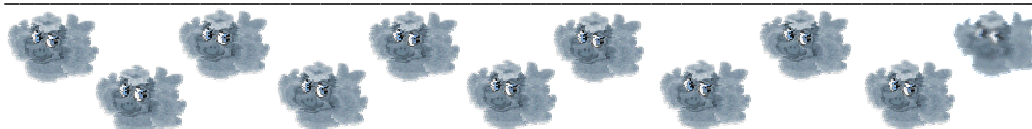




USING 2 OLD CD'S TO MAKE AN EMBROIDERED AND BEADED PINCUSHION

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Pincushion made from CD's



Whilst making my wooden based Pincushions my eyes caught site of an old CD which got me thinking. The above Pincushion is the product of those thoughts.

You need:

1. A machine embroidered design. You can use the one I have included with this lesson if you want.
2. A piece of Fabric to make 2 circles – 8 1/2 inches and 7 inches. I used curtain fabric.
3. A piece of Foam cut into a circle measuring 6 inches across and 2 inches deep. (I purchased mine from Clarke Rubber (Australia) it already comes in a tube you need either to ask them to slice it for you into 2inch wide pieces or use the electric carving knife.)



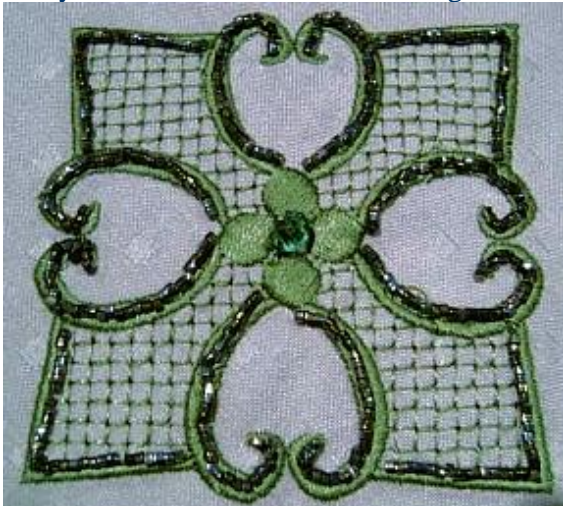
4. Lace for around the edge. I hand dyed some of my white lace using Ozecraft dyes from www.ozecraft.com
5. Beads for decoration.
6. 2 old CD's

First of all mark out your circles on your fabric I suggest you use a fading marker that way if you don't quite get the design embroidered in the centre you can make adjustments to the circular markings.

Embroider the design into the centre of the large circle.



Cut out your circles of fabric and overlock around the outside edge to prevent fraying. Use your beads and decorate the design.



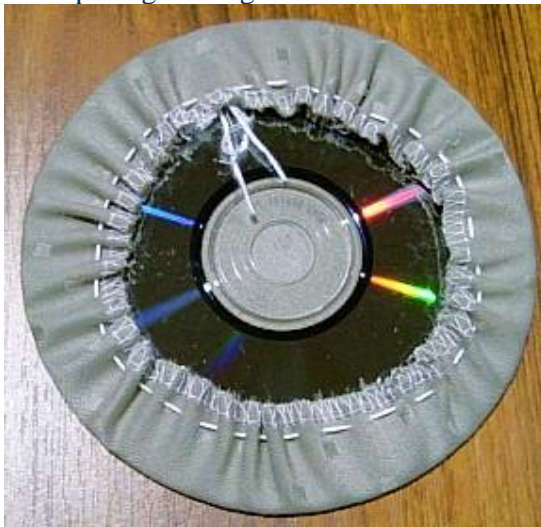
Make a running stitch around the inside of the small circle of fabric just inside the overlocking. I used 6 strands of Madeira thread to do this to prevent the thread snapping.



Place a CD into the centre.



Pull up the gathering thread and tie the threads off.





Get your piece of foam rubber and place thread (I used 6 strands of madeira) around the edge of the foam rubber about 1 inch from the top of the foam.

You will need someone to help you do this next step. Whilst squeezing the foam inwards pull the thread and tie off the thread. Try and make the base of the foam the same size as your CD.



Even out the foam to make a smooth top.



Here's the bottom view of the foam.



With the CD for size.



Place a gathering stitch around the outside of the embroidered and beaded piece of fabric.



Place the foam inside the wrong side of the fabric. Pull the gathering thread up and over the foam, you will also need to put the CD under the gathering as well. (Help is needed with this part as well. Make sure you don't get too lethal with the CD or it may snap on you. Add pressure to the centre of the CD not the edges.)

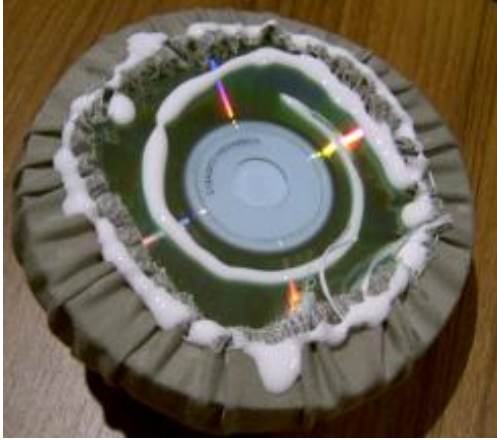


Tie off the thread.



View of the top.

All that's left to do now is add glue around the edge of the gathering and inside on the CD.



I used Aquadhere from the Hardware store here in Aussie. It dries clear but takes about 12 hours to really set.

Place the other CD with the gathered fabric onto the other half of the pin cushion. (gathered sides together.)

Now you can either sit on the two joined halves for 12 hours so they stay stuck or you can do what I did and that was to place the pincushion upside down on a towel and place some books on the base to help it stick.

Sew some lace around the pincushion to cover the join and pretty it up.



Here's a picture of another one I made.



I used butterfly beads to decorate this one.

Have fun with these.

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