

FLOWER BUD PINCUSHION & SCISSOR FOB PATTERN

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Supplies Needed:

- 1 ½ yards of ¾" ribbon
- (2) 5" fabric squares for small bud, or (2) 7" squares for large bud
- Pair of embroidery scissors
- Small button
- Crochet or embroidery thread in complementary color
- Small amount of stuffing
- Sewing machine (optional)
- Pins
- Tapestry or embroidery needle
- Removable marking pen or chalk pencil



Instructions:

1. With right sides together, sew ¼" around the outside, leaving small opening for turning.
2. Trim corners and turn right-side out. Push corners out to a point, and press the square, but don't sew the opening closed yet.
3. Decide which fabric will be the round bottom part and which will be the petals on top.
4. Fold fabric in half and half again to find the center (fig. A). Finger press to mark. Using the appropriate size of circle (fig. B), center and mark on the inside of the fabric square (same as petal fabric) with a removable marking pen or chalk pencil.
5. Stitch around the circle with a tapestry needle and crochet thread or embroidery needle and floss, leaving a small opening that lines up with the other seam opening (fig. C).
6. At this point, leave the needle and thread attached to the fabric and stuff the center circle with batting.
7. Once stuffed, finish sewing the circle and knot & snip the thread. Whip stitch the opening in the square closed.
8. With the outside fabric facing up, turn and fold each corner in and pin to hold (fig. D). Small Bud – turn petal 1 ¼" to inside; Large Bud – turn petal 1 ¾" to inside.
9. With needle and thread, sew all around the outside (catching folded petals) to make a ¾ – ½" casing for the ribbon. Secure thread with a hidden knot. Thread ribbon through the casing by attaching a safety pin to one end of ribbon and pulling through (fig. E).
10. Once ribbon is threaded through, make a small knotted loop in one end, thread other end of ribbon through the loop, and pull tight. This is a good time to check to see if ribbon is a good length to hang around your neck.

11. Attach scissors to the other end of the ribbon by looping ribbon over one scissor handle.
12. Turn raw edge of ribbon under and sew the small button in place to hold the scissor loop. Tie with a square knot and trim thread (fig. F).
13. The inside of the Flower Bud can hold needles, pins and even a thimble. Pins and needles can be stuck in the outside of the bud as well, keeping everything within reach.

