

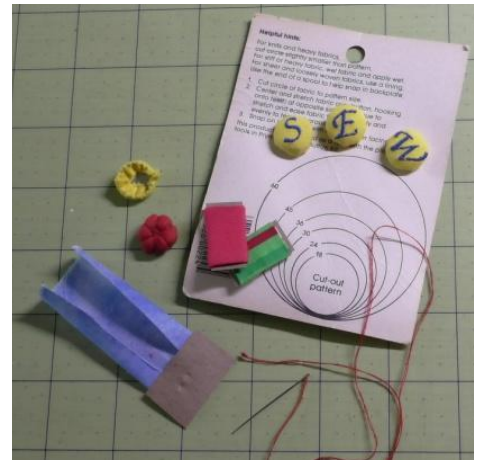
I “SEW” Pin

Looking for a fun and quick project on the embroidery machine? Create this SEW scatter pin from small scraps, covered buttons and the package they come in. These pins make up fast and would be great pins for keeping your wonder clips handy, guild members name badges, sprucing up your wardrobe, sewing friends or secret Santa gifts.



Supplies

- o At least three size 24 buttons to cover on a cardboard display card
- o Solid fabric
- o Tear Away Stabilizer
- o Embroidery thread and embroidery bobbin thread
- o 80 wt. Embroidery Thread for small letters or words
- o Three pieces of small print fabric 1 ¾" by 3"
- o Three pieces of shirt cardboard ¾" by 1 ¼" (these may be cut from the display card after cutting the size "36" template for the back of the pin.)
- o Small piece of tomato red fabric 1 ½" by 1 ½"
- o Red all purpose thread
- o Hand sewing needle
- o Hot glue gun and glue stick or quick set glue such as E6000
- o Glue on pin clasp



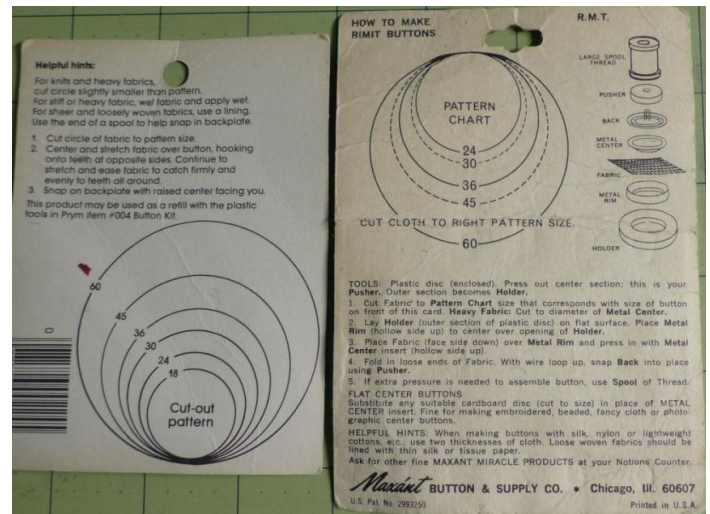
Instructions

At the embroidery machine, hoop the solid piece of fabric and tear away medium stabilizer in the 4" by 4" hoop. If using a larger hoop, cut the fabric and stabilizer to fit the hoop you are using. Choose a font with capital letters about $\frac{1}{2}$ " high. Place three individual letters "S", "E" and "W" in the hoop so they have at least $1\frac{1}{2}$ " separating them in every direction. Embroider the three letters. When embroidering very small letters or words, use a thinner thread such as an 80 wt.

embroidery thread for better definition in the embroidery. Remove the fabric from the hoop and tear away the stabilizer. **Do not cut** the size "24" template from the cardboard. If necessary, trace the circle and use the tracing as a pattern. Following the directions on the package, cover a size 24 button with each letter. Set aside.

Cut a circle of tomato red fabric using the "30" circle template on the back of the covered buttons. Thread a hand-sewing needle with a long, doubled all-purpose thread and make a knot at the end of the thread. Sew a running stitch around the outside of the circle about $\frac{1}{8}$ " in from the raw edge. The stitches should be about $\frac{1}{4}$ " long. Pull thread to the right side after reaching the knot and do not cut the thread. Insert a small piece of batting about the size of a large pea. Pull the thread to form a small ball. Push the needle from the backside through the middle to the center of the opposite side. Pull the thread taut and wrap around to the backside. Insert the needle from the center back through to the same spot on the opposite side. Wrap the thread around at a different location to create six segments and pull the thread taut each time. Continue to wrap threads around to create the tomato pincushion effect. Back stitch on the backside to secure the thread. The pincushion will be about the size of one of the covered buttons. Touch the center with a green permanent marker, such as a sharpie. Set tiny pincushion aside.

Make three fabric bolts by cutting three pieces of shirt cardboard $\frac{3}{4}$ " by $1\frac{1}{4}$ ". Cut three different pieces of small print or semi-solid fabric $1\frac{3}{4}$ " by 3". Fold the long edges in $\frac{1}{4}$ " and wrap the fabric around the cardboard bolts. Glue or hand stitch the fabric in place. If necessary, trim the exposed cardboard to just about $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the edge of the fabric. Set aside.



For the base of the pin cut the template on the back of the covered button card along the pattern line for the size “36” button. The side with the patterns will be the back of the pin. Using a hot glue gun or quick set glue, arrange the three bolts of fabric in a fan shape and glue them to each other. After the glue has set, glue them to the cardboard at the bottom 2/3 of the cardboard circle. Arrange the three covered buttons and the pincushion along the top edge of the cardboard circle. Glue in place. Glue a pin back to the back of the pin. Glue on any small sewing charms on top of the fabric bolts.

Embroidered Buttons

When embroidering a design to cover a button, allow for enough distance to cut the fabric circle. Use the frames feature on the machine as shown in the video to help place the embroidery motifs in the hoop. Measure the pattern guide on the back of the button card. From the frames menu, select a circle and the straight stitch. Use the size key to create a circle that is approximately the same size as the pattern. Place the circle in the memory of the machine and recall as many as needed for the project to fill the hoop. Place the small embroideries in the middle of each circle.

