Lucky Pincushion

It's magically easy to make with fusible applique!

Size: approximately 4" across

What you'll need:

- ☐ (1) 4½" square white background
- ☐ (1) 4½" square green pincushion bottom
- ☐ Green Scraps for Applique
- ☐ Paper-backed fusible web
- ☐ OPTIONAL: Fabric for piping and 24 inches ⅛" silky cord or purchased piping
- ☐ Polyester Fiberfill

Assembly

1. Prepare Appliqués (Fusible Method):
   - Place Fusible Web over appliqué pattern below. Paper side of fusible web should face up. Trace 4 hearts and one stem.
   - Cut out each piece roughly ¼" outside of the traced lines.
   - Press Fusible Web to the wrong side of the appliqué fabric following the manufacturer's instructions.
   - Cut out appliqué pieces on the traced lines, using a sharp pair of scissors.
2. Fold 4½" square white background in half along length and width, to locate the center point of the square (Fig.1).
3. Fuse and applique using the method of choice (I used a blanket stitch—so cute!).
4. Optional—make and apply piping:
   - Cut strips of the piping fabric 1" wide at a 45 degree angle. Join strips together to make one 24" strip.
   - Place the cording in the center of strip (Fig. 3). Wrap the bias strip around the cording, matching the edges.
   - Attach zipper foot (or piping foot, if you have one). Align the zipper foot so the edge of it is against the cording. Sew the seam allowances together to enclose the cording. The needle should be positioned as close to the cording as possible. You should now have piping with a ¼" "carrier" on the side (Fig. 4).
   - Position piping along outer edge of your "lucky" block (right side), so that the raw edges of piping are placed at the outer edge. Sew along the seamline; place end piece over and follow previous stitching.
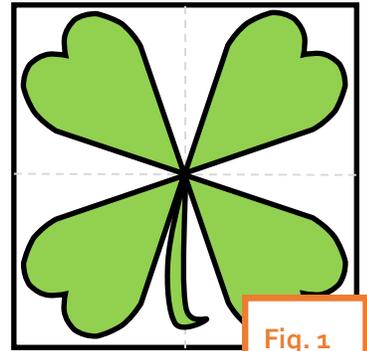
Fig. 1

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Fig. 3

Fig. 4

5. Place 4½" square green pincushion bottom, right sides together with front and stitch, leaving a 2" opening on one side. If you piped the edge of the front piece, stitch the seam with the zipper foot.
6. Stuff with polyester fiberfill and whipstitch closed.
7. Attach a button in the middle.
8. Enjoy your lucky pincushion!
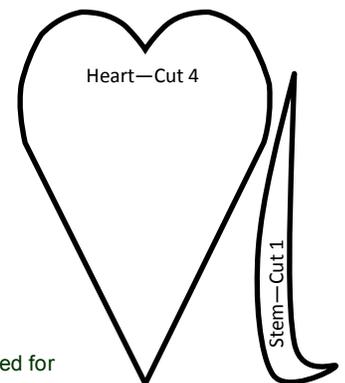
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Heart—Cut 4

Stem—Cut 1