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## **Chicken Pin Cushions**

Materials: 2 squares of fabric 4 ½" each (body)  
Fabric squares for tail (3-1/2"), beak (about 1-1/2"), and  
comb (as big as you like) (fold each 2x diagonally)  
Beads or buttons for eyes  
Scraps of fusible batting or batting and a scrap of fusible web

Directions: Please read ALL directions before starting.

1. Place one 4.5" square right side up. Working with the right top corner...place one comb, on the top edge, facing inward and at least ¼" from the corner. Be sure it is facing inward. Pin in place.
2. Place your beak triangle which is a twice, folded square (size is your choice) in the same upper right corner, *but this time* it goes on the RIGHT edge, at least ¼" from the corner. Pin in place.
3. Place the second 4.5" square right side down on top of the first square.
4. Sew across the "comb" edge and also sew the entire "beak" edge.
5. Working on the edge directly across from the comb... sew from each corner toward the center, leaving a generous opening for filling later.
6. **REFOLD** the only remaining seam so it goes perpendicular to the rest of the seams you have already sewn, meeting the seams in the center. **BEFORE** sewing completely shut, **INSERT** the tail. Be sure it is facing inward. Pin in place, and sew the entire seam.
7. Turn your completed chicken right side out. Isn't she cute!?
8. We recommend that you insert scrap stuffing, or batting (cotton ball size) up into the peak of your chicken's head.
9. Continue to sew on buttons, beads, or make French knots for the eyes (easy to hide your knots *inside the head* at this point).
10. Fill with ground walnut shells. (better than rice or beans because of critters).
11. Insert your scrap of fusible batting/batting and a scrap of fusible between the walnut shells and the seam you are about to close.
12. Overlap the seam (keeping one side folded and neat) and pin in place.
13. Fuse the seam shut with your iron.
14. Whip stitch the seam you just fused for insurance so that it won't open with use.

These instructions are for the basic construction of our pin cushions. We hope you will experiment and have fun creating your own.  
Enjoy!!!!