



## Little Birdie Pincushions

Another little "Snippet" by Deonn Stott

### SUPPLIES

**Body:** 2-1/2" x 5" rectangle (A)

**Head:** 1-1/2" x 5" strip (B)

**Tail accent:** 1" x 5" strip (B)

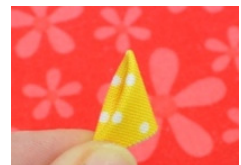
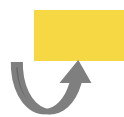
**Wings:** 2-1/2" square (B) (optional)

**Beak:** 1-1/4" square

**Filler** (poly fiberfill, wool roving, silica sand, rice, ground walnut shells, etc.)

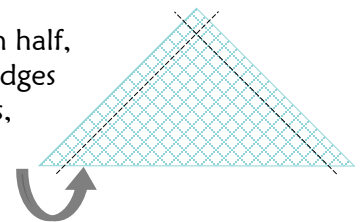
#### Prepare Beak:

FOLD 1-1/4" beak square in half; PRESS. Bring folded corners to the center, forming a triangle; PRESS again. FOLD in half again to form a pointy little beak. Set aside.



#### Stitch Wings (optional):

Fold the 2-1/2" square diagonally in half, right sides together. STITCH raw edges together. CUT in half; trim corners, turn each wing right side out (use a chopstick for corners); PRESS.



#### Bird Body:

ARRANGE wings along one edge of body, 1/2" from the outer edges, leaving about 1-1/2" of space between the wings. PIN in place.

LAYER 1-1/2" head strip right sides together over wings; PIN. LAYER 1" tail strip along opposite side. STITCH both to body using 1/4" seam allowance. PRESS seams open.

At this point, PRESS tail piece under 1/4" to form a crease for the final seam. Unfold.

FOLD bird unit in half, matching side seams; PIN. Finger press to find the center of head. INSERT beak about 1/4" down from the center foldline.

STITCH side seam and across the end, over the beak, back-stitching at beginning and ending.

On the corner opposite the beak, FOLD to match the side seam with the end seam, forming a triangle point. Double-check to make sure the seams are lined up! PIN, then STITCH along the edge of your seam allowance, about 1" down from the point. This forms the little bird's body. Be sure not to catch the beak section as you stitch.

TURN bird right side out. FILL the bird head and about HALF of the body with your choice of stuffing.

Re-FOLD the opening at the bird's tail. PIN, then STITCH by hand or edge-stitch by machine to close the opening.

DOUBLE-THREAD a needle with matching thread or floss. Hold the bird tail-side up so all the filler is out of the tail area. Take a running stitch all the way around the body center, then GATHER to cinch in the bird's body and form the tail. WRAP the thread around several times and secure with a knot, then bury the threads. (OR use a small covered elastic band and wrap it around as many times as you can!)

Eyes: stitch buttons or seed beads, work a French knot or simply use pins.

Store needles in the tail - and load the little birdie with pins, if you can bear to poke him!

