

Pyramid Pincushion or Catnip Toy

Materials:

2 same size squares quilting cotton

Note 1: The squares need to be the same size, but can be two different fabrics. You also could piece the two fabric squares

Note 2: The size of the fabric squares can be any size you choose, generally from 2" square to 5" square.

matching or coordinating thread

ground walnut shells (for pincushion)

Note 3: You need about 2 tablespoons of the shells for a 3" pincushion.

Note 4: Can be purchased at some fabric stores and some pet stores (the shells are used in terrariums). Generally, they are cheaper at pet stores. Also available scented.

Note 5: Available from Amazon at:

https://www.amazon.com/Zilla-Reptile-Terrarium-Bedding-Substrate/dp/B001OVGPH6/ref=sr_1_11?crd=2ZAEI7H9EELW2&keywords=crushed%2Bwalnut%2Bshells%2Bfor%2Bpincushions&qid=1704587965&srefix=crushed%2Bwalnut%2Caps%2C162&sr=8-11&th=1

fresh catnip (for catnip toy)

Note 6: Make sure you purchase fresh, dried catnip. Most of the catnip sold at grocery stores is not very fresh. It's better to get it from a pet store.

Note 7: Also available from Amazon at:

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B004FELIOE?ref=nb_sb_ss_w_as-reorder_k0_1_4&=&crd=2YXLGTVFR62NZ&srefix=catn&th=1

Tools:

Sewing machine; rotary cutter; cutting mat; ruler; iron; point turner; small funnel; hand sewing needle; usual sewing supplies, like pins, seam ripper, and scissors.

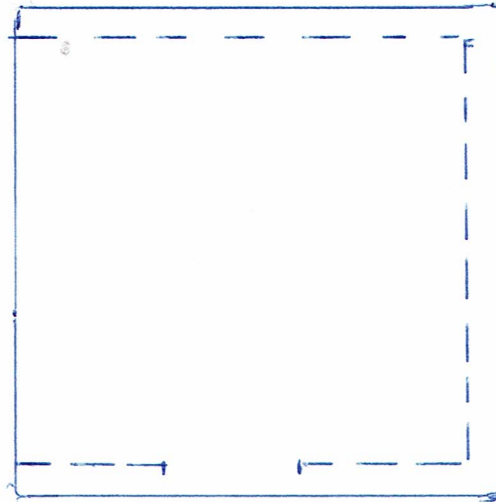
Note 8: Can be made all by hand; no machine necessary.

Assembly:

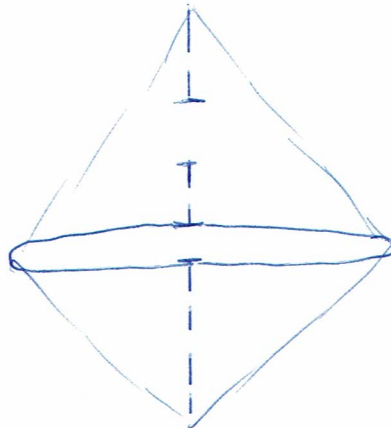
Use ¼" seam allowance on all seams.

1. Iron fabric. Cut out two squares of fabric the same size.
2. Place the two squares of fabric right sides together. Sew two adjacent seams of the squares and about a third of the way along the third adjacent side: Backstitch at the beginning and the end of the seam.

3. On the third side, leave about a 1" opening from the end of the stitching done in Step 2, then sew the remainder of the third side seam. Backstitch at the beginning and the end of the seam.



4. Make the pyramid shape by holding the unit with the fourth seam facing you. The third, partially sewn seam will be at the top and the first fully sewn seam will be at the bottom. Put the top seam together with the bottom seam, flattening the unit and matching the seams at the center. Pin in place and sew fourth side seam. Backstitch at the beginning and the end of the seam.



5. Trim all the corners on the unit. Then turn the unit right side out, pushing out the corner with a point turner. Finger press the edges of the opening you left on the third seam.

6. Pincushion: Using the funnel, fill the pyramid with the crushed walnut shells. Fill it tightly as full as you can. Sew the gap closed by hand.

OR

7. Catnip Toy: Using the funnel, fill the pyramid with the fresh catnip. Fill it loosely, about three quarters full. Sew the gap closed by hand.

Voila! You have your pincushion or catnip toy.