

## Chicken Pin Cushion



### **You will need:-**

Chicken body fabric - 20cm x 40cm

Chicken wing fabric - 24cm x 32cm

Gusset – 8cm x 14cm

A few handfuls of toy stuffing (a cheap alternative is to use a cheap cushion filling!)

Sewing Thread

Scissors

Pins

Needle

Felt for beak and comb.

Coats fabric used – sponsors of Young Quilters

## Instructions - How to make

1. Cut the chicken body template apart from the rest of the templates.
2. Fold fabric for the chicken body in half (right sides together) so it measures 20cm x 20cm
3. Place pattern/template on top of the fabric, and pin in place.
4. Cut out around the edge on the dotted line.
5. Roughly cut around each paper template.
6. **Repeat** instructions 3 & 4 for the gusset
7. **Repeat** instructions 2 – 4 for the wings
8. Cut the beak and cocks comb from the felt.
9. Sew the red cocks comb on now curving around the head upside down.



10. Sew the beak in place
11. Where one of the wings will be sewn, cut a small slit (this is where you will turn the piece through to the right side and where you will stuff the bird).



12. With right sides together stitch the chicken body together from the mark when the gusset will insert, sew up the neck, around the head and continue until you reach the round part of the chicken's bottom. STOP



13. Using the gusset piece, line up the gusset points with the marks on the body and pin in place, lining up the edges of the fabric, then stitch using a .5cm seam.



14. **Repeat** with the other side.

15. Sew the remainder of the chicken that was left unsewn.



16. Clip the raw edges before turning inside out.



17. Turn inside out and press with a hot iron (TAKE CARE!!)





18. Take a pair of wings and cut a slit in BOTH pieces



19. Take **one SLIT** wing and **one NON slit** wing and put right sides together.

20. Sew around the edge, clip curves,



21. Turn inside out and press (**Repeat** 18 – 20)

22. Stuff the chicken making sure you push the stuffing firmly into the head and tail first. Keep stuffing around the edges before finally filling the body cavity.



23. The body should feel quite firm when you squeeze it.



24. Using a double thread sew up the slit.



25. Place a wing over the slit and sew in place (**Repeat** with the other wing)

26. Place a coloured headed pin either side for the eyes.



**Your Chicken Pin Cushion is ready to use!**

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