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You will need:

Chenille scraps, yd of white ric-rac, button, thread, stuffing

1 - Cut out (8) diamonds using template given, from various pieces of chenille. You can use any size diamond template to make your pincushion smaller or larger. My pincushion has a diameter of 7".

2 - Sew them together as you would an 8-Pointed Star block.



3 - Fold 2 edges right sides together and stitch with a 1/4" seam.



4 - Continue around, sewing the seams together. It will begin to form a kind of ball. When you have one seam left to sew, stop. Use this opening to stuff the pincushion. Stuff firmly. Pin the opening closed and hand stitch closed.



5 - After stitching closed, the pincushion will look like this on both sides. Because you're using chenille, most stitches won't easily be seen.



Pretend that black squiggle is ric-rac....

6 - Optional: I wound mine with white ric-rac. I tacked one end in the middle and then went back and forth, placing the ric-rac inbetween seam lines, pulling slightly to create puffiness.

7 - On the last round of ric-rac, as you're making your final tack, add a button for fun. I used a pearl button.

These are so easy to make, and they work up just as easily in wool or cotton. Make several, adjusting the size of your diamond for a smaller or a larger pincushion. Embellishment options exist! Forget the ric-rac but add the button. Add different trims - cording, pearle cotton, fun yarns, braids.... now you think!

Diamond Template
for Chenille Pincushion
Cotton Spice
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