

Bottle Cap Pincushion Instructions

What you'll need:

Plastic Bottle Cap (think outside the pop bottle – there are many interesting caps out there)
Marking Pen or Pencil
Fabric scissors
Felt (Craft or Wool)
Thread to Match the Felt
Polyester fiberfill
Embellishment – embroidery floss, pearl cotton, beads, charms, trims of your choice

Getting started

Lay the bottle cap on a small square of felt. Trace the shape, and then cut along the drawn line with sharp scissors.

Cut a felt strip slightly wider than your height of you bottle cap (approx 1/8" additional). The strip should be long enough to wrap around the cap with a slight overlap.

Assembling the Cover

Wrap the strip around the cap and pin to secure. Start at the open side of the bottle cap and slipstitch down the overlap. Add the base piece and slipstitch around. Hint – a dab of glue stick will help hold the felt base in place while you stitch.

Adding the top

Cut a square or rectangle – approximately ½" wider on all sides than bottle cap. Run a basting stitch around the outer edge in an echo pattern of the bottle cap. Pull the thread to gather. Stuff the gathered top with fiberfill. I like to add a lot of stuffing to make the pincushion HARD. Take a couple stitches with the gathering thread to secure the shape of the top and keep things together while adding top to the base. Next, add poly fill to the base. Use a couple pins to keep the poly fill under control while you add the top to the base. Hold the top securely over the base and whip stitch in place.

Embellish

To finish – embellish as desired, using embroidery floss, pearl cotton, trims, beads, charms –etc. Remember this is a pincushion so embellishment on the top should be minimal.

Great web sites and other sources for bottle cap pin cushion inspiration:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/verybigjen/sets/72057594099768007/>

<http://myheart4him.wordpress.com/2008/05/29/bottle-cap-pin-cushion/>

<http://howaboutorange.blogspot.com/2007/06/tiny-pin-cushion-tutorial.html>

<http://www.instructables.com/id/Sew-Useful:-Handy-Dandy-Bottlecap-Pincushion/>

In addition searches on any of the photo web sites (flickr, webshots etc) as well as ETSY and Google will provide a flood of inspiration as well.

Caution – this can be addicting! ☺