

Hen Party Chicks Pincushion

Supply List:

- Two 3-1/2" to 4" squares fabric for chick body
- One to Three 2-1/2" squares for tail (same print as body or contrast fabric)
- Three 1-1/4" squares of red fabric for comb
- One yellow/gold 1-1/4" square for beak
- About 1/2 cup rice, ground walnut shells, silica sand, or use polyester fiberfill for stuffing (your choice)

Instructions:

1. PREPARE comb and beak pieces. Fold each square in half to form a triangle. Press. Fold in half again and press again.
2. LAY OUT one of the chick body squares right side up, and ARRANGE beak and comb pieces as diagrammed. PIN- or GLUE-baste to secure beak and comb in place.
3. PLACE the other square right sides together over the comb and beak. Pin in place.
4. STITCH along the dotted lines indicated, using 1/4" seam allowances. Start in the corner opposite the beak and comb. Leave an opening through which you will eventually turn the chicken right-side out. Turn at the corners and continue to sew around the next two sides, making sure you go through the beak and comb. **Leave the last side open.**
5. PREPARE tail pieces. Fold and press as before to form prairie point triangles. Layer together and pin-or glue-baste.
6. SANDWICH your tail piece in the remaining open seam of the chicken, aligning the top and bottom seams and centering the tail. This will form the pyramid shape of the chicken. CENTER the tail piece so the points are inside the chicken and the tail piece is facing up towards the comb. STITCH across that seam.
7. TURN your chick right side out using the opening on the bottom of the chicken. Stuff with your choice of stuffing. Slip-stitch the opening closed. Make one or a ton! A great way to use up scraps.

*NOTE: This chicken can be made with any size square of fabric, plain or pieced. Try making it using half-square triangles, four-patch blocks or mini log cabin blocks (use 1" strips) or any other leftover block. Comb and beak can be made with felt, ultrasuede, or craft foam. Give as gifts or fill a basket with these cute, whimsical chicks! Have Fun!

