

# Traveling Pincushion

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There have been so many creative pincushion tutorials. I have been wondering what I could do to make something different.

I always need a pincushion where ever I am working; whether on the road or in some other room besides my sewing room.



The thought of having a pincushion ready with all the accessories gave me the idea for this traveling pincushion.



I found this 3 1/2" round container at hobby lobby for about \$1.50. If you have a container, with a lid, I will show you how you can adapt any size in order to use this pattern, as long as the shape is round.

**Supply Requirements:** sewing machine, needle and thread, glue gun, small handful of batting, scraps for the flower centers and leaves, 4 circles 4" around,

1 rectangle 2" x 10 1/2"

1 rectangle 6 1/2" x 10 1/2"



**Lid and bottom of container cutting instructions:** cut 4 circle templates (2 for the top and 2 for the bottom). You can make this template by tracing the outside of the lid onto a piece of paper. Add 1/4" for seam allowance.

Cut 1 top trim (this goes around the edge of the lid). To make this template, measure around the edge of lid with a tape measure and add 1/2" for seam allowance.

Cut 1 rectangle 10 1/2" x 2"



**Middle trim cutting instructions:** Measure around the middle of the container and add ½” for the width of the template. For the length of the template, measure from the bottom of the container to the top of the container, minus the overlap of the lid of the container and add ½”. Double this measurement to make the template for the bottom trim.

1 rectangle 6 ½” x 10 ½”



WRST (with right sides together) sew the short side of the top trim and the middle trim. This creates a circle. Fold the top trim in half. Press.



Place wrong sides of 2 circles together so that the right sides are facing out. WRST sew the top trim to the circle, catching all seams. Note: fold the 2 circles in half and place a pin. Fold in half again and place another pin. You should have a pin at each quarter of the circle. Do the same for the top trim. Match pins. Continue to pin around the circle. Ease the seams in while sewing them together.



Fold wrong sides of middle trim in half. Press.



Repeat the same step above when sewing the top trim to the top circle, only this time you are sewing the middle trim to the bottom circle.



**Making the flowers:** I used Polka Dot Stitches designed by Lori Holt for Riley Blake Designs. She has a designer cloth which has all these cute circles about 2 1/2" around. They are the perfect size for the flower centers that become the pincushion on this project.



Cut a circle out or use the flower center template. Turn the edge under 1/8" while sewing a running stitch.



You will need a small piece of batting. Roll the batting and stuff the circle while pulling the stitches together tightly.



This will create a small ball for the flower center.



Cinch stitches in tightly and backstitch across the back a few times. **Do not** cut your thread. You are going to continue sewing.



Each flower has 6 petals. Cut out 36 petals. (The quickest way to do these petals is to layer the fabric and using the petal template cut around the outside edge.) It takes 12 petals per flower. **WRST** sew 2 petals with a scant  $1/8$ " seam around the petal edge. Leave the bottom of the petal open. Turn right side out. Topstitch  $1/8$ " around outside edge. To save time, do this in a chain, sewing one petal after another.



Cut petals apart. Sew 6 petals to the back of the flower center.



Make 3 of these flowers.

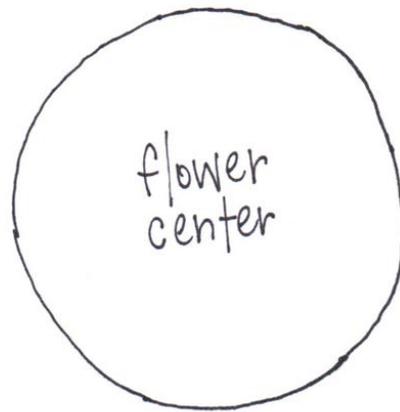
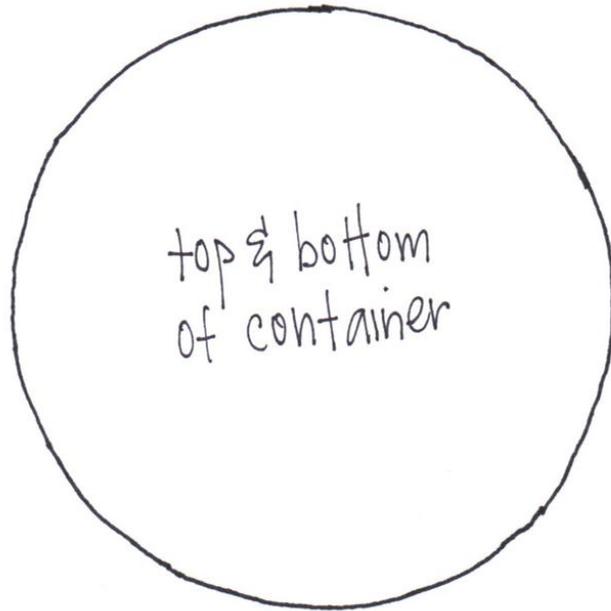


Glue the containers top lid to the top fabric section. Glue the bottom of the container to the bottom fabric section. Glue flowers to the top of the lid, making sure to keep petals lifted and not caught under another flower.



Place some cute pins into the flower centers and fill your container with whatever items you need for traveling.

Enjoy!



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