

How To

Make A Pumpkin Pin Cushion

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Equipment Needed

- * Square of Orange Felt (about the size of a small dinner plate)
- * A Smaller Square of Green Felt
- * Orange Embroidery Floss
- * Green Button
- * Sewing Thread & Needle (Korbond do a pre-threaded kit)
- * Dressmaking Scissors
- * Dressmaking Pins
- * Cotton Wool



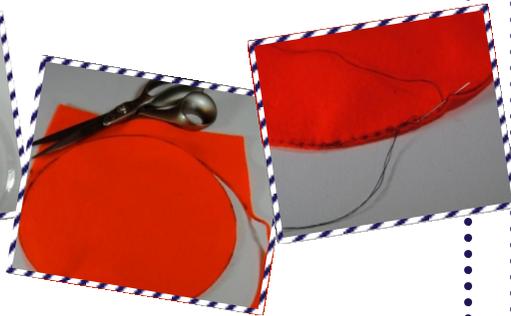
Step One

Draw round the plate onto the orange felt and cut out one orange felt circle.



Step Two

Sew with a running stitch as close to the edge as possible all the way round the felt circle.



Step Three

Pull the thread so the circle begins to gather up, and insert the filling. Pull the circle up tight and tie off the ends. There will probably be a hole where you have gathered. This is the base of the pin cushion.



Step Four

Thread a needle with orange embroidery thread, working from the middle of the base of the pin cushion push the needle up to the centre top and take it down the outside of the cushion shape and pull tightly.



Step Five

Working from the base of the cushion, take the needle up through the centre with the thread over the opposite part of the cushion from where you just worked. Pull tightly and tie off at the centre base of the pin cushion, to create segments.

Step Six

Repeat steps 4 and 5 at right angles to the first bits of segments.



Step Seven

Repeat these steps again. How many times will depend on how many segments you want in the pin cushion.

Step Eight

Draw a small circle onto the orange felt, and cut it out. Sew the small circle onto the bottom centre of the pin-cushion to hide all the ends of the thread and the hole in the centre.

Step Nine

Draw a flower shape onto paper cut this out and pin it onto the green felt.

Step Ten

Cut a flower shape from green felt. Sew the flower shape by its centre to the top of the pin cushion. Sew a green button onto the centre of the flower.

