

HEXAGON PINCUSHION CADDY



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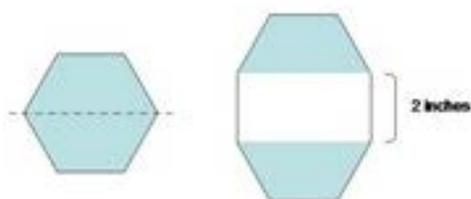
This pincushion is quite easy to make but a word of warning - it's stitched by hand. A great project to stitch in front of the television.

- Cut 6 rectangles (2in x 4in) from a cereal box.
- Cut 6 rectangles (3in x 5in) from fabric.
- Fold in the seams and glue the fabric in place using glue stick.



- Cut 3 cardboard (cereal box) hexagons with 2 inch sides. Non-quilters who don't have templates can find instructions for drawing the hexagon on the last page.
- Baste one hexagon to the fabric with a running stitch. This will be the base.
- Mount another hexagon on cardboard, trim and glue the fabric in place using glue stick.

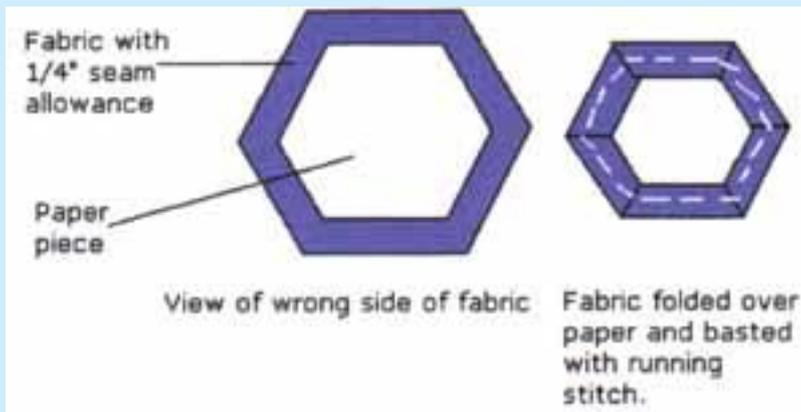
- Cut the third hexagon and 'elongate' it 2 inches as in the diagram below.
- Prepare 6 elongated hexagons using the English Paper Piecing method (EPP) - see explanation on next page.



Elongating the hexagon



ENGLISH PAPER PIECING



English paper piecing is often used in the making of hexagon, diamond, baby-block, and star patterns. Each piece in the quilt is pinned to its own paper pattern piece. The paper serves as a guide for sewing and a support for the pieces.

To paper piece a hexagon pattern, a paper hexagon is placed on the wrong side of a fabric hexagon and held with a pin. The fabric has been cut 1/4 inch

larger than the paper hexagon all the way around. The extra fabric is for a seam allowance, which is turned down over the edge of the paper to the wrong side and basted in place. This process is repeated for every piece that will be in the quilt.

The next step is to sew the pieces together. The edges of two pieces are lined up with their front sides together and whipstitched (both edges caught alternately with the needle).



- Using whip stitch, join the elongated hexagon pieces. This is the pincushion.
- If you don't like hand sewing, you can machine stitch the pieces together.
- Leave an opening in the middle of two seams (opposite seams) . This will make stuffing easier.



- Whip stitch to join the rectangles. Now you see the hexagon caddy.



- Remove the paper from the elongated hexagons and turn out.
- Now you are ready to join the two pieces together.



- Align the sides as in the picture on the left. Using slip stitch, join the caddy to the pincushion. This is the top of the caddy.



- Using slip stitch again, join the paper basted hexagon to the bottom of the caddy.

- Next, slip stitch the pincushion to the bottom.





- Remove the paper hexagon from the base. Place the fabric covered cardboard hexagon into the bottom of the caddy. The cardboard should keep the hexagon caddy in shape!
- Next , fill it up! Remember, fill it just enough or it will go out of shape and the caddy wall will start to collapse!
- Slip stitch the openings when done stuffing.



The following instructions explain how to draw a hexagon with 2 inch sides:

- Draw a horizontal line 2 inches x 1.732 (just under 3.5 inches) and mark the mid point
- Draw a vertical line 2 inches x 2 (4 inches) intersecting the horizontal line at the mid point
- Draw a 2 inch line, as illustrated, at each 'end', exactly perpendicular to the horizontal line
- Join up the remaining lines to create the hexagon.

