

# Award Winning Pincushion

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## SUPPLY LIST:

12" square gray wool for background

5" x 9" red wool for horse

10" x 18" blue wool for ribbon and trim

black pearl cotton for stitching

*(I used hand dyed pearl cotton from Valdani)*

gold pearl cotton for stitching

freezer paper

12" square tightly woven cotton fabric,  
like pillow ticking

sand

*(I used 2 packages of decorative gardening sand  
from the craft store)*

basic sewing supplies

funnel

## CONSTRUCTION

1. Trace the horse, notched ribbons, and award circle onto freezer paper. Cut about  $\frac{1}{2}$ " outside the drawn line and iron the freezer paper onto wool. Cut on the drawn line.
2. Cut 2 pieces of gray wool,  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $11\frac{1}{2}$ ". Onto one of these pieces stitch the horse and the notched ribbon pieces, per the diagram. I used a whip stitch, or a blanket stitch can be used.
3. Cut a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 18" strip of blue wool. Trace a circle onto the background wool where the award circle will be. Using this drawn circle as a guide, stitch down the blue wool strip using a whip stitch, inside the line about  $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Gather and pleat the blue strip every other stitch. This is a very forgiving process: just stitch and pleat all the way around the circle. Once all the way around, trim the wool so that the edges overlap a bit.
4. Place the wool circle over the raw edges of the gathered ribbon and whip stitch or blanket stitch into place.
5. Embroider the number "1" onto the award circle. Set aside.
6. Cut 2 pieces of pillow ticking 6" x 12". Using a small stitch setting on your machine, stitch around the rectangles, right sides together, with a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. Make sure to leave an 1" opening on one short side.
7. Clip off the "triangle" waste from each corner and turn the ticking pin cushion right side out.
8. Using the funnel, fill the pincushion with sand. Hand stitch the opening closed.
9. Draw 1 strip of freezer paper, 2" x 18". Iron this strip onto the remaining blue wool. Once ironed, draw a wavy line down the length of the freezer paper. Cut out the strip from the blue wool, and cut on the wavy line, giving you 2-18" long wavy strips.
10. Sew the 2 wavy strips together to make a 35" strip.
11. Sew the back and front wool pincushion together, sandwiching in the blue strip of wavy wool into the seam. Leave on short end open to insert the sand pincushion. When inserted, hand stitch the final seam

