

# Pincushion cake

Age: 8-11 Group size: 8

Duration: 80 minutes



Preparation time: 25 mins

## Resources

- Felt, white and coloured
- Templates
- Embroidery cotton
- Needles
- Sequins (optional)
- Stuffing
- Card
- Scissors

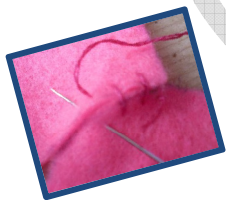


## Preparation

Either cut the felt for the children or provide templates for them to draw around and cut out themselves. The base of the pincushion is a circle

of 4.5 cms diameter (top of a vitamin bottle) and a rectangle 14cms x 3.5 cms. A card base is inserted and this should also be a 4.5cms circle. The top of the pincushion is a circle of 6.5-7cms diameter. When threading the needles use 2 pieces of thread.

## Activity



Cut a rectangle and circle out of felt (they should both be the same colour). Make a knot at the end of the cotton and push it through the edge of the felt circle from the back to the front.



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Sew through the edge of the circle into the end of the long edge of the rectangle, then bring the needle back round to the circle and sew through again, this makes a stitch which over sews the 2 edges. Continue all the way around the edge of the circle. When you get around to the other side use the same stitch to sew the 2 ends of the rectangle together, making a hollow cylinder. Cut out the card circle and push it into the base.



Fill the hollow case with filling (the illustration was made using padding from an old jacket but cotton wool will also do). Pile up a little extra filling to give a slightly domed top.



Cut out a white felt circle for the top. Use the scissors to make a frilly edge. Fold the circle into quarters and cut up one of the folds to the centre. Overlap the edges to make a shallow cone and sew together with white cotton. Decorate the top with sequins or little stitches to look like icing decorations.

The spiral on the top is made from 2 scraps of felt 1cms wide and 4 cms long wrapped in a tight coil.



The ends are sewn together and then sewn into the top of the pincushion.

When the lid has been decorated it needs to be sewn on top of the filled cylinder. Knot the end of the cotton (white)



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and sew from the inside of the cylinder to the outside to hide the knot. Push the needle up through the white felt near the edge but not too close because it needs to overlap the cylinder. Make a stitch in the white felt and then take the needle down and through the cylinder, then back up through the white felt.



Continue all the way around, then tie a knot in the 2 pieces of cotton, pull tight into the cake shape and cut off the ends.

