

I <3 You, A Gifty Pincushion

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Valentine's Day is not just for your sweetie, it is also for your bestie too and what a better gift to make and give your sewing best friend (who probably already has it all) than a handmade, larger than life, pincushion!

This project is beginner friendly and perfect for stash busting! Break out your favorite prints and solids to create the perfect happy hearts day gift!

Materials Needed:

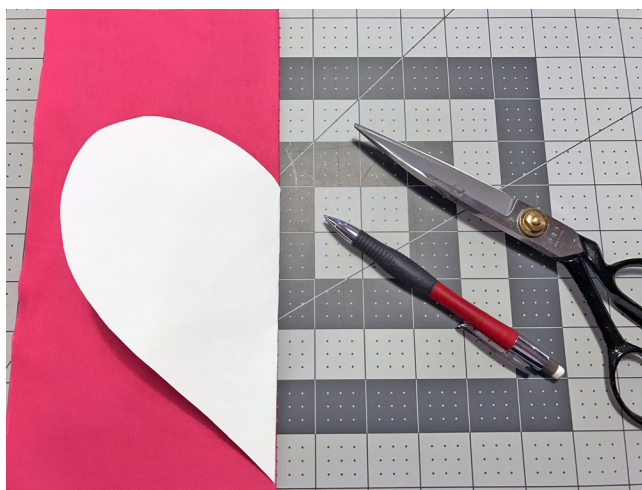
- Front: (1) Fat quarter of pink
- Back: (2) Fat quarter of burgundy
- Pocket: (1) Fat quarter of white solid or print
- (1) Small piece of elastic, 2 1/2" or longer
- Fiberfill
- Matching thread
- Heart and kitty kat templates
- General sewing notions



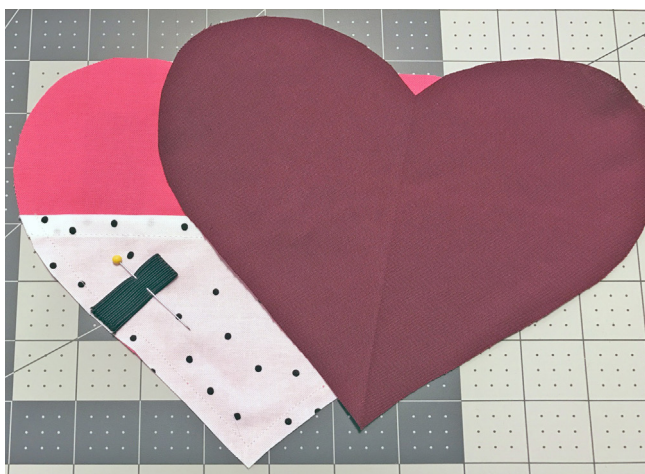
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Template Instructions:

1. Fold the front fabric, back fabric and template in half.



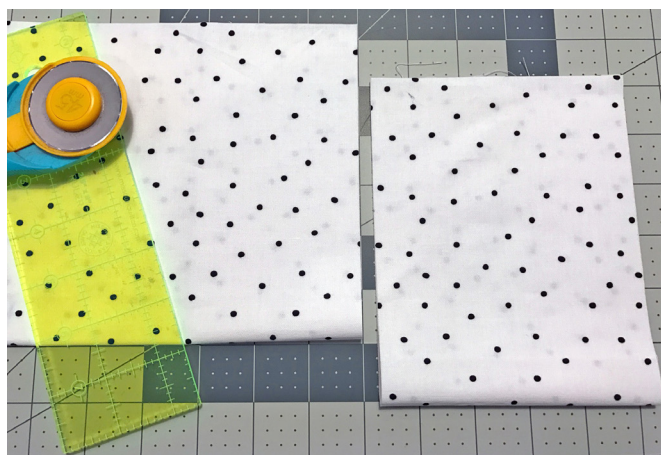
2. Aligning the folded edge of the template with the folded edge of the fabric, trace the template on both the front fabric and back fabric.
3. Cut out the front and back shapes.



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Sewing Instructions:

1. Cut a (1) 5" x 9 1/2" rectangle from the pocket fabric.

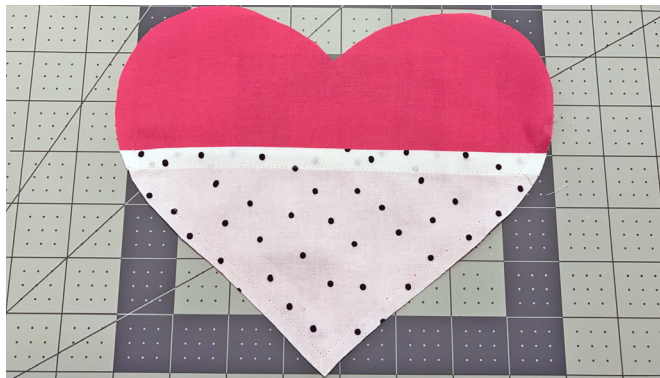


2. Fold over the top edge of the pocket fabric twice and press. Then sew in place.

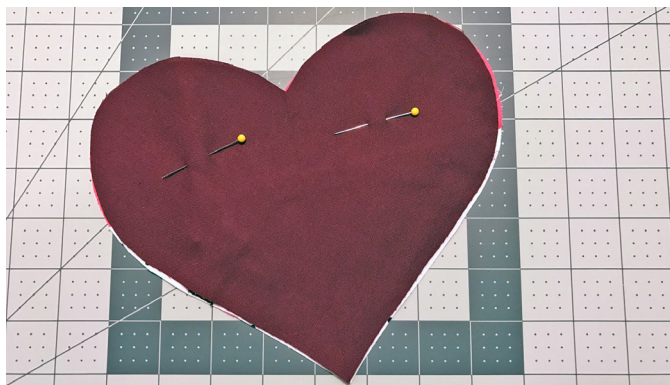


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3. With the front fabric facing up, place the pocket in the middle of the front fabric.



4. Sew the pocket to the front with a 1/4" seam allowance. Trim the excess as needed.
5. Fold the elastic strip in half, making sure it holds a small spool of thread.
6. Pin the elastic strip to one edge of the shape with the loop facing in.
7. With the right sides together, sew the back fabric to the front fabric/pocket with a 1/4" seam allowance. Leave 2" open on one side and then backstitch over where each side of the pocket and elastic strip meet. Trim the excess as needed.



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- Using scissors, clip close (but not too close) to the seam line around each curve.
- Flip the right side out, using a chopstick to nudge out each curve or corner.
- Use fiberfill to fill each pincushion and sew the opening closed by hand.

