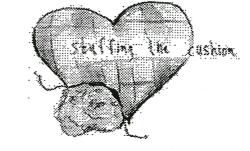
## Crafts and Games-PINCUSHION

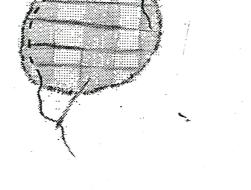
Pioneer girls were taught to sew at an early age. They helped their mothers make clothes, curtains, bags, and quilts for the whole family. You can make yourself a simple pincushion to hold your pins while you practice making neat, tiny stitches!

## You'll need:

- fabric scraps
- **scissors**
- stuffing (cotton balls will work, or you can use dried beans or rice)
- straight pins
- meedle and thread
- buttons, ribbons, or fabric markers
  for decorating your pincushion (optional)
- 1. Print out this page and cut out one of the patterns.
- 2. Place the pattern on your fabric and trace around it. Cut out the shape. Make two shapes this way.
- 3. Place the two fabric pieces together, with the right sides of the fabric facing inside. Pin the pieces together so they don't slip while you're sewing.



- 4. Thread a needle and tie a knot at one end. Stitch around the edge of your pincushion, leaving a small opening. Take out the pins.
- 5. Turn the pincushion inside out. Fill the pincushion with stuffing. You can use a pencil to poke the stuffing into any small spots.
- 6. Fold the rough edges under and pin them together. Stitch the opening closed with neat, small stitches. Remove the pins.
- 7. If you like, you can decorate your pincushion with buttons, ribbons, fabric paint or markers.



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