



# Spotty Dotty Pincushion Pair

Finished Project Size: 4 1/2" x 2" (Makes 2)

## Supplies Needed

- 2 - 18" x 21" Pre-cuts
- 2 - 1" Buttons
- 4 - 3/8" - 1/2" Buttons
- Paper for template
- Coordinating thread
- Polyester fiberfill
- Sewing machine and basic sewing supplies
- Iron
- Pencil

## Instructions

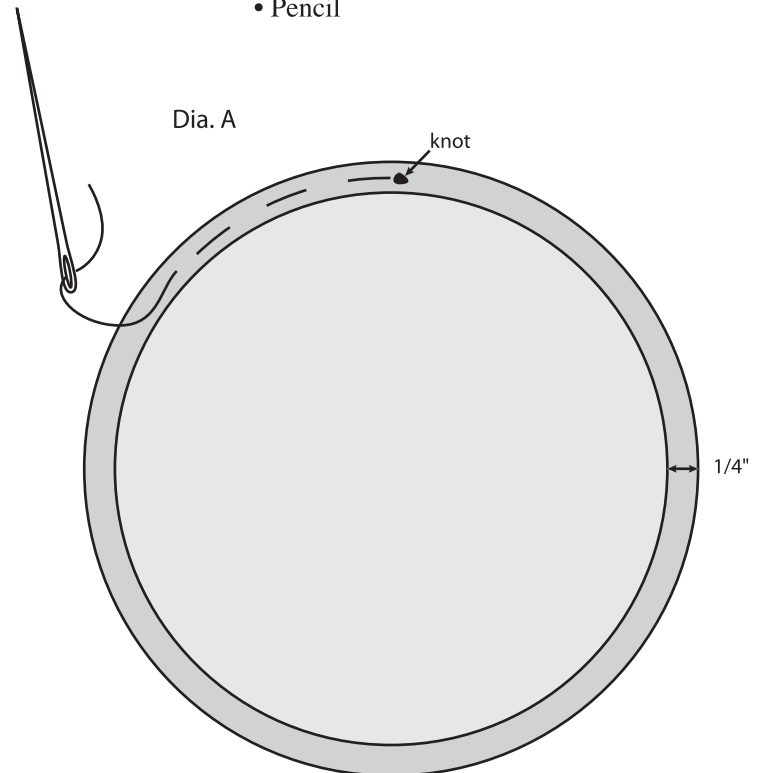
**Before you begin:** Read all instructions before beginning project. Use a 1/4" seam allowance and sew fabrics with right sides together unless otherwise noted.

### Cutting (for each pincushion):

Fabrics A and B: 1 - 2 1/2" x 16" (gusset)  
3 - 5" circles (top, bottom, and yoyo — trace and use template)

### Sewing

1. Make two sets of pincushion pieces. Each set has three 5" circles (two matching circles for the pincushion top and bottom, one contrasting circle for the yoyo) and one gusset. Fold the top and bottom circles in fourths with the right sides facing out and mark the centers; unfold. Put one pincushion set aside.



**Care Instructions:** Spot clean, if needed.



2. Sew a line of stitches a scant 1/4" from each long edge of gusset as a guide for clipping the edges. Clip about every 1/2" - 3/4" along both sides, up to but not through the stitches! **Note:** *This step will allow the straight edges to match the curves of the circles smoothly.*

3. On one short gusset end, fold 1/4" to the wrong side and press.

4. With right sides together, align the raw edges of one of the two matching circles with the gusset. Pin edges together around the top circle, overlapping the folded edge at the beginning by about 1/2"; trim excess and sew. **Tip:** *As you sew around the circle, stop about every inch or so. Make sure the needle is embedded in the fabric (use the needle down function, if your machine has one) then lift the presser foot and smooth out the layers. Repeat until the seam is finished.*

5. Repeat Step 4, sewing the gusset to the bottom circle.

6. Turn pincushion right side out through opening in gusset. Stuff with fiberfill then stitch opening closed.

7. To make the yoyo, place the remaining circle wrong side up. Fold the outside edge 1/4" to the wrong side (Dia. A). Thread a hand needle with a knotted doubled thread. Sew about 1/8" from the folded edge with a long running stitch (the knot will be on the side facing up).

8. Pull the thread tightly to gather the edges to the center (Dia. B). Tie off thread securely to hold gathers.

### Finishing

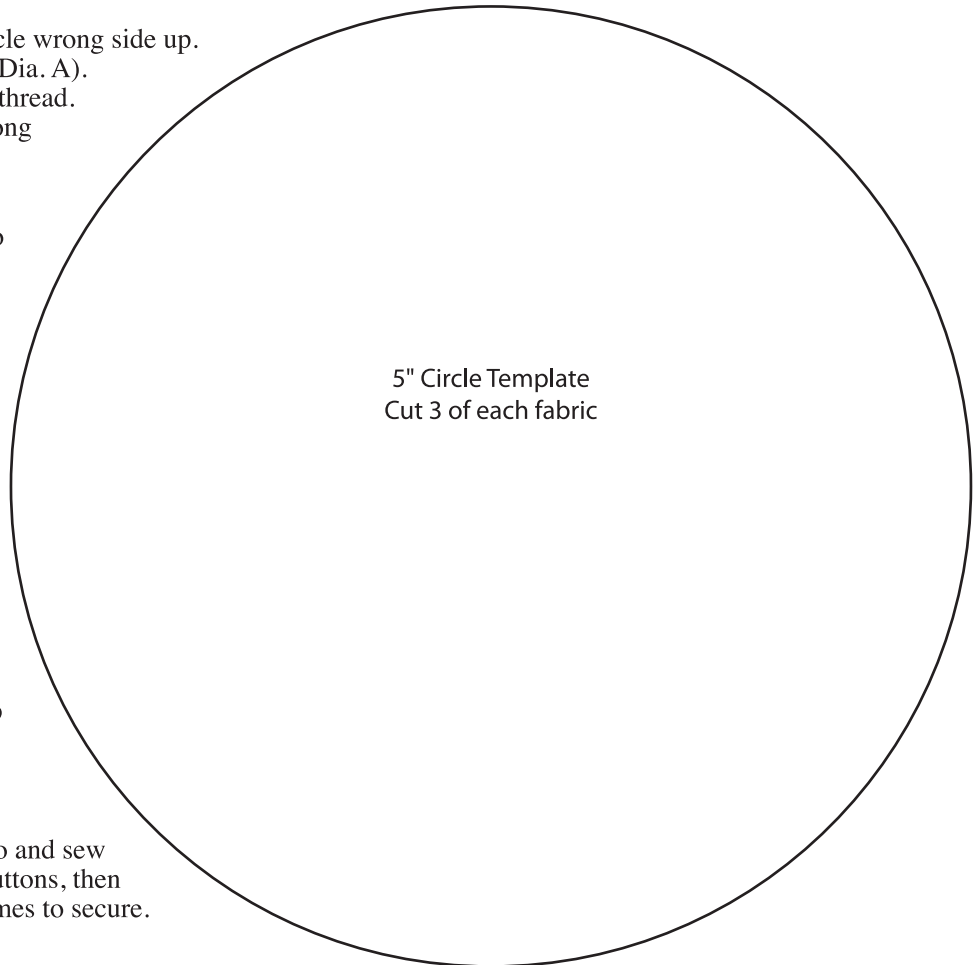
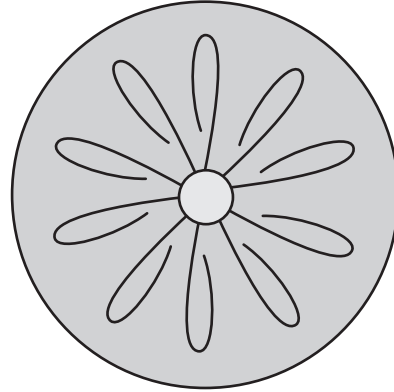
9. To tuft the pincushion, using the needle with a double knotted thread, stick the needle through the center mark on the pincushion top and out through the center mark on the bottom. Make a small stitch (about 1/4") and bring the needle back through the bottom center to the top center. Pull the layers together then make several more stitches in the same place to create a dimple.

10. Center the yoyo with the gathered side up on the top. Sew through the yoyo center then back through the pincushion, adding a small button on the bottom.

11. Stack two buttons in the center of the yoyo and sew through the pincushion and the holes in the buttons, then through the pincushion and buttons several times to secure. Tie off thread.

12. Repeat Steps 2-11 for the second pincushion.

Dia. B



5" Circle Template  
Cut 3 of each fabric

