



zip it to me



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Stick 'em in style with this trendy pincushion
by Jina Barney of Riley Blake.

skill level: **easy**

supplies

¼ yard print #1 for the cushion
and gathered flower
¼ yard print #2 for the
ruffle and leaves
44" metal zipper
(one side only)
3 cups of birdseed
crocheted flower
template material
optional: chopstick, funnel

cutting

Measurements include ¼" seam allowances. Pattern for leaf is on page 2.

from print #1, cut:

- 2 (8½") squares for the cushion.
- 1 (3" × 22") strip for the gathered flower.

from print #2, cut:

- 2 (2") strips for the ruffle.
- 4 leaves.

making flower and leaves

1. Right sides together, fold the print #1 strip in half, matching long raw edges. Sew across both short ends. Turn right side out and press. With a long machine basting

stitch or by hand, sew close to the long raw edges. Gently pull the basting stitch to gather the strip. Curl the strip to form a two-layered flower (**gathered flower diagrams**). Secure with a few stitches at the center. Set it aside.

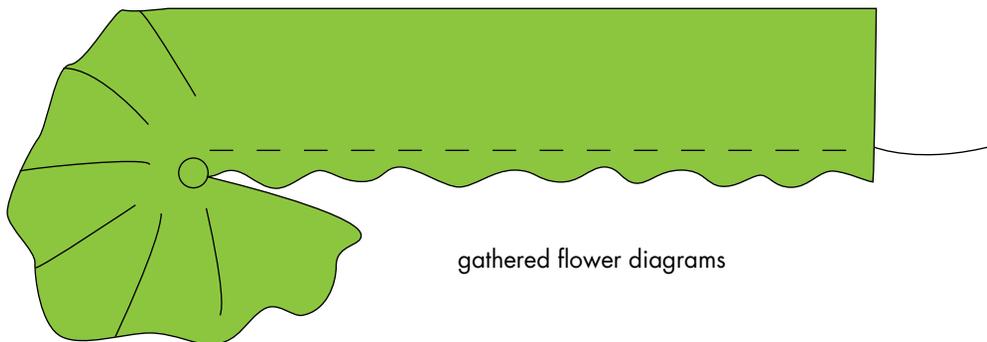
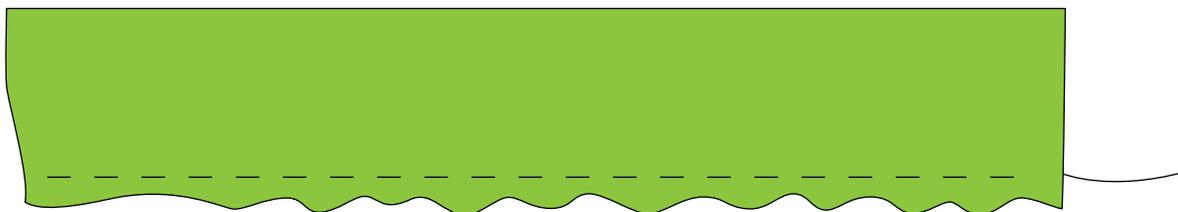
2. Place 2 leaves right sides together. Join the patches with a ¼" seam, leaving the flat bottom end open. Trim the seam allowances at the point. Turn the leaf right side out. **Tip: use a chopstick or knitting needle to gently push the curves and point out, turning the leaf completely.** Press. Fold a pleat in the flat end. Baste the pleat in place (**leaf diagrams**). Make 2.

3. Referring to the pincushion photo, center the leaves, a crocheted flower, and the gathered flower on a print #1 square and securely stitch them in place.

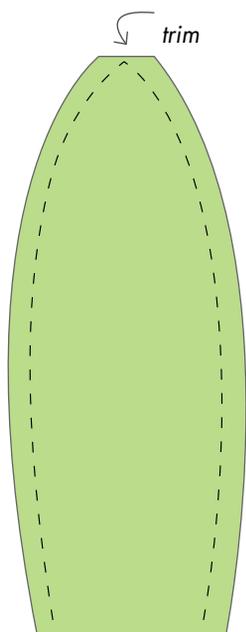
making the ruffle

1. Align the edge of the zipper tape with the long raw edge of a right-side-up print #2 strip (zipper teeth facing away from the edge.) Right sides together, layer the remaining print #2 strip on top, aligning edges. Stitch along the edge with a ¼" seam.

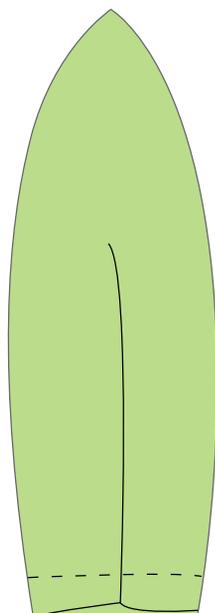
2. Turn right side out and press. With a long machine basting stitch or by hand, sew close to the long raw edges.



gathered flower diagrams



trim



pleat

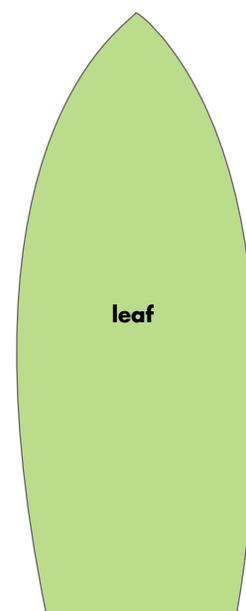
leaf diagrams

3. Right sides together, pin the ruffle to the remaining print #1 square, aligning raw edges. Overlap the ends of the ruffle in the center of 1 side of the square, positioning them so the raw edges will be caught in the seam. Gently pull the basting stitches to gather the strip as you fit and pin it to the square.

finishing

1. Right sides together, layer the square with the flower and leaves on the ruffle, aligning raw edges and matching the corners of the squares. Stitch through all 3 layers, leaving an opening on 1 side for turning. Take care not to catch the leaves in the seam.

2. Turn the pincushion right side out through the opening. Using the funnel, fill the pincushion with birdseed. Hand stitch the opening closed. **Q**



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