



## Layer Cake Pin Cushion Project by: Samantha Walker

### Equipment:

Janome Artistic Edge Cutting Machine.  
Janome MC 15000 use Janome Hoop SQ14

### Software:

Artistic Creative DRAWings

### Embroidery Design Provided:

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### Supplies:

4x26 inch strip of pink fabric  
14x16 inch rectangle dark pink knit fabric (flower will be applied to this piece.)  
6x6 square pink fabric (inner flower piece)  
6x6 square green fabric (outer flower piece)  
Two 10.5 inch (approx) diameter circles in green fabric (cut from dinner plate template)  
Two 8 inch (approx) diameter circles in pink fabric (cut from dessert plate template)  
26 inches floral trim or ribbon and 26 inches fuchsia pom pom trim  
2 inch crocheted flower green and 2.5 inch crocheted flower fuchsia  
1 flower button dark pink  
Pellon Peltex 72F Double-Sided Fusible Ultra Firm stabilizer  
pink, green, and cream embroidery thread  
quilt basting spray or fabric glue (optional)  
Rice and Poly Fill





1. Follow embroidery instructions from the applique T-shirt project, and applique flower onto the 14x16 inch rectangle of dark pink knit fabric. (use hoop SQ14.).
2. Trim away excess dark pink fabric leaving a 1/8-1/4 inch raw edge, set aside.
3. Trace dessert plate on pink fabric, then cut 2. (for top and bottom of layer cake)



4. Cut 4X26 inch strip of pink fabric.
5. Pin flower trim to strip of pink fabric.
6. Sew on with clear thread.



7. Trace dinner plate on green fabric, then cut 2. (for cake plate) Also trace plate onto Peltex, then cut, then carefully cut about 1/4 inch off the edge all the way around so it is smaller than the green circles of fabric. Set this aside until step 25.
8. Center embroidered flower on circle of pink fabric, then sew around the edge to attach.
9. Pin 4x26 inch strip of pink fabric to the circle as shown. (photos 9 & 10)





10.

10. Finish pinning all the way around the circle.



11.

11. Starting about 1/4 to 1/2 from the end of the rectangle, sew around the circle until you come to the starting point then stop. (We will be leaving the ends of the 4x26 inch strip open.)



12.

12. Your circle and strip should look like this when sewn.



13.

13. Sew on the crocheted flowers and button at this point, and use the button stitch.



14.

14. Now pin the second circle onto the other side of the 4x26 inch strip, making sure it lines up.



15.

15. Start sewing about 1/4 to 1/2 from the end of the rectangle, until you come around the circle and meet with the starting point.



16.

16. Notice how the ends of the strip are left open here, but the circle is stitched all around.



17.

17. Now turn the cake right side out.



18.

18. This is when I realized, I should have already sewn my crocheted flowers on a few steps back so I could utilize the sewing machine instead of stitching by hand.





19.

19. If you missed sewing on the crocheted flowers and buttons in step 13., here's your second chance...but you'll have to do it by hand now.



20.

20. Now move to the kitchen and find some rice--basmati is nice, because it has a nice aroma.



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21. Fill your pin cushion with a few cups of rice, to give it a nice solid base. You can also add a vanilla bean to make your pin-cushion even more aromatic.



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22. Fluff your stuffing.



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23. Now stuff it through the side of the cake.



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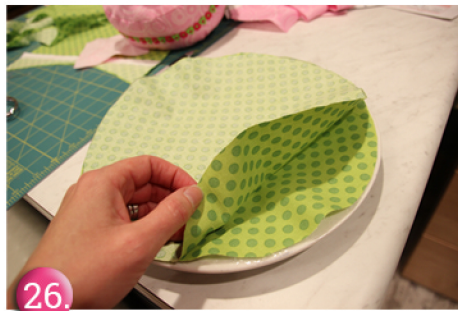
24. Fill as much as you would like, but remember it will compress over time, so stuff it well.

24a. Now hand stitch the opening closed. Be careful to line it up the sides first, folding the raw edges into the cake.



25.

25. Get your green circles and Peltex you cut earlier. Make sure that the Peltex is smaller than the green circles so it will fit inside after the green circles are sewn together.



26.

26. Turn your green circles so that the right side of the fabric is facing each other.



27.

27. Sew around edge with a 1/4 seam allowance.





28.

28. Once the circles are sewn together, cut a 4-5 inch slit in the center of one of the circles.



29.

29. Turn your green circles right side out, then roll or fold your Peltex so that you can fit it through the slit.



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30. Smooth out your Peltex until it is flat and fits between the circle layers perfectly.



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31. Continue smoothing making sure that the peltex meets the edge of the circle all around.



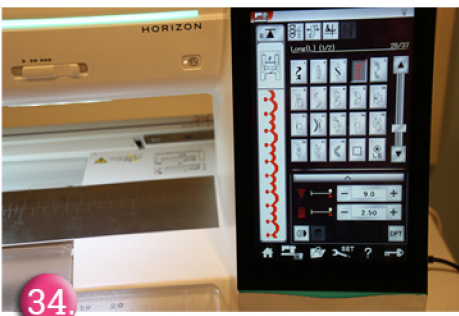
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32. It should look like this now.



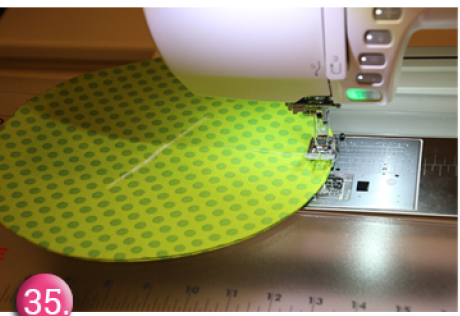
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33. Iron the Peltex between the green circles. Remember to use a press cloth...I forgot. So I will have a bit of a mess to clean off my iron. Do as I say...not as I do.



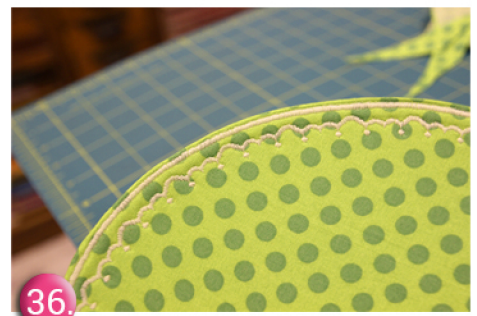
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34. Choose a fun satin stitch to border your plate. Get creative here...this is the one I chose.



35.

35. Carefully sew around the circle in a thread that will compliment your fabric.



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36. I also added a second stitch, just a simple straight satin stitch all the way around... see how cute?



37. Sew your pink pom pom trim (by hand) to the top edge of cake.

38. Now join your cake to the green "plate." I sprayed my cake with quilt basting spray to stick it to the plate and hold it in place, then I hand stitched it to the plate.

39. Now you are finished. It's a rather large pin cushion, so it can also be a centerpiece for a birthday...or you could do a smaller version by using smaller circles as templates.

