🧵 Complete Tutorial: Flower pincushion - Pattern

This is a complete pattern and tutorial for making a cheerful flower pincushion 🌼. Here's a clear, simplified breakdown so you can follow it easily:

TUTORIAL: MAKING THE HAPPY FLOWER PINCUSHION

- **Fabric Scraps** (see patterns below)
- **Stuffing** (Fiberfill or Wool)
- **Embroidery Floss** (Black, Pink)
- **Pins** (Colored Head Pins)
- **Sewing Needle & Thread**
- **Tracing Paper & Pencils**

Finished Pincushion: Approx. 20 cm Diameter x 10 cm Height (excluding pins)

FINISHED PINCUSHION

1. Pattern Pieces & Layout

CUT 2 (Yellow Fabric, Face)
Diameter: 12 cm
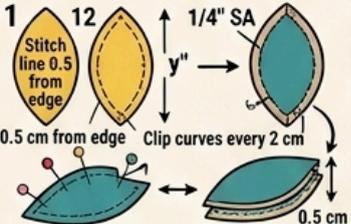Seam Allowance (SA): 1 cm
12 cm

2. Petal Pattern

CUT 12 (Assorted Fabrics, see color code)
10 cm   SA: 0.5 cm
0.5 cm

3. Base Segment Pattern

Height: 8 cm
CUT 8 (Assorted Fabrics, see code below)
12 cm
12 cm

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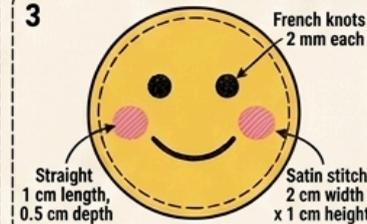12
1/4" SA
Stitch line 0.5 from edge
y"
0.5 cm from edge   Clip curves every 2 cm
0.5 cm

STEP 1: Cut & stitch Petal pairs. Trim, turn right-side out, and press. Create 12 finished petals.

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Stitch 1.5 cm
Stitch spacing 1.5 cm

STEP 2: Hand-stitch the base of all 12 petals into a ring.

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French knots 2 mm each
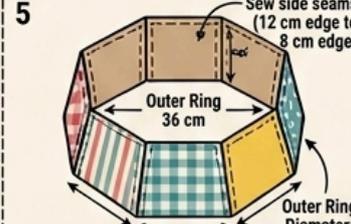Straight 1 cm length, 0.5 cm depth
Satin stitch 2 cm width x 1 cm height

STEP 3: Embroider face onto one center circle (French knots for eyes, straight stitches for mouth, satin stitch for cheeks).

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Leave 3 cm gap for stuffing, then close with Ladder Stitch

STEP 4: Sew center circles together with SA, turn, stuff. Hand-stitch finished face to center of petal ring.

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Sew side seams (12 cm edge to 8 cm edge)
Outer Ring 36 cm
Outer Ring Diamster: 36 cm

STEP 5: Cut and sew base: Sew side seams (12 cm edge to 8 cm edge), using 0.5 cm SA.

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Gather base with thread at 1.5 cm spacing. Ladder Stitch

STEP 6: Secure petal unit to base unit. Gather base bottom and sew almost shut. Final stuff and close with a ladder stitch.
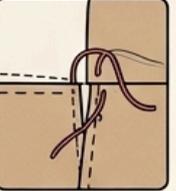
STITCH LEGEND

Stitch	Description
Running Stitch	Even, forward-moving stitches (machine or hand) for seaming.
Backstitch	Stitches that back up and overlap for a stronger, secure seam.
Gathering	Running stitches pulled tight to bunch fabric for a ruff or curved shape.
Ladder Stitch	Invisibly joins two folded edges. Used for final opening closure.
Embroidery Stitches	French Knots (eyes), Straight Stitches (smile), Satin Stitch (cheeks).
Quilting Stitch (optional)	Small hand or machine stitches through all layers to bind them. (Not strictly needed here, but included as a legend entry).

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A. TRIM & CLIP: Crucial for sharp points and smooth curves.

B. PRESSING: A vital step for flat, bulk-free seams.

C. LADDER STITCH: For seamless hand closure of stuffed items.

🧵 Materials

- Fabric scraps (various colors/patterns)
- Stuffing (fiberfill or wool)
- Embroidery floss (black + pink)
- Pins (optional, decorative)
- Needle & thread
- Tracing paper & pencil

✂️ Pattern Pieces

1. Center Circles (Face)

- Cut **2 circles**
- Diameter: **12 cm**
- Seam allowance: **1 cm**

2. Petals

- Cut **12 petals**
- Length: **10 cm**
- Seam allowance: **0.5 cm**

3. Base Segments

- Cut **8 pieces**
- Height: **8 cm**
- Width: **12 cm (top & bottom)**

🧵 Step-by-Step Instructions

STEP 1: Make Petals

- Sew petals in pairs (right sides together)
- Turn right-side out and press
- Clip curves for smooth edges
- You should have **12 finished petals**

STEP 2: Form the Flower

- Hand-stitch all petals together at the base
- Arrange into a ring
- Keep spacing even (~1.5 cm between stitches)

STEP 3: Embroider the Face 😊

- Use:
    - French knots → eyes
    - Straight stitch → smile
    - Satin stitch → cheeks

STEP 4: Assemble Center

- Sew the two circle pieces together (leave gap)
- Turn, stuff, and close gap
- Attach center to petal ring

STEP 5: Make the Base

- Sew the 8 base panels together into a ring
- Join top and bottom edges
- This creates a rounded cushion base

STEP 6: Final Assembly

- Attach flower top to base
- Gather bottom with thread
- Stuff firmly
- Close with ladder stitch

🧶 Helpful Stitch Guide

- **Running stitch** → basic seams
- **Backstitch** → stronger seams
- **Gathering stitch** → shaping base
- **Ladder stitch** → invisible closing
- **Embroidery stitches** → face details

📏 Finished Size

- Approx. **20 cm diameter**
- Approx. **10 cm height**