

Project: Scrappy Pincushion

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Bright fabric scraps make up a merry Log Cabin pincushion.

Materials

- Scraps of light and medium prints (block, backing)
- Polyester fiberfill
- 2—1"-diameter buttons

Finished pincushion: 4" square

Measurements include $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Cut Fabrics

Cut pieces in the following order.

From assorted medium prints, cut:

- 1— $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square
- 1— $1 \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle for position 12
- 1— 1×4 " rectangle for position 11
- 1— $1 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle for position 8
- 1— 1×3 " rectangle for position 7
- 1— $1 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle for position 4
- 1— 1×2 " rectangle for position 3
- 1— $1\frac{1}{2}$ " square

From assorted light prints, cut:

- 1— 1×4 " rectangle for position 10
- 1— $1 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle for position 9
- 1— 1×3 " rectangle for position 6
- 1— $1 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle for position 5
- 1— 1×2 " rectangle for position 2
- 1— $1 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle for position 1

Assemble Pincushion

1. Sew together a position 1 rectangle and medium print $1\frac{1}{2}$ " square to make block center (Diagram 1). Press seam allowance toward rectangle.

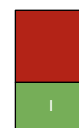


DIAGRAM 1

2. Add a position 2 rectangle to left-hand edge of block center (Diagram 2). Press seam allowance away from block center.

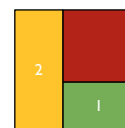


DIAGRAM 2

3. Add a position 3 rectangle to top edge of block center; press as before (Diagram 3).

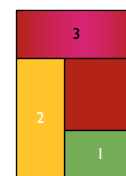


DIAGRAM 3

4. Referring to Diagram 4, continue sewing rectangles to block center in a clockwise direction to make Log Cabin block. Press all seams away from block center. The block should be $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square including seam allowances.

5. Layer Log Cabin block and a $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square right sides together; stitch around all edges, leaving a 2" opening along one edge for turning. Turn pincushion to right side. Stuff with fiberfill. Slip-stitch opening closed.

6. Center one button on pincushion top and a second one on the bottom. Taking long stitches through the center of pincushion, sew buttons firmly in place.

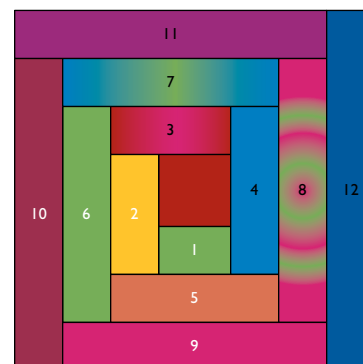


DIAGRAM 4