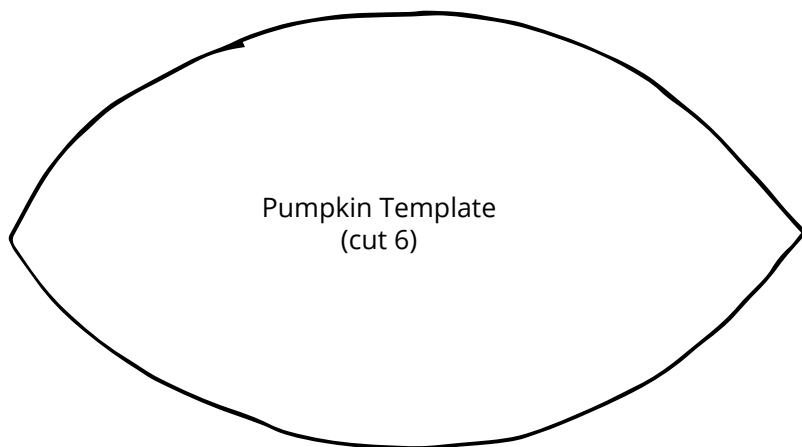


Felt Pumpkin Pin Cushion

I hope you enjoy making your Felt Pumpkin Pin Cushion.
It would equally look lovely as a seasonal decoration!

Wishing you lots of happy stitches,
Sarah xo



Cutting Instructions

Using the pumpkin template cut (6) pumpkin pieces from your chosen felt colour

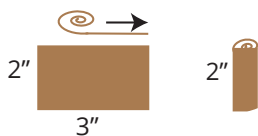
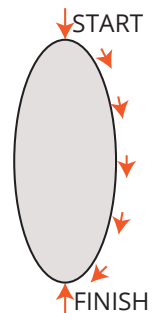
Cut (1) 2" x 3" rectangle for the stalk

You will also need
Embroidery threads to match your felt colours
Some twine to tie around the stalk
Stuffing

Lets Get Stitching!

First off, we're going to stitch the Pumpkin pieces together. Take two of the Pumpkin pieces and place them wrong sides together. Then starting at the top, using Blanket Stitch, work around one side as indicated by the arrows in the diagram opposite until you reach the bottom. Repeat, adding a third Pumpkin piece. You will now have one half of your Pumpkin completed.

Repeat this process until you have joined all six sides together, but for the time being, **do not** join side ONE and SIX together.



Next, we're going to prepare the stalk. Simply roll up the piece of felt, along the 3" side as tight as you can.... it's just like making a mini Swiss Roll! Secure with some little Over Stitches in brown thread. You should end up with a stalk measuring 2" long and approx 1/2" in diameter.

We're now ready to construct and stuff the Pumpkin. Again, using Blanket Stitch, start to sew the sixth and final seam. When you have about an inch or so to go, add the stuffing to the pumpkin until nice and plump, then push the stalk into the gap. Continue with the Blanket Stitch until the gap has been closed. Add a few little extra stitches* through the stalk to secure and hold it in place.

** For a neat finish, keep the stitches as close to the body of the pumpkin as possible, so that they can be covered by the twine in the final step.*

You may need to also add a few little extra stitches at the base of the pumpkin, to close up any remaining hole where the six sides meet!

To complete, wrap the twine around the base of the stalk, covering any visible stitches and secure with a knot. Cut away any excess twine leaving tails approx. 1 1/4" long.

That's it, pop in some pins and enjoy!