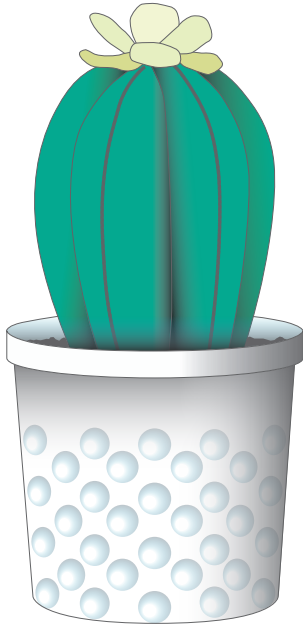


CACTUS PINCUSHION



PROJECT SUPPLIES

- (1) 9" x 12" green felt square
- Felt scrap for blossom—approximately 1½" x 3"
- Fiberfill
- Missouri Star Thimble Container or terracotta pot
- 3½" - 4" styrofoam cube
- Gorilla Glue or similar glue for styrofoam
- Wonder clips or binder clips—optional
- Aquarium rock—optional

Cut

Note: Paper templates for the petal and cactus blossom are available on the second page.

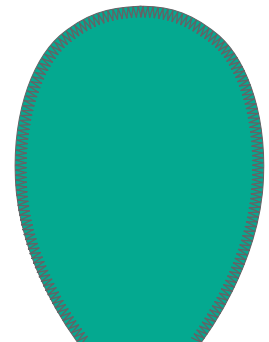
Use the petal template to trace and cut 6 petal shapes from the green felt, as shown.

Cut out the paper cactus blossom template. Use the template to trace and cut 2 cactus blossoms from the accent felt scrap. Set these aside for the moment.

Sew

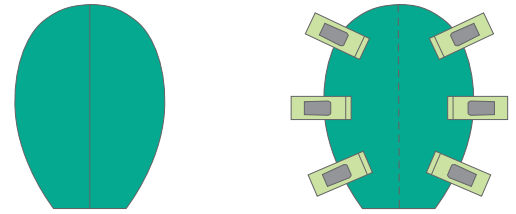
Hint: Because you are sewing through layers of felt, you may need to change your needle to a larger size and sew slowly to ensure even stitching.

Lay 1 petal shape atop another, right sides out. Using a medium zigzag stitch, sew around the curved edges, leaving the bottom edge open. Repeat with pairs of the remaining petal shapes to **make 3** units.



On only 1 of the sewn units, measure 1¾" from the widest point of the curved edges, and mark a vertical center line.

Stack the 3 sewn units, aligning the edges, with the marked unit on top. Use Wonder Clips, binder clips, or pin as needed to hold the stack together. Sew the 3 units together along the marked center line, backstitching at the beginning and end.



Finishing

Stuff each of the 6 tubes you just created with fiberfill.

Hint: The eraser end of a pencil or small dowel comes in handy to stuff the skinny tubes.

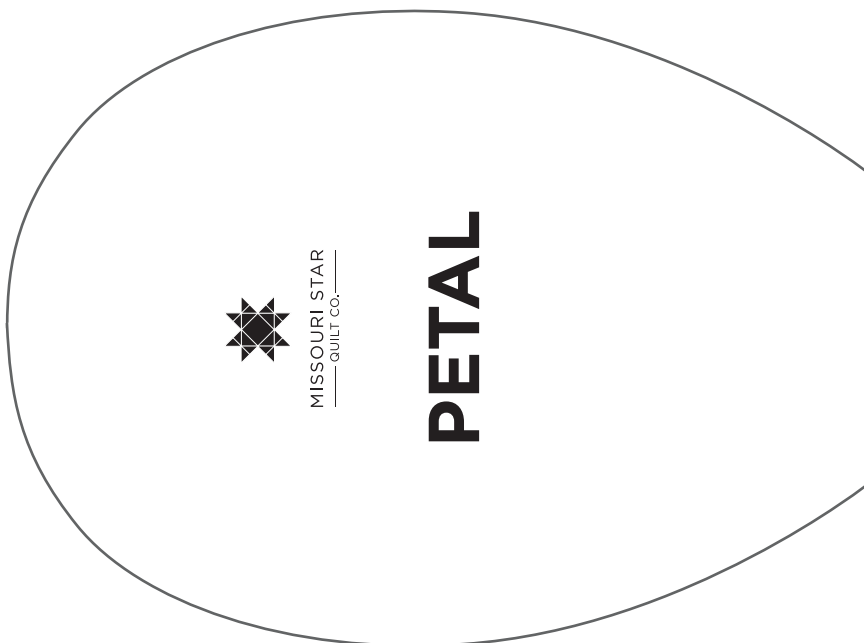
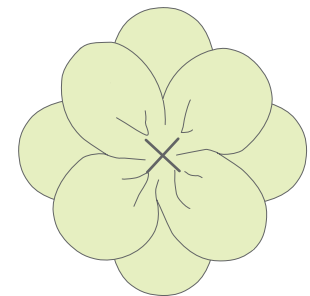
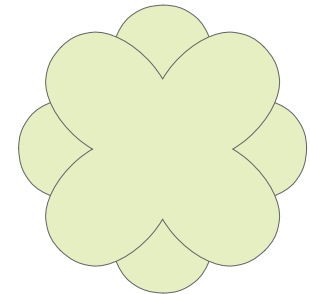
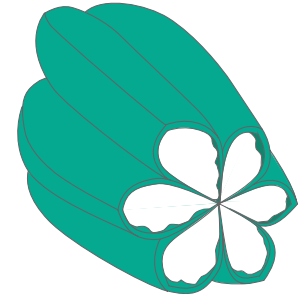
Lay 1 cactus blossom atop the other at a 45° angle so that the ends of all 8 petals are visible.

Sew the blossoms together by hand, slightly gathering the top petals so they have 3 dimensions.

Sew the cactus blossom to the top of the cactus.

Cut the styrofoam cube as needed to fit inside the thimble container. Use the glue to adhere the styrofoam to the inside of the pot. Use additional glue to adhere the cactus to the top of the styrofoam. You can fill the pot around the styrofoam with aquarium rock or even glue some rocks around the base of the cactus to finish "planting" your cactus.

Stick in some of your favorite pins and your cactus pincushion is sure to prickle your fancy!



print actual size
1½" x 1½"

