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Punchy Pincushion

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This project is the result of fabric created from the latest Stitch Recipe idea - - -

Punchy Stitches. *Wool fabrics are the base of the stitch recipe techniques and with these fabrics, there are some quick and easy piecing techniques that can be used to create fun projects!*

To create the fabric, check out the Stitch Recipe at www.berninausa.com > Sewing Studio > Stitch Recipes > Punchy Stitches

Supplies

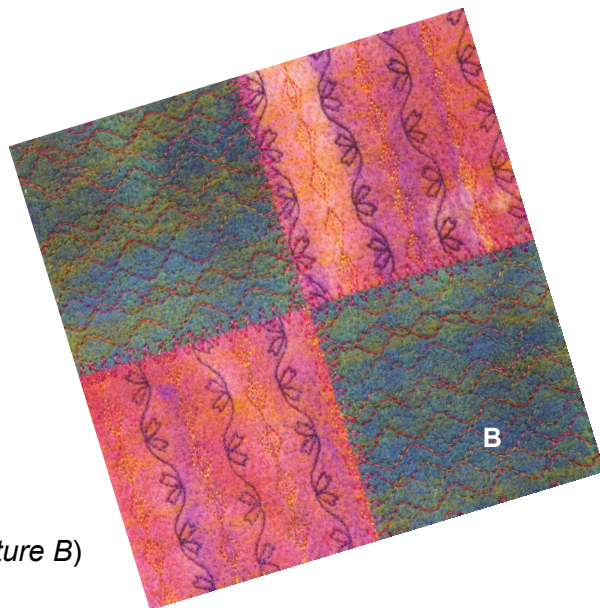
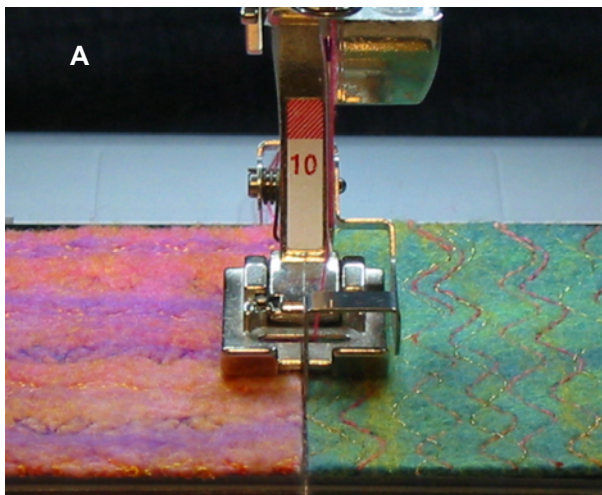
- **“Punchy stitched”** fabric pieces
- Wool backing fabric; ~ 8” square
- Contrast wool scrap (yellow)
- Regular and Wavy Rotary Cutter, Ruler, and Mat
- Edgestitch Foot #10/10C
- Clear Embroidery Foot #39/39C
- Walking Foot #50
- 90/14 Sharp needle
- 3.0/90 Double needle
- Mettler 30/2 Embroidery thread
- 1 yard Decorative ribbon, 3/8” wide
- Batting or loose polyester filling

Step 1:

With a regular rotary cutter blade, begin cutting shapes from the wool punched/stitched fabrics. For the Pincushion, 2 1/2” squares were cut.

Step 2:

Seam the square patches together in a non-traditional manner. Wool fabrics that have been needle punched and steamed don't tend to ravel much, so seam the squares by simply “butting up” the edges. Stitch together with a Running Stitch using the Edgestitch Foot #10/10C as shown (*picture A*). Seam all the squares together to create a 4-patch block.



Step 3:

Straighten the edges of the block, using a rotary cutter. (*picture B*)

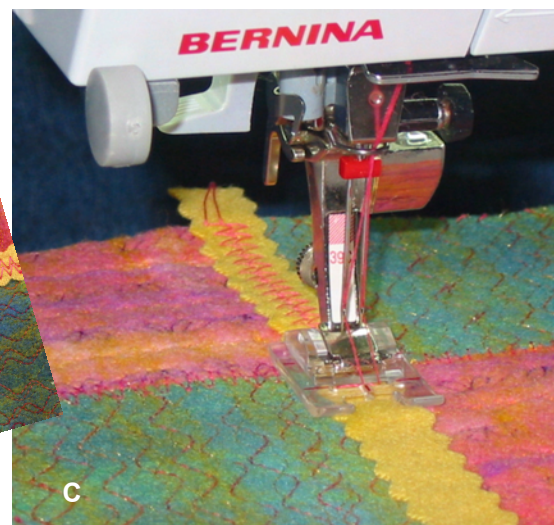
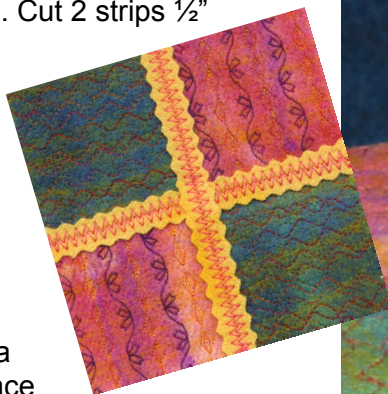
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Step 4:

Add some interest to the seam area by covering the seams with a contrast strip of wool with wavy cut edges. Cut 2 strips $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide the width of the 4-patch block.

Step 5:

Attach Clear Embroidery Foot #39/39C; insert the Double needle and select the Zigzag stitch. Set the width and length as desired. (SW-5.5mm / SL-3mm was used for sample.) Stitch as shown (picture C).



Step 6:

The patchwork fabric is created, let's put a backing on it to create the pincushion. Place the ~8" square of wool behind the patchwork piece. The backing fabric will extend beyond the patchwork. Cut 4 - 8" ribbon strips to cover the raw edges of the patchwork.

Step 7:

Attach Walking Foot #50 (use the Open sole for great visibility of the ribbon edges). Edgestitch the ribbons in place over the raw edges of patchwork. Stitch 3 ribbons in place as shown (picture D).

Step 8:

From the remaining open side, fill the pincushion with either batting or loose polyester filling. Pin the edge closed; attach the remaining ribbon strip to cover it.

Step 9:

Using a Wavy rotary cutter; neaten the edges of the wool backing.

Step 10:

Insert pins and loose needles. Enjoy your creation and/or even give as a gift!



IMPORTANT NOTE:

Remember, you are working with a Double needle and the Stitch Width MUST be limited. If your machine model has a Double Needle Limitation or Security Program function, engage it for a 3.0 double needle.



More ideas - - -

Have fun creating larger pieces of patchwork that could be used to create pillow tops, garment yokes, vest fronts, etc. You don't even have to just use square shapes! How about squares and rectangles combined? Or even triangles? There is "sew" much fun just waiting to be explored!