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## Pincushion Thread Catcher

### Material

- + 1/2 yard outside fabric (Susan's is red, white and black flowers)
- + 1/2 yard lining fabric (Susan's is black)
- + Pillow stuffing (walnut shavings from bird pet store)
- + Plastic clothes line to use as boning (optional)

### Instructions:

**NOTE: All seams are 1/2".**

- + Cut the pieces:
  - Outside fabric (the red flowers)
    - Pincushion: Cut one 9" x 10" rectangles
    - Straps: Cut two 4" x 3 1/2" rectangles
    - Bag: Cut one 17 1/2" x 11" rectangle
  - Lining (black)
    - Bag: Cut one 17 1/2" x 11" rectangle

Make the pincushion:

- Fold the straps in half and sew a 1/2" seam.



- Maneuver the seam to the center and press the seam open. Turn right side out and ensure the seam is on the back of the strap (rather than on one of the sides or the front).



- Put the pincushion piece face up on your table. Place the straps 1.5" from each side of the pincushion piece on one of the 9" long sides.



- Fold right sides together, sandwiching the two straps inside.



- Sew the pincushion shut, leaving about 3" open on one of the short sides so that you can turn it right side out. Trim the corners a bit but not too close.



- Turn the bag right side out through the opening. Press your fingers into the corner.
- Press flat and set aside.



### **Make the bag:**

- Fold the bag in half right sides together. Sew the side seam.
- Press the seam open and move it to the center like you did above for the straps. Sew the bottom seam.
- Make your thread catcher basket bottom by creating a triangle where the side seam meets the bottom. Your triangle should be 1 1/2" wide with the seam flattened open. Mark with a pencil and sew across the bottom of the triangle.



- Turn the bag right side out to see how it creates a soft bottom.

### **Make the bag lining:**

- Basically you do the same thing here as the bag outside with one important difference: You leave a hole in the side seam so that you can turn all of this stuff right side out.
- Like the bag outside fold right sides together. But instead of sewing the entire seam, starting from the top, sew 4" of the side seam. Backstitch.
- Then go to the bottom and sew 2" of the sides seam.
- See the hole? This is important later.

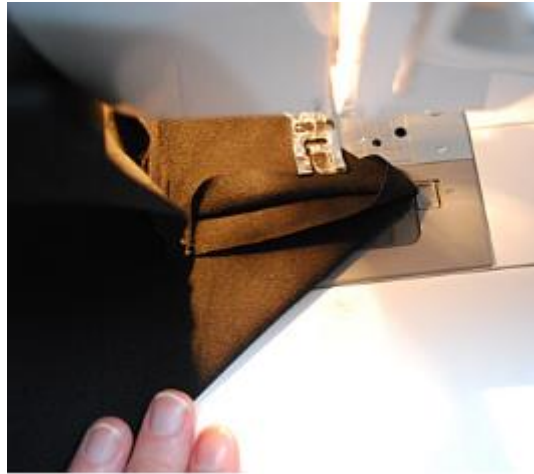


- Now just repeat what you did for the bag outside to finish off this lining. Sew the bottom seam.





- Sew 1-1/2" triangles on the bottom to create a soft bottom.



- Stop here though ...leave the lining with the right side in, wrong side out.

#### **Attach the pincushion to the bag:**

- Line up the pincushion straps on the back of the bag. The back of the bag should be facing (touching) the back of the straps (so in other words, the seam-side of the bag and the seam-side of the straps should be touching each other).



- Sew the straps to the bag.

### Attach the bag outside / pincushion straps to the bag lining

- So your bag is right side out and your lining is right side in. This is going to sound weird, but put your bag inside your lining matching up the back seams, and pin. See how the right sides are together? Eventually you're going to pull this through the lining hole that you made.



- Make sure your straps are tucked between the lining outside and lining inside. Sew all the way around to attach the bag outside to its lining.
- Pay no attention to my messy sewing table :) Turn the pincushion right side out through the lining hole.
- Add in the clothesline boning (optional)
- So while this step is optional it helps your thread catcher bag stay open and generally makes the whole thing look nicer.
- Cut a 17" piece of plastic clothes line using wire cutters.
- Make a circle with the clothes line and secure raw edges with a piece of tape.
- Slip the circle inside the lining hole and work it up to the top of the bag. Secure with pins.
- Sew around the bag close to the "boning."



- Stuff and weight the pincushion

Courtesy: <http://www.merrimentdesign.com/pincushion-thread-catcher.php>