing on inkjet fabric sheets.
5. Print your embroidery design onto one printable fabric sheet and set aside to dry completely.



(Step 5)

6. Print the additional fabric sheets you downloaded to complete the pincushion. You'll need one sheet for the backing, one for the piping, and two sheets for the ruffle. Set aside to dry completely.
7. Peel the paper backing from the fabric sheets.
8. Follow the manufacturer's instructions (if any) for additional treatment to the fabric sheet.

Embroider the design

9. Place the fabric in your embroidery hoop to hold it taut.
10. Using a strand of floss (or a split strand for fine lines like lettering) thread the needle,

- knot one end, and embroider the design, following the lines.
11. Use a backstitch, stem stitch, or whatever you like to get the effect you want.
 12. Remove embroidered fabric from hoop. Press from the wrong side on a padded surface.
 13. Trim the fabric to 8" x 7", keeping the embroidery centered. Adhere the batting to the back of the embroidered panel with temporary embroidery adhesive.

Machine embroidery option

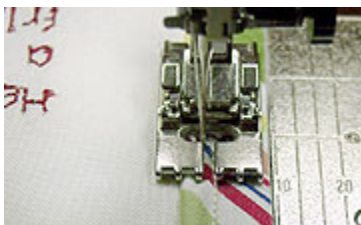
14. Download fabric sheets for the backing, ruffle, and piping. We used coordinating fabrics from the Sewing notions collection.

Printing on fabric

15. Test your project first by printing a sample onto paper.
16. Make sure your print settings are on Best quality and Plain paper. Remove the paper from your printer and insert the fabric sheets one sheet at a time. For detailed instructions, read more about printing on inkjet fabric sheets.
17. Print the fabric sheets you downloaded to complete the pincushion. You'll need one sheet for the backing, one for the piping, and two sheets for the ruffle. Set aside to dry completely.
18. Peel the paper backing from the fabric sheets.
19. Follow the manufacturer's instructions (if any) for additional treatment to the fabric sheet.

Embroider the design

20. Download the embroidery design in the format needed for your embroidery machine. Then transfer the design to the embroidery machine (referring to owner's manual if needed).
21. Adhere embroidery stabilizer to solid fabric using temporary embroidery adhesive. Hoop and embroider the design.



(Step 21)

22. Remove embroidered fabric from hoop. Press from the wrong side on a padded surface.
23. Trim the fabric to 8" x 7", keeping the embroidery centered. Adhere the batting to the back of the embroidered panel with temporary embroidery adhesive.

Putting it all Together

24. From the piping fabric, cut strips 1 1/2" x 11". Join the strips to make one long strip. Fold the strip wrong sides together over the filler cord. Stitch the piping using a piping

- foot. Trim the seam allowance to 1/4".
25. With raw edges even, stitch piping to the right side of the embroidered panel. Hint: Clip piping seam allowance at corners for ease in stitching around corners.
 26. From the ruffle fabric, cut 6 strips 2 1/2" x 11". Join to make one long strip. Fold the strip wrong sides together and press lightly.
 27. Gather along the raw edges using a lengthened straight stitch or a ruffler attachment.
 28. Stitch the gathered ruffle to the embroidered panel, right sides together, raw edges even.



(Step 28)

29. From the backing fabric, cut a rectangle 8"x7". With right sides together, stitch backing to the embroidered front panel using a 1/4" seam allowance. Leave an opening along one side for turning.
30. Cut across the seam allowance corners to eliminate bulk. Turn right side out and press.
31. Stuff with polyester stuffing; stitch the opening closed.

Embellishment ideas

- Create coordinating gift card by printing the fabric artwork on a piece of cardstock.