

Sunflower Pincushion



Although this project looks so detailed and realistic, it can actually be completed in no time at all! This pincushion makes a cute, inspirational gift for your sewing friends.

Skill Level: Beginner

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Supplies:

Baby Lock Embellisher

Hand felting needle

12" x 12" foam pad

Wool Roving in colors of green, yellow, rust, brown

Roving is sold by the ounce, 2-3 ounces each is plenty.

Instructions:

1. Separate the green roving by pulling about 3 inches. Spread out evenly. Lay horizontal on table. Repeat this amount. Spread evenly in the opposite direction on top of the first amount. You may want to have 3-4 layers.
2. Start the embellishing machine using 7 needles, and move the roving back and forth under the machine. This can be done quite fast. Keep going until you have a piece of fabric to use to cut out the leaves. Cut 3 leaves using scissors, about 1" x 2". Run the machine along edges after they are cut to

- soften them up. Run the machine up and down the middle for the “vein”, giving the leaf a slight shape.
3. Repeat this step with the yellow and cut out several small petals approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ ” x 2” long. Cut one end to a slight point.
 4. Using a small piece of green, 1” x 1”. Place one end of the green leaves on this and use the embellishing machine to attach them.
 5. Attach the yellow petals along the inside circle leaving about a 2” area for the center to be attached. Attach these by using the machine or hand felting needle.
 6. When using the hand felting needle place object on the foam piece and push needle in and out of object to felt fabric together.
 7. To make the center, roll a piece of rust roving into a ball. Using the hand felting needle, felt this a bit to form a ball. **(BE CAREFULL NOT TO PUT NEEDLE INTO YOUR FINGERS.)**
 8. Continue to felt more on top of center piece, flattening it as you go. Add brown roving to the center with a bit of green.
 9. Once this is shaped the way you like it, place it into the center. It should be about 2-1/2” around. Hand felt it into place.
 10. Make a square out of the roving with the yellow about 1.5” x 3” to place on the bottom. Using the machine or the hand felting needle, attach this to the bottom.
 11. Using the hand felting needle, curve the yellow petals a bit and attach to the green or another yellow petal to form them. Also form the green leaves.



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