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## SWEET TREATS PIN CUSHIONS

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Use an assortment of fun shaped glassware as the base for these easy and cute pincushions. You can find glassware at a discount or second-hand store. I bought these little pieces for around \$.50 each. Some of the glassware I painted with a glass paint purchased at a craft store. Some I left clear. Keep in mind that you will be able to see the glue and raw edges of your fabric bundle through clear glass. If it is frosted or has cut detail, that will help hide the insides. I used the reds and whites from my *Beyond the Gate* fabric collection for all of these fun treats.

### Supplies

Assorted small scraps of fabric

Small glassware such as sundae cups, tea cups, candy dishes, etc.

Stuffing

Strong thread

Hot Glue gun

### Construction

All of the pin cushions use the same method for making the pin cushion. Photos show the checkered option.

1. Measure the diameter across your glassware. Double that and add an extra inch to determine the diameter of your circle. Cut out the circle from your chosen fabric. It can be a single piece of fabric, or a pieced patch—like I used on the checkered and pinwheel items.

To make the checkered option:

Cut (4) 1 ½" strips from a fat quarter of white/red polka-dot fabric

Cut (8) 1 ½" strips from assorted red fabrics

Cut all strips about 10" long. Seam strips together along the long edges.



Cut the strip block into 1 ½" slices



Arrange slices together to make a checkered block. Cut your circle from this block.



- Using strong thread, baste in large stitches around the outside edge of the circle. Pull up the basting stitches to gather the edges.



- Stuff polyfill or your favorite stuffing into the center to make it nice and tight. Tie off the ends of the thread to hold the ball in shape.



- Put a line of hot glue around the inside of the glassware, and a glob at the bottom. Stuff the ball into the glass and tuck it all in nice and even. You can add a bit of trim around the rim if you like.

To make the pinwheel option:

Cut (2) 5" squares of white/red polka-dot fabric

Cut (2) 5" squares of red fabric

Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the back of each white square. Place right sides together on top of a red square. Sew  $\frac{1}{4}$ " away on both sides of the drawn line. Cut apart on the line, making two half-square triangles from each set for a total of 4 HST. Sew the half square triangles together in 9-patch fashion. Cut your circle from this block.