



Monster Pincushion Pattern

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Materials: Small amount of blue felt; two buttons; 2 1/4" piece of rick rack; stuffing; 2 3/8" circle of something stiff to go in the bottom; matching thread

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Seams are approximately 1/8", and may be left on the outside or turned inside, as you prefer.

You will need a circle of stiff cardboard, or plastic from the straight side of a milk carton, a plastic lid, or metal disc from the end of a can of biscuits. This fits inside the base of your pincushion to keep pins from scratching your work surface.

Cut 2 monster front/back pieces and 1 monster base piece from blue felt. Cut one 2 1/4" piece of rickrack.



Mark fabric at placement dots.



Stitch rickrack on front piece for monster's mouth, taking care to catch the points of the rickrack in the stitching. You may wish to use a seam sealant such as Fray-Check on the ends of the rickrack to prevent fraying.

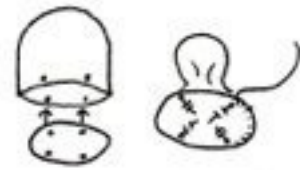


Stitch buttons for eyes just above mouth.

Align monster front and back pieces and pin. If you want your seam to show, place wrong sides together; if you want your seams hidden on the inside, place right sides together. Whipstitch with blue thread, beginning at one bottom corner, continuing over curved top, and ending at the other bottom corner. Fasten off and cut thread.



Matching dots, pin base piece to front/back pieces. Using blue thread, whipstitch ONLY halfway around; do not fasten off or cut thread.



Gently stuff pincushion, being careful not to stretch fabric. Use enough stuffing so that the pincushion is somewhat firm.



Insert metal, cardboard or plastic circle just above monster base piece.



Finish the remainder of the seam. Fasten off and cut thread.



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