



Tomato Pincushion

Cutting for each Pincushion

Make templates: pincushion body, star leaf, bottom circle

From **RED PRINT**:

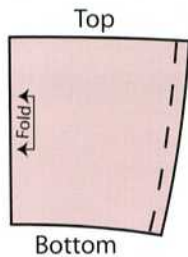
- Cut 1 pincushion body

From **GREEN WOOL**:

- Cut 1 star leaf
- Cut 1 bottom circle

Assembly

Step 1 With right sides together, fold the pincushion body in half crosswise. Stitch the sides together with a 1/4-inch seam allowance. Backstitch at the top and bottom edges. Turn right side out.



Step 2 At the bottom edge (narrower opening), turn under 1/8-inch to the inside. Using a double strand of matching regular thread, run a gathering stitch (1/4-inch long & 1/4-inch apart) along this bottom edge. Pull the threads tightly to gather the fabric (like making a yo-yo) and tie the ends securely.

Step 3 At the top edge (wider opening), turn under 1/8-inch to the inside. Repeat gathering stitches at the top edge. Do not gather this thread but keep the needle and thread attached for Step 4. Stuff the pincushion firmly with fiberfill.

small size: 2-1/4-inches

large size: 3-inches

Fabrics and Supplies for One Small and One Large Pincushion

1/8 yard **RED PRINT** for small pincushion

1/4 yard **RED PRINT** for large pincushion

4-inch square **GREEN WOOL** for small size star leaf, bottom circle

5-inch square **GREEN WOOL** for large size star leaf, bottom circle

matching regular sewing thread

No. 8 pearl cotton: black

long darning needle

fiberfill for stuffing

template material



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Step 4 Pull the top edge threads tightly to gather the fabric; tie ends securely. Make several small stitches, again pulling the opening together as tightly as possible. Knot several times.

Step 5 Using a 60-inch length of pearl cotton, thread the darning needle, fold the thread in half, and knot the ends together. You will be sewing with a double thread at this time. Take a small stitch at the pincushion top center. Wrap the pearl cotton from top to bottom to top again pulling the double thread tightly. Take another small stitch at the top.

Step 6 Wrap the pearl cotton around the pincushion again from top to bottom to top again; take a small stitch. Repeat this step a third time. Adjust the the pearl cotton as needed to make 6 equal segments. Knot several times to secure the thread.

Step 7 Secure the **GREEN** wool bottom circle with an X using 2 strands of pearl cotton.

Step 8 Secure the **GREEN WOOL** star leaf to the pincushion by stitching 3 or 4 French knots in the center of the star leaf with 2 strands of pearl cotton and darning needle. Secure with a knot under the star leaf.

