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# Deluxe Pincushion

5½" × 6½" with 4½" pocket

*Make your pincushion work overtime by adding a pocket for embroidery scissors and sewing clips. A miniature Nine-Patch block is a great way to show off your favorite tiny prints.*

## FABRIC REQUIREMENTS AND CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

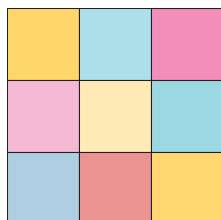
	FABRIC:	FOR:	CUTTING:
<input type="checkbox"/>	9 scraps at least 1½" square	Nine-Patch block	From each of 9 prints, cut 1 square 1½" × 1½".
<input type="checkbox"/>	¼ yard white polka-dot print	Nine-Patch border	Cut 2 rectangles 1¾" × 3½". Cut 2 rectangles 1¼" × 6".
		Pocket lining	Cut 1 rectangle 5" × 6".
<input type="checkbox"/>	¼ yard floral print	Pincushion body	Cut 2 rectangles 6" × 7".
<input type="checkbox"/>	⅛ yard batting	Pocket	Cut 1 rectangle 4½" × 6".
<input type="checkbox"/>	Twill tape or ribbon	Side loop	Cut 1 piece 3" long.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Polyester stuffing		

# Making the Pincushion

Seam allowances are  $\frac{1}{4}$ " unless otherwise noted.

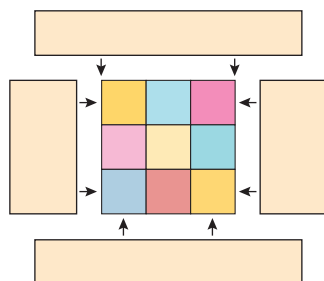
## NINE-PATCH POCKET

- 1 Arrange the  $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares into a  $3 \times 3$  grid. Sew together to make a Nine-Patch block.



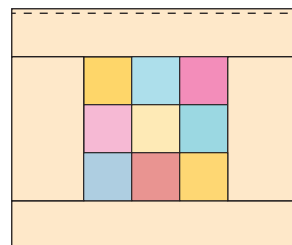
Sew squares together in a  $3 \times 3$  grid.

- 2 Sew the  $1\frac{3}{4}$ "  $\times$   $3\frac{1}{2}$ " borders to opposite sides of the Nine-Patch block. Sew the  $1\frac{1}{4}$ "  $\times$   $6\frac{1}{2}$ " borders to the top and bottom.



Add borders to the sides first and then to the top and bottom.

- 3 Right sides together, pair the Nine-Patch unit and the pocket lining rectangle. Sew together along the top edge.



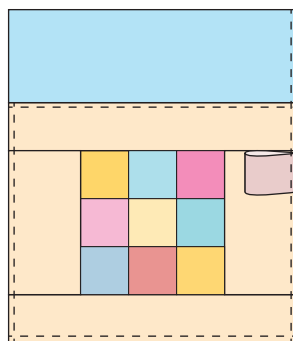
Topstitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the pocket's upper edge.

Fold the unit so the wrong sides are together and slip the batting inside. Press. Topstitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the seamed edge. Quilt the patchwork as desired.

- 4 Right sides up, place the pocket at the bottom edge of a pincushion body rectangle, aligning the raw edges. Baste in place.

## SIDE LOOP

Fold the twill tape in half, wrong sides together and matching short ends. Stitch together  $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the raw edges. Align the raw edges of the tape with the right side of the pocket just below the topstitching. Baste in place.



Baste the pocket and loop to the pincushion top.

## PINCUSHION ASSEMBLY

- 1 Right sides together, pair the pincushion body pieces. Sew around the perimeter, leaving a 4"-5" gap at the top. Trim the corners at an angle. Turn right side out, pushing out the corners with a turning tool. Press.
- 2 Stuff the pincushion. Tuck the open edges into the gap at the top. Topstitch  $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the edge all around the pincushion.