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Free Pumpkin Pin Cushion Pattern

A Free October Make from Family Comforts

These plump little pumpkins are perfect for autumn! Use them as seasonal decorations around your home, or as a practical pincushion by your sewing machine. The template can be enlarged or reduced so you can create a whole patch of pumpkins in different sizes.

Materials Required

Scraps of autumnal fabric
Small square of brown felt
Sewing machine
Large hand-sewing needle
Embroidery thread
Pins and clips

Stuffing

(add wire wool if using as a pincushion – this helps sharpen your pins)

Scissors

¼m fusible fleece/interfacing
(e.g. H640 or HeatnBond –
size depends on pumpkin)

Fabric glue



Instruction

1) Prepare your fabric

Press fusible fleece/interfacing (such as H640 or HeatnBond) to the back of your chosen fabric scraps. (Pic 1)

2) Cut out segments

Using the pumpkin template provided, cut six pumpkin segments.

Sew segments together

Place one segment right sides together with a contrasting segment. Sew from top to bottom using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. (Pic 2)

Repeat with the remaining segments until all six are joined. (Pic 3)

This will leave a gap at the top and bottom.

3) Close the bottom

Fold the bottom edges together to form a straight line and stitch closed. (Pic 4)

4) Stuff the pumpkin

Fill firmly with toy stuffing. If making a pincushion, tuck in a little wire wool with the stuffing.



Pic 1



Pic 2



Pic 3



Pic 4

Instruction continued

5) Gather the top

Double your embroidery thread, knot the end, and sew a row of running stitches around the top opening. (Pic 5)

6) Make the stalk

Cut felt approx. 2½" x 3".

Add a dab of glue along one short edge, then roll tightly.

Add more glue at the end and secure with pins until dry. (Pics 6 & 7)

7) Attach the stalk

Place the stalk into the top opening. Pull the gathering stitches tightly around it, wrap thread around the base, and secure with knots. (Pic 8)

8) Shape your pumpkin

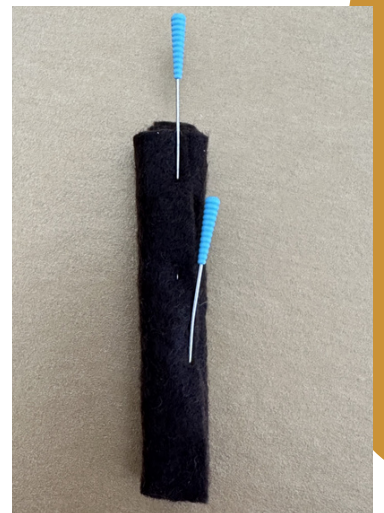
Thread another large needle with some embroidery thread and taking the needle from the top of the pumpkin, take the thread down the seams and put the needle into the bottom of the pumpkin and push backup through the top, whilst putting some pressure on the thread to get the pumpkin shape. (Pic 9 and Pic 10) Continue to do the same with each segment until you have your desired shape.



Pic 5



Pic 6



Pic 7



Pic 8



Pic 10



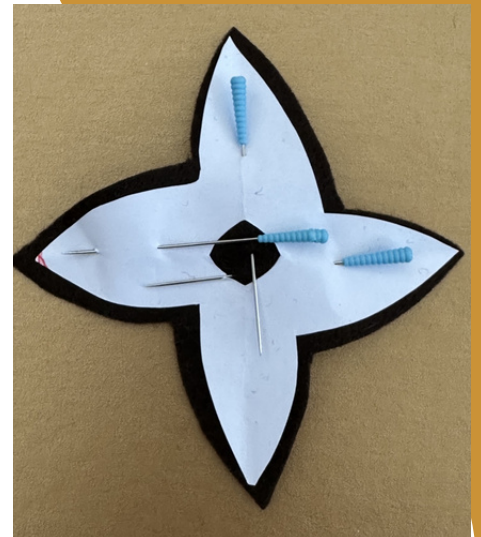
Pic 9

Instruction continued

9) Finish with a leaf

Cut **Template B** from felt. Slot it over the stalk and secure with a little glue or tiny whip stitches. (Pics 11 & 12). You can always draw the leaf veins on with a fabric pen or some fabric paint.

Your pumpkin is now ready! Display it as a charming autumn decoration, or keep it by your machine as a plump, practical pincushion.



Pic 11



Pic 12





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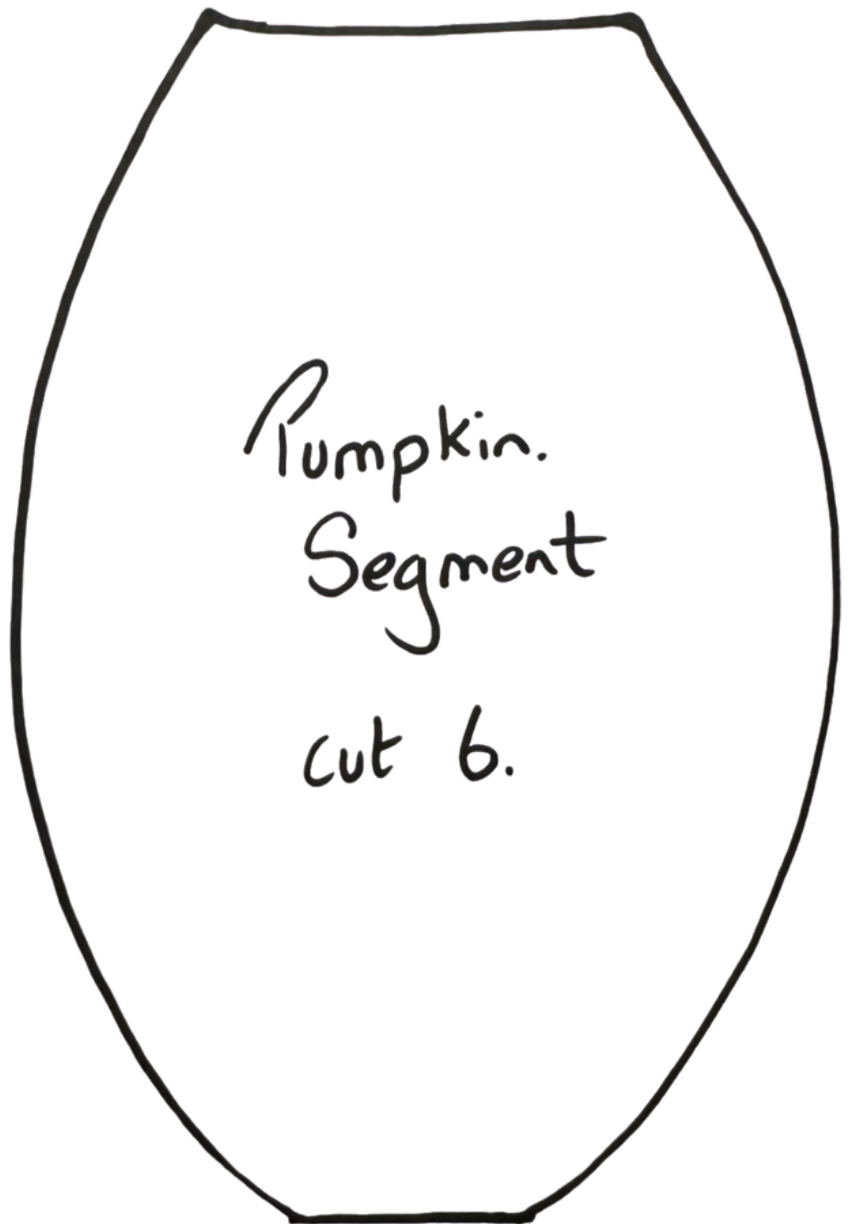
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Please size as needed



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felt



Pumpkin.
Segment
cut 6.