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Heart of Summer Pin Cushion



Main diagram-top view

This pincushion is a really quick and easy way to use up any scraps you have lying around. It requires only straight lines, making it ideal for a beginner. The overall finished size is 12cm x 12cm. For the bottom and centre fabric I used 'Heart of Summer' Butterfly Dance- Lilac Grey with 'Heart of Summer' Sweet Meadow- White as the surrounding fabric.

To begin cut a 12cm x 12cm square and a 9cm x 9cm square from 'Heart of Summer' Butterfly Dance-Lilac Grey. The 12cm x 12cm square will be your fabric for the bottom of the pin cushion so leave that to one side until the top 'block' is made up.

To make the top block cut two strips of 3cm x 9cm and two strips of 3cm x 12cm from 'Heart of Summer' Sweet Meadow- White. Lay out the fabric as in the main diagram below. Taking the two shorter strips, place them on top of the main square with the right side facing the right side of the main square and stitch them to each side of the main square using a quarter inch seam allowance.



Once attached, press the seams, then take the two longer strips and stitch them to the top and bottom of the block in the same way as the previous strips with the right sides facing the main square. Again press all seams.

Once the block is assembled place on top of the bottom fabric square with the right side facing each other. Stitch along all the sides, leaving a 5cm gap along one side. Using this hole turn the design inside out and gently push out the corners using something long and fairly pointed such as a crochet hook. Stuff your pin cushion with your chosen stuffing, making sure you fill it well so that the pins don't push out the other side when it's finished. Finally sew up the 5cm hole using an invisible stitch.

I really hope you had as much fun making this as I did. I'd love to see your creations! Please tag me on Instagram or Facebook using #CassandraConnolly

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