

Buttercup Fabric Brooch

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Materials

Finished size 5" x 5"

- Templates, provided
- Template plastic or cardboard
- Fabric, fat quarter, yellow
- Fabric, 1 fat quarter, green
- Extra strong thread, neutral color (I used Gütermann Extra Strong Thread.)
- Polyester fiberfill, just a pinch is needed
- Embroidery floss, 1 skein dark orange
- Embroidery needle
- Felt, 3" x 5" piece for backing
- Bar pin back, 1¼" long
- 2mm crystal beads, 16, for each flower center
- Matching thread for beading
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks
- Pinking shears
- Small stiff brush

Optional

- Disappearing ink marking pen

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Trace the templates onto clear template plastic. Cut out.
2. Cut out all of the fabric shapes indicated on the templates. Finish the edges of the felt pieces with pinking shears.

Create the petals

1. Fold yellow petal shapes in half lengthwise, right sides out. Press.
2. Thread the needle with 20" of strong thread. With 1 petal at a time, sew a ¾" running stitch ⅛" from the raw edge through both layers. Begin and end sewing on the top side of the work. Do not backstitch or cut the thread. (Figure 1)



Figure 1

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Figure 2

3. Add the rest of the petals in the same manner. You should have a total of 5 petals on the thread. (Figure 2)
4. Gather the 5 petals to the center of the thread. Scrunch them together as closely as possible. Tie the ends of the thread together carefully so the petals form a donut shape. (Figure 3)



Figure 3

The “hole” of the donut should be as small as you can make it (about $\frac{3}{4}$ " in diameter). Clip the threads. Find the right side of the flower. Pull the small green petals up and away from larger ones. Manipulate large pink petals into spoon shapes by pushing your thumb into the center of each petal.

Make the flower center

- Using a single strand of strong thread, stitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " away from the raw edge of the green circle using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " stitch length. Stitch all around the circumference, starting and ending on the right side of the fabric. (Figure 4) Don't backstitch yet.
- Gather the circle up into a cup shape, insert a pinch of stuffing, and pull the thread tight to close the



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6

- circle. (Figure 5) Tie off and trim thread. Press to flatten the puff.
- Switch back to your sewing needle and a single strand of thread that closely matches the color of your beads. Make a large knot at the end of the thread. Bring the thread up from the back, thread a bead on it, and stitch back down through the center. (Figure 6) Repeat to add 8 beads. Tie off in back and clip threads.

Tip: Before adding beads, mark positioning dots with a disappearing ink marking pen to ensure that the beads will be evenly distributed.

- Cut (16) 6" lengths of orange embroidery floss. Using a lark's head knot as shown, apply fringes around the perimeter of the flower center puff. (Figures 7A and 7B) When you are done, the flower center will look a little bit like a sea creature. (Figure 8)

Tip: Use the placement of the beads to position the knots. Place 1 knot beside each of the 8 beads, then another in between the beads.



Figure 7A



Figure 7B




Figure 8



5. Trim the 16 lark's head knots to $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Dampen a stiff brush and brush the floss ends vigorously to separate the strands. Trim any "stragglers." (Figure 9)

Assemble the brooch

1. Apply small amount of hot glue to the inner opening of the petals. Apply the flower center puff, covering the raw edges of the petal ring, and press gently. (Figure 10)
2. Apply hot glue to the large felt circle and center it over the opening on the back of the flower. Glue the bar pin to the felt, near 1 edge of the flower. Apply glue to the small felt circle and apply it over the bar pin as shown. (Figure 11)

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Figure 9



Figure 10



Figure 11

Buttercup Fabric Flower Brooch Templates

