

PINCUSHIONS



Never have enough - every table needs at least one!

Have on hand:

- Object to transform into a pincushion
- Jersey fabric (like T-shirt fabric) - 12" square is plenty
- Cable tie - small
- Crushed walnut shells or Fiberfil
- Small bowl
- Fabric to compliment your container - 12" square is plenty
- Fabric Glue
- Permanent Adhesive like *Quick Grip*
- Toothpick

NOTE: These directions are written for a tea cup, modify as necessary for your container shape.

1. Measure the diameter of your container and add 4".
2. From the jersey fabric, roughly cut a square or circle this size.
3. Lay the fabric in the small bowl and add the walnut shells, guessing at the amount needed by looking at the opening in your container.
4. Bring up the edges of the fabric and twist the edges to make a tight ball.
5. While holding the ball, test to see if the size and amount of walnut shells is sufficient to fill the opening of the container - add or subtract as needed.
6. When you have the right size ball, twist the jersey as tight as possible, stretching the fabric.
7. Take the cable tie and put it around the twisted ends and pull tight to trap the walnut shells. Trim the edges to remove excess fabric.
8. Squirt the permanent adhesive into the bottom of your container. Firmly push your walnut shell ball into the container.
9. Roughly cut a piece of the decorative fabric to fit over your "ball". Usually a circle.
10. Apply the white glue around the edges of the pincushion where it meets your container.
11. Cut off the pointed edge of the toothpick, then using it, jab the fabric edges into your container to hide the jersey fabric. Since the fabric edges are bias, they will stretch and conform to the shape of your pincushion.

Enjoy !