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## December Pincushion of the Month

## **Materials Needed:**

- 1- 10" x 6" Fabric Piece for Exterior
- 1- 10" x 6" Piece Fusible Fleece
- 1-5" x 6" Coordinating Fabric for Interior
- 2-8" x 2" Fabric Pieces for Straps

Poly fill/fiber stuffing

Rice

Rick Rack or Fun Trims



Iron exterior fabric to fusible fleece. Then fold in half, pin and sew 1/4" straight stitch down each side, back stitch. Trim off corners at folded end to reduce bulk.

Fold bottoms corners at the side seam flat and pin into place, with your ruler measure 2" mark with a pen, and sew the 2" box seam. I run my machine forward and back stitch a few times.

Snip the corners off. Turn the body inside out.

For the Straps. I use a double fold bias tape method. With your 2- 2" x 8" pieces fold long ways in half, iron, then fold the strip in half so the two folded edges meet. Iron into place. Then run a straight seam to close the edge in place, I add another seam to the opposite side as well.

Measuring 1" from each end side seam, position one end of the strap and pin into place. Repeat for the opposite side. Stitch into place.

Measure 1" from the top of the bag, fold down and pin into place. Now you can either run a straight stitch around the folded edge or add some fun trims, like rick rack. Do some touch up ironing at this time.

Time to stuff! I like to add a 1/2 cup of rice to the bottom to help weight the pincushion down. Add a nice hand full of poly fill. Taking the 5" x 6" fabric piece of fabric gently fold it down over the poly fill. Take your time and work with it to lay nice and flat.

Now with a hot glue gun run a small bead of glue around the top edge to hold fabric in place. Again, take your time as you do not want the glue to show. Add some more fun trims or flowers and you are finished.

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