

Happy Flower Pincushion Pattern





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If you need a smile while you're sewing, this friendly little pincushion would be more than happy to keep you company. I hope you'll enjoy making it, and if you're interested in seeing more, please come visit me at www.squirrelmomma.etsy.com (my online store) and www.squirrelmomma.typepad.com (my blog).

Supplies:

Piece A (Face): 11 cm x 11 cm (4.25 inch x 4.25 inch) square of wool felt

Piece B or D (Small Petals): 8 cm x 8 cm (3 inch x 3 inch) square of wool felt

Piece C or E (Large Petals): 2 - 12 cm x 12 cm (4.5 inch x 4.5 inch) squares of quilter's cotton

Piece C or E (Large Petals): 11 cm x 11 cm (4.25 inch x 4.25 inch) square of wool felt

Thread for machine stitching the large cotton petals together, and a small amount for finishing off the pincushion

Embroidery Floss

Fiberfill

Tools:

Sharp scissors for detail cutting

Washable fabric marker, chalk, or other fabric marking tool

Embroidery needle

Pins

Sewing machine (or the cotton petals can be hand sewn if you don't have a machine)

PLEASE READ THROUGH ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE BEGINNING!

NOTE: All embroidery is done with three strands of floss. For close up views please see the cover (first) page.

1. Choose which petal shapes you'd like to use. For the pincushions pictured on the cover, I used all rounded petals on one pincushion, and all pointy petals on the other, but the pattern will work with any combination.

2. Cut out the appropriate paper pattern pieces, and trace onto the your fabric. **IMPORTANT:** The pattern pieces show the **cutting** line for felt pieces, and the **sewing** line for cotton pieces. Remember to leave yourself plenty of seam allowance when you cut your cotton fabric (you'll trim it more precisely once it's sewn).

Before you cut make sure you have traced out:

Face

1 large felt circle

Small Petals

1 from felt

Large Petals

1 from felt

2 layers from cotton fabric *with seam allowance*

3. Using a water soluble fabric marker, draw a face design onto the large felt circle. Embroider it on using backstitch and French knots.

4. Using a strong quilting thread (it doesn't matter if it matches, as it won't show when you're finished) sew a running stitch close to the outside edge of the circle. Pull the thread tight enough to leave only a small opening and knot the ends together, leaving a long tail of thread. Firmly stuff the face and use the long tail of thread to sew the opening completely closed, then knot off.

5. Pin the small petals--either pattern piece B or D--to the face "ball" you have just created, curving the petals up around the sides. With embroidery floss backstitch the petals in place (as shown on the pattern piece), keeping all knots on the bottom where they will be covered up once your pincushion is done.

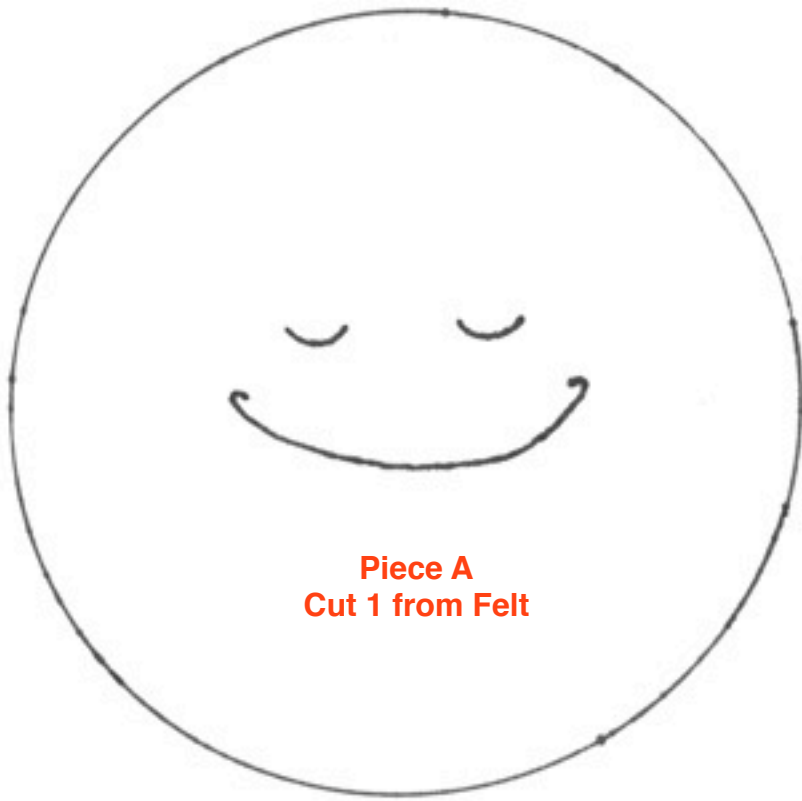
6. With wrong sides together, sew the print cotton pieces of pattern piece C or E together, leaving a 2.5 centimeter (1 inch) opening to allow for turning. Trim close to the seam, clipping curves and points. Turn right side out and slip stitch the opening closed.

7. Layer the pieces as follows: first put down the large felt petal (piece C or E), the print cotton petals, and then the face "ball" on top. Pin the layers in place; I find it

works best to grasp the whole stack, flip it over, and put 6 evenly spaced pins in the spots marked by “x’s” on the petal pattern piece.

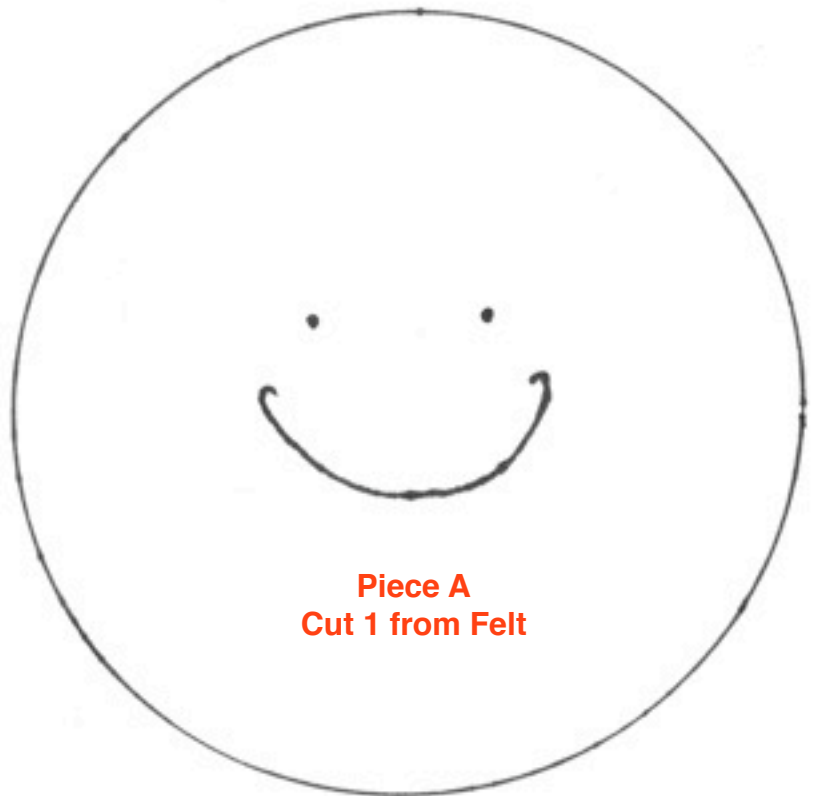
8. Hiding the knot between the layers, sew around the bottom of the pincushion, taking one stitch at each “x” and going through all the layers of fabric to the next stitch. Stitch through all the “x’s” twice, and knot off.

Congratulations! You’re done!

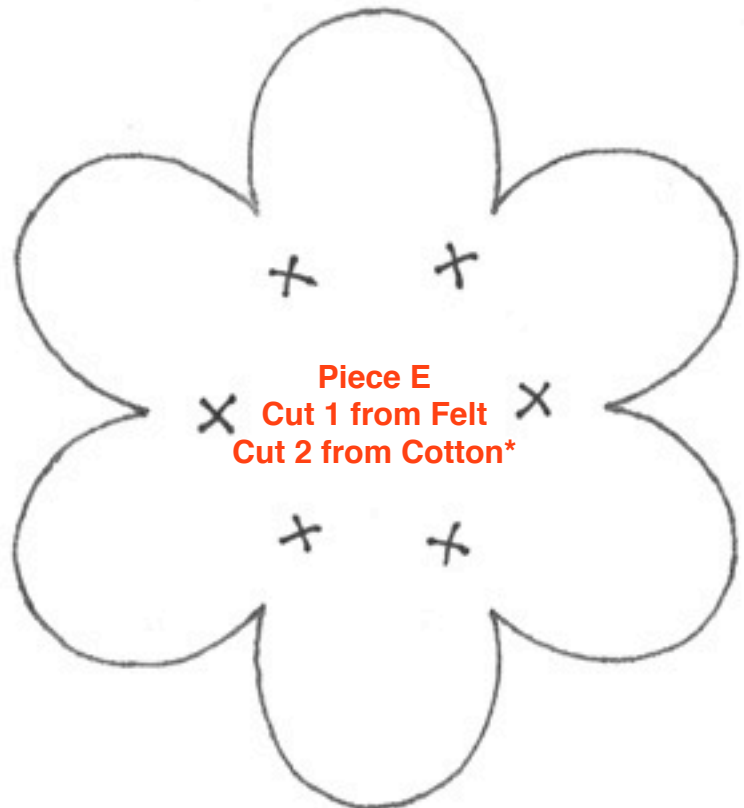
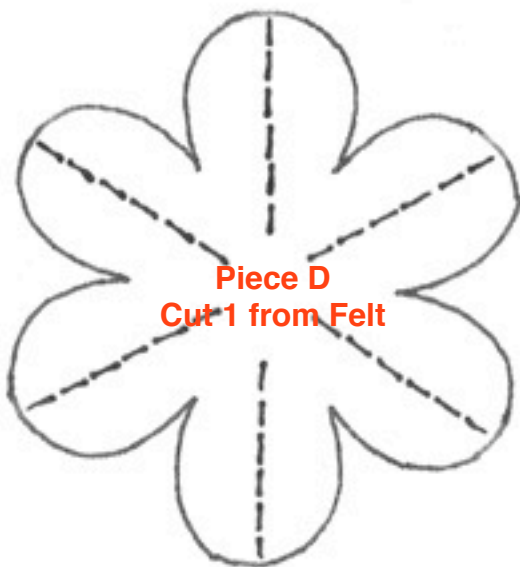
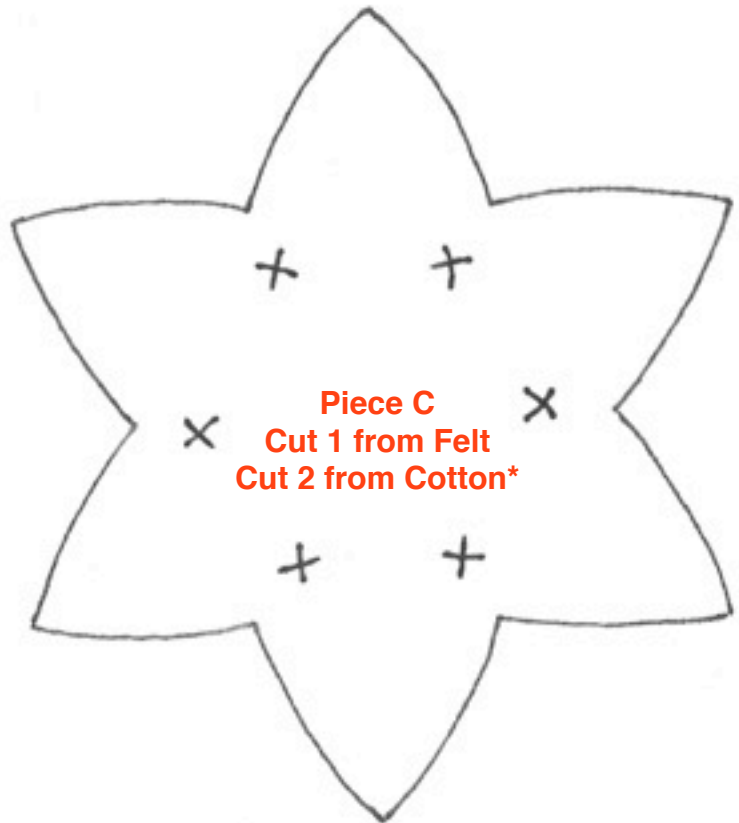
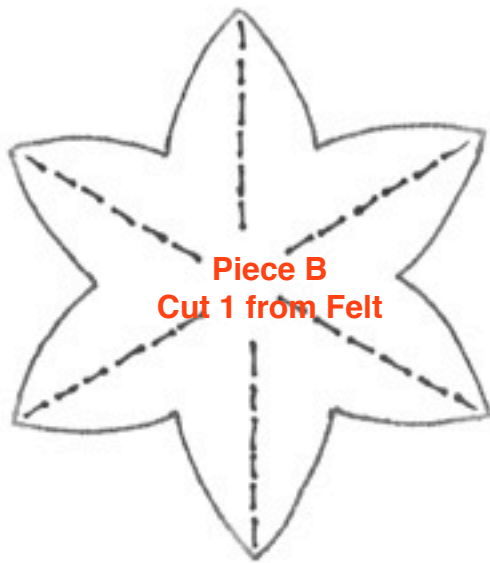


Piece A
Cut 1 from Felt

**You just need 1 of these faces, but I
gave you 2 expressions to choose from!**



Piece A
Cut 1 from Felt



***IMPORTANT! For pieces C and E the pattern pieces show the CUTTING line for felt and the SEWING line for cotton--be sure and leave seam allowances for your cotton pieces!**