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Minute Weaver™ Pincushion



Working on our Minute Weaver can be addictive and those teeny tiny coasters can add up quickly. Turning them into a pincushion is a great way to use up yarn and thread stash and a great gift idea.

- Materials:**
- 4 Minute Weaver™ size coasters
 - 7" square of wool felt or felted wool
 - 7" square of fabric for the back
 - pillow stuffing
 - straight pins
 - needle and thread
 - scissors

In this photo, these Minute size coasters were made with Sue Spargo Eleganza Perle Cotton Size 3 and woven on our Fine 16 slot (F16) Minute Weaver. We used Sue Spargo hand dyed wool for the top of the pincushion and upholstery fabric from our personal stash for the bottom side.

- 1 By working with felted wool, we were able to avoid dealing with unraveling edges while we applied the coasters to the fabric. To begin, arrange the four coasters with 1/4" – 1/2" space between each coaster. We pinned them to the fabric to keep them in place.
- 2 Because we wanted something visually appealing, we decided to attach the teeny coasters via cross stitch. We used a contrasting thread color for the cross stitch.
- 3 We applied approximately 9 small cross stitches per side of the coaster. Sometimes a bit more or a bit less. You might try alternative stitches.
- 4 Once the teeny coasters were applied, we attached the coaster piece to the back fabric. Both good sides should be facing in since they will eventually be turned inside out.
- 5 We hand sewed three sides together with a straight stitch. Machine stitching should also work here.
- 6 We turned the cushion inside out and filled it with pillow stuffing through the one side not sewn together.
- 7 We carefully tucked the stuffing inside and folded the not sewn edges inward. We used a slip stitch/ladder stitch to sew the pincushion closed. A great resource to see how this can be done is "How To Hand Sew a Pillow Closed" by Jann Newton on YouTube.



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