



FOUNDATION PIECING PINCUSHIONS

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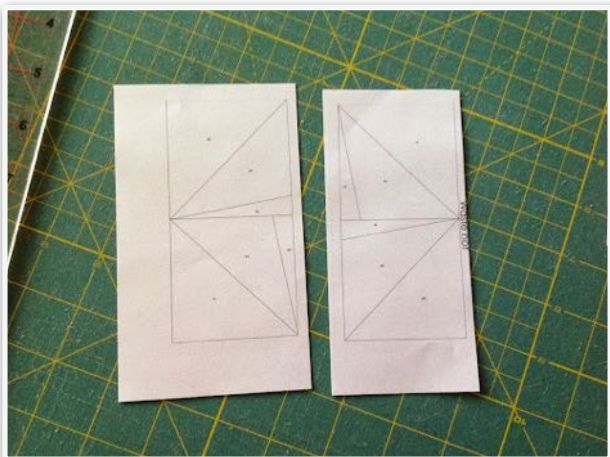


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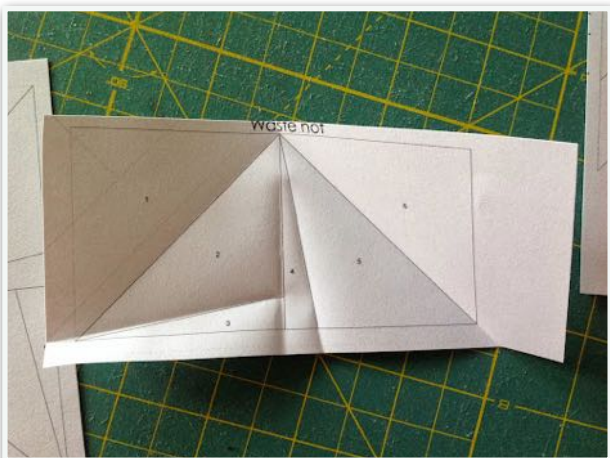


How to make a pincushion with FPP

Cut your template leaving at least 1/4 inch around the edges.



Fold along the printed lines. Use a piece of thin cardboard to help you.



Now cut the fabric pieces roughly.

Sometimes, like in this case, you can cut a square and then use it in both triangles.

For instance, in this case I cut a pink and orange 3 1/2 inches squares. Then I cut both squares onto the diagonal.



The process is always the same.

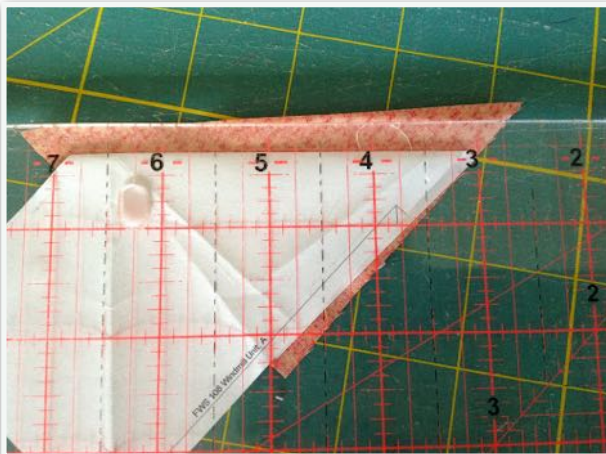
Start with your piece number 1.

Place the fabric on the back of the paper making sure that you have at least 1/4" seam allowance all around.

Pin.



Now trim the piece. To do that, fold along the line you pressed earlier and then cut leaving 1/4 inch allowance.

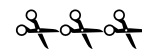
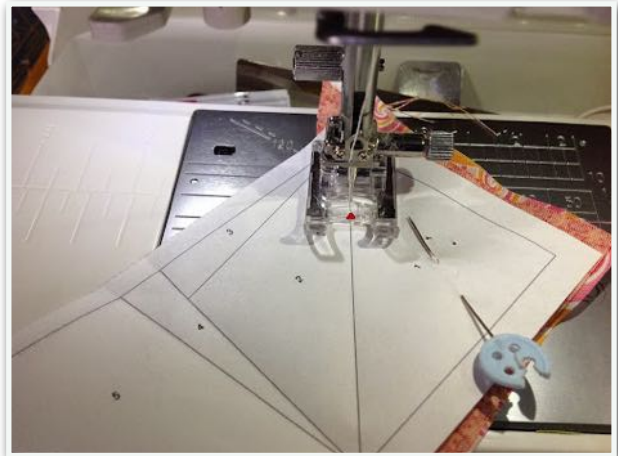


Now the stitching starts between piece 1 and 2.

Align both pieces, right sides together, and pin together and to the paper.



Turn paper around and stitch between piece 1 and 2 along the line.



Time to trim piece 2.

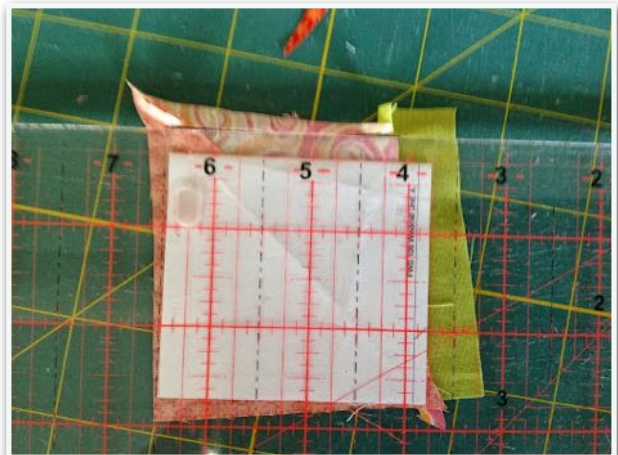
Turn over and fold the paper between piece 2 and 3.

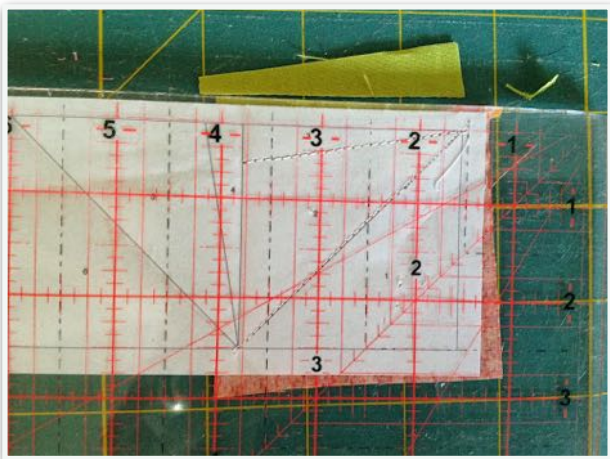
Trim leaving 1/4 inch allowance.

Add piece 3 aligning your piece with the previous trimmed piece.



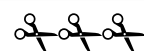
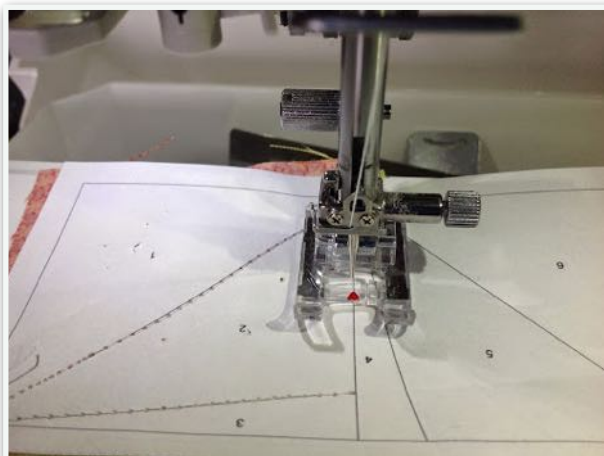
And so on. The process is the same. Trim, add next piece, align, stitch, trim, and so on.





You place on the back of the paper and stitch following the lines on the front.

Sew along the line.

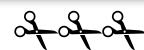


Unfold and press.



Add the next piece.

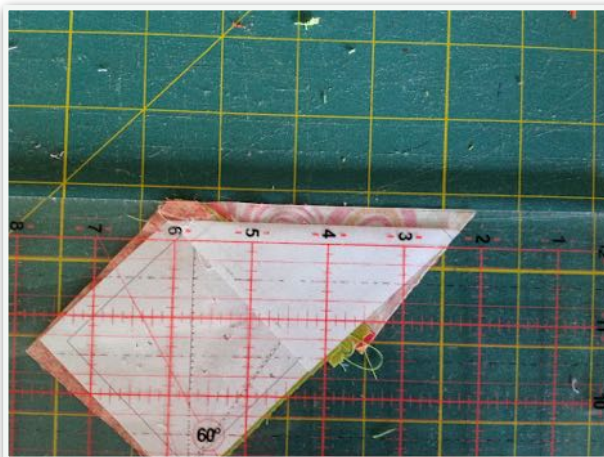
Pin.



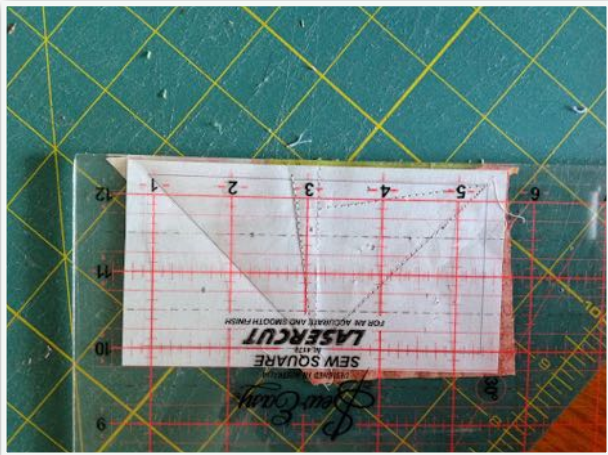
Add the next piece as before.



Fold paper back.



Trim at 1/4" from the fold.



Add the next piece as before.



When done, trim excess paper along the template's outer line.



Do the other half in the same way.

Once you have both pieces, stitch them together using a 1/4 inch allowance.

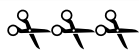


And there you have it, a 5" block.



Assemble the pincushion

Use the block as a template for the back.



Stitch around all sides leaving a 1 inch opening to turn inside out.

Trim the corners.



Turn inside out. Fill the pincushion with polyfill or some batting scraps.

Close the opening using a [ladder stitch](#).



There you have it!



This is the second block on the pattern sheet.

