

Flower Pincushion Bracelet

Freecycle your plastic bottle tops and fabric scraps into cute and handy (and quick) pincushions. This project can be entirely hand-sewn, though the basic piecing may be done on a machine if you'd like. A dab of hot melt glue helps secure the elastic, felt and pincushion to the bottle cap.

Project Specs

Fabric:

- Fabric scraps for the body, wings, and leaf
- Felt scraps to cover the bottle cap

Thread:

- Hand quilting thread
- Embroidery thread to match the felt

Etcetera:

- Plastic bottle cap
- Elastic hair band
- Tuft of fiberfill to fill pincushion
- Drill or awl to puncture plastic cap
- Hot melt glue gun and glue (optional)

Constructing the Base

Drill two holes in the top of a plastic bottle cap.

Cut a felt circle slightly larger than the diameter of your bottle cap and a strip of felt the height of your cap and long enough to wrap around the sides of it.

Sew the strip to the edge of the circle and seam it to form a cover for the cap.

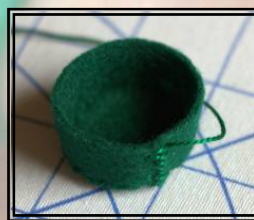
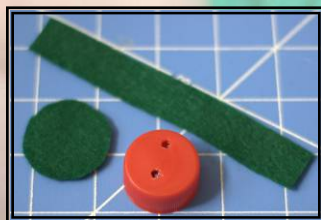
Add a dab of hot glue to affix the felt to the cap and poke holes in the felt to match those in the cap.

Cut desired length of elastic hair band and thread through holes.

Knot both ends and add a dab of glue to secure.

Starting the pincushion

Cut out your fabric following the pattern on page 3.



Making the Bug



First, sew your wings by folding each semi-circle in half right side in and sewing around the curve. Leave the flat side open. Turn right side out and press. Lay your wings on the right side of the body with folds meeting in the center and the open flat edge aligned with the flat edge of the body. Next, lay your head right side down on top of the wings and body aligning the flat edges. Now sew your ladybug body, head and wings together either by hand or machine.



Using your hand quilting thread, sew a wide running stitch around the perimeter of the circle formed by the head and body, approximately 1/4-inch from the edge. Pull the thread to begin gathering the circle and add your stuffing, making a firm sphere. Continue pulling the thread to gather completely. Knot the thread securely and trim end.



Making the Leaf

Place your two leaves right sides together and sew around the perimeter. Turn right side out through the center hole. If you want, add some running stitches along the centerline of the leaf.

Add some hot melt glue to the inside of your cap and push the completed bug in. Make sure all fabric edges are inside the cap.

Whipstitch the leaf to the top of the felt and you are done.



