

Sewing Circle Pillow, Apron, & Needle Case

“Sewing Circle” pin cushion patterned in the Winter 2008 issue of Quick Quilts

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from the Serendipity Sunflower collection by Debbie Beaves for RJR Fabrics; www.rjrfabrics.com)



Crafting Apron (Apron Size: 10" x 25" - ties adjust to fit most sizes)

Materials You Will Need:

- 1/2 yard of cream denim or twill fabric
- 7-1/2" squares (or Fat Eighths: 9" x 22") of 4 different black and white prints
- 1/4 yard of muslin
- 2 yards of 1/2" twill tape

Cutting Directions:

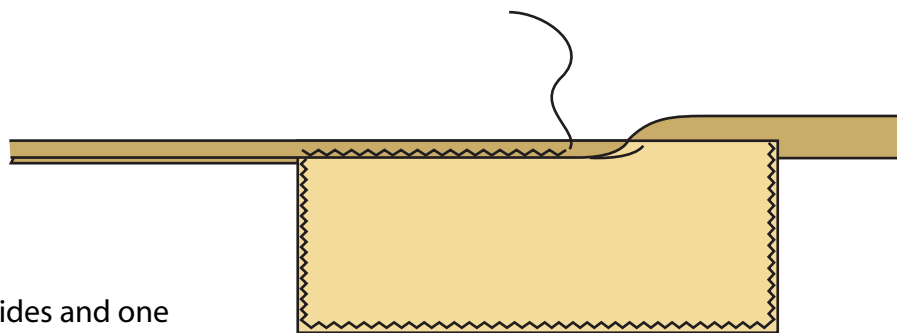
- From the cream denim, cut:
 - (1) 11" x 27" rectangle
- From the black and white prints, cut:
 - (2) 7-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangles
 - (1) 7-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangle
 - (1) 7-1/2" x 5-1/4" rectangle
- From the muslin, cut:
 - (1) 7-1/2" x 20-1/2" rectangle

Sewing Directions:

(Seam allowance is 1/4" unless stated otherwise)

1. MAKING THE APRON

Turn under 1/2", then 1/2" again, on short sides and one long side of denim, folding in fullness at corners; press. Pin and zigzag close to pressed edges to hem apron. Fold apron and twill tape in half crosswise; pin-mark centers. Matching pin marks, fold tape over long raw edge of apron; pin and zigzag close to edge to make tie. Trim tie ends to desired length; turn under 1/2" on each end and zigzag to finish.



Attaching the ties

2. MAKING THE POCKET

Using 1/4" seams, sew the black and white rectangles together along their 7-1/2" sides to make a 20-1/2" long rectangle for the pocket. With right sides facing, pin and sew the muslin to the pocket, leaving a 4" opening along one edge. Turn right side out; slipstitch opening closed. Press. Center pocket on apron, about 3/4" above lower edge. Zigzag around sides and lower edge of pocket.

3. FINISHING

Sew through all layers along the seams of the pocket to divide it into sections.

Wee Needle Book

 (Book Size: 3-3/4" x 6" open)

Materials You Will Need:

3-3/4" x 6" piece of felt
5-1/4" x 6" piece of white flannel
7" of 3/8" wide ribbon
Green pearle cotton
Embroidery needle

Sewing Directions:

1. MAKING THE RIBBON ROSE

Using hand-sewing needle and matching thread, sew close to one long edge of ribbon. Pull up thread to gather ribbon into flower. Turn under raw edges and slipstitch, making several stitches at back of flower to secure.

2. MAKING THE BOOK COVER

Fold felt in half crosswise to mark center. Sew the flower to the front of the cover. Using pearle cotton and embroidery needle, sew stem stitches to make flower stem and lazy daisy stitches to make 2 leaves.

3. MAKING THE PAGES

Cut flannel in half crosswise to make (2) 3" x 5-1/4" pages. Layer and center the pages on the wrong side of the cover. Machine stitch along the center through all layers to secure.

Trellis Pillow

 (Pillow Size: 12" square)

Fabric Facts: Aspen collection by Marianne Elizabeth for Benartex; www.benartex.com

Materials You Will Need:

1/2 yard of cream denim or twill fabric
1/8 yard each of several gold, pink and wine prints (or use charm squares)
1-3/4 yards each of (2) 3/8" wide chenille ribbons
Clover yoyo maker (small: finished yoyo is about 1" across)
Fiberfill stuffing

Cutting Directions:

From the cream denim, cut:

(2) 13" squares

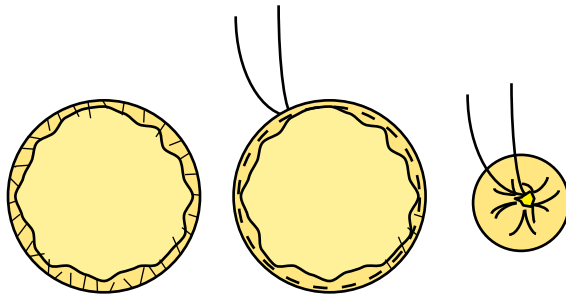
From the gold, pink and wine prints, cut:

(13) 3" circles

Sewing Directions:

1. MAKING THE YOYOS

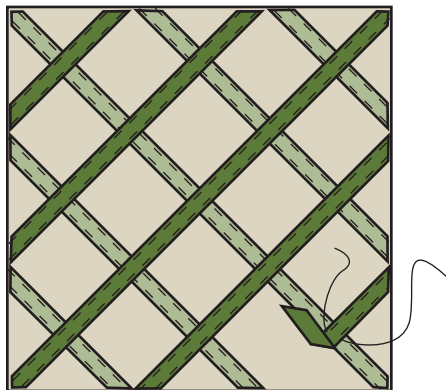
Place a fabric circle in the optional yoyo maker and follow manufacturer's directions, or turn under 1/4" around the edge of each 3" circle. Using a hand needle and thread, run a basting stitch along the edge of each circle and do not cut thread. Pull to gather tightly (being sure the right side of the fabric is facing out) and then secure gathers with a few stitches.



Making the yoyos

2. MAKING THE PILLOW FRONT

Mark diagonal lines across center of one denim square. Mark 2 more lines on each side of these center lines, spacing lines about 3" apart (total of 10 lines marked). Cut one ribbon into strips 1" longer than each line. Pin and sew ribbons over lines in one direction. Cut and sew other ribbon across other set of lines.



Attaching the ribbon

3. FINISHING

Sew a yoyo to each ribbon intersection. Sew the pillow front to the pillow back using a 1/2" seam, leaving a 4" opening along one side for turning. Turn right side out; use press cloth to press edges. Do not press yoyos. Stuff firmly, slipstitch opening closed.