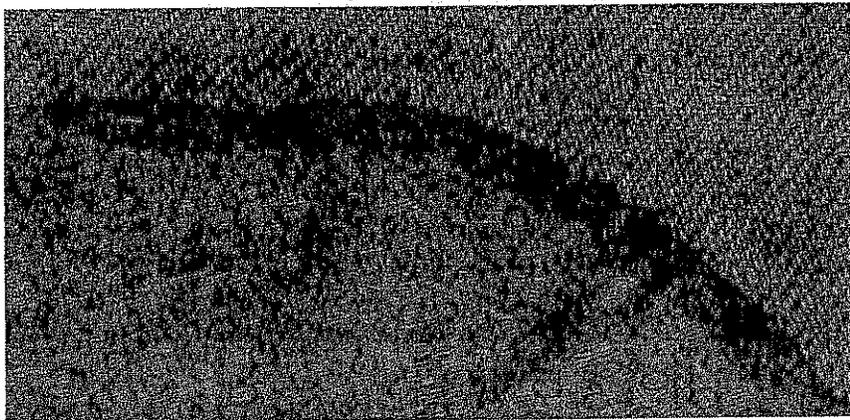
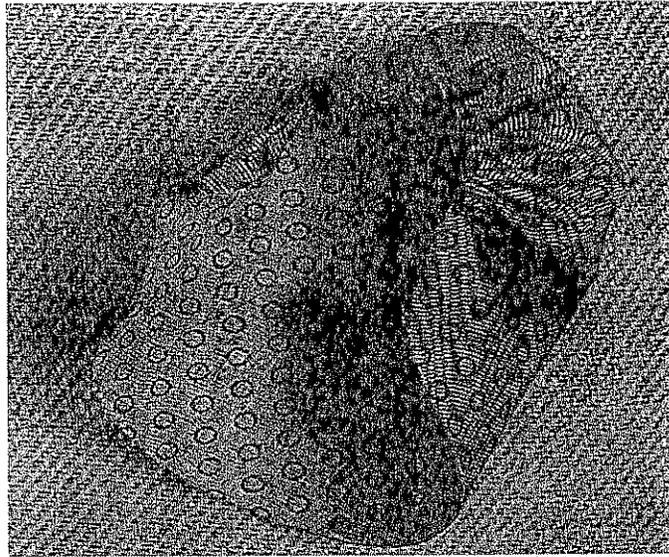


## Pincushion - First Steps

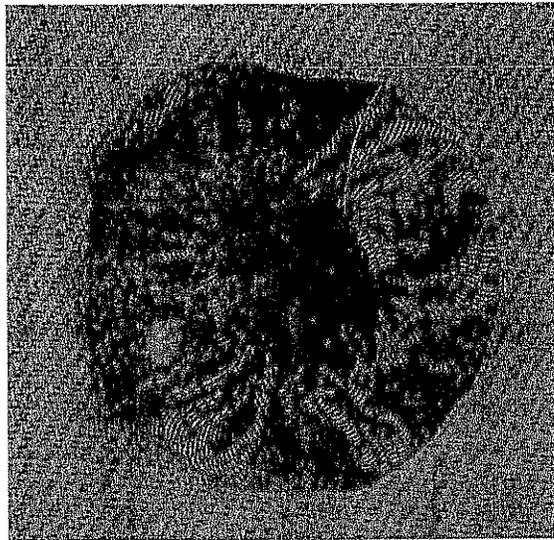
1. Trace circle on back of fabric with pencil. Use your fabric shears to cut on drawn line.
2. Turn edge of circle about 1/4 inch to the wrong side and secure it with a gathering stitch. (A gathering stitch simply goes in and out of the fabric so that when you pull the thread you create gathers.)



3. Pull the thread as you go.

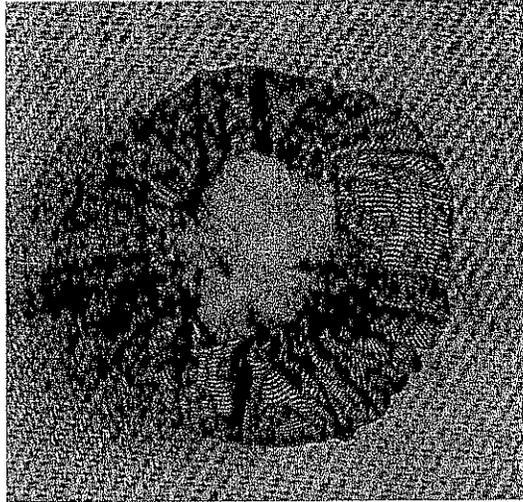


4. Once you've gone all the way around, pull thread taut, but leave an opening in the top. Leave thread on the needle, do not tie off.



## Pincushion - Stuffing

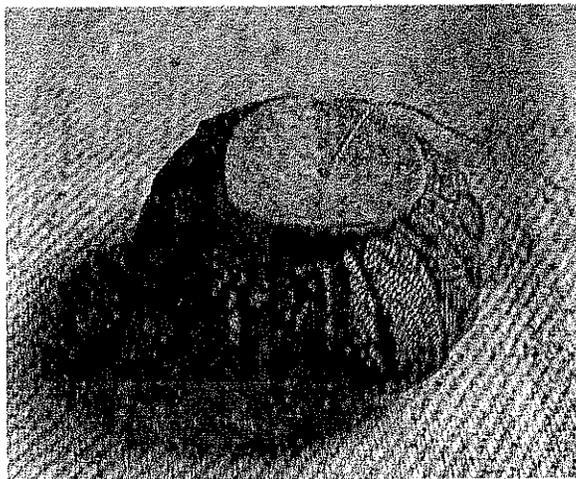
1. Stuff pincushion as firmly as possible



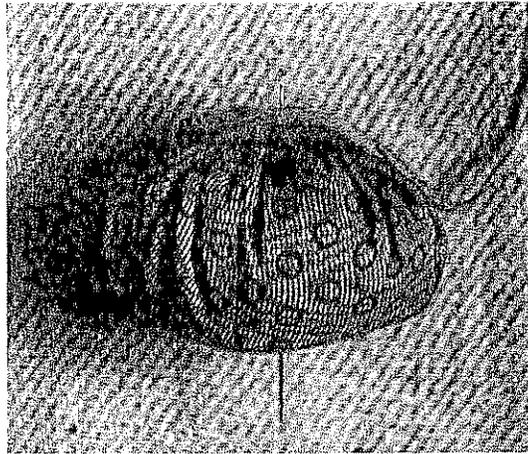
2. Pull thread taut, tie off end of thread. (Note: your pincushion will not be completely closed).

## Pincushion - Topper

1. Cut out a small circle of felt for the pincushion topper. It should be large enough to cover the opening of your cushion by at least 1/4-inch in all directions.
2. Thread needle with an 18-inch length of thread. Tie a knot in the opposite end.
3. Pull needle and thread through felt so that the knot is on the wrong side. Place felt on top of cushion.

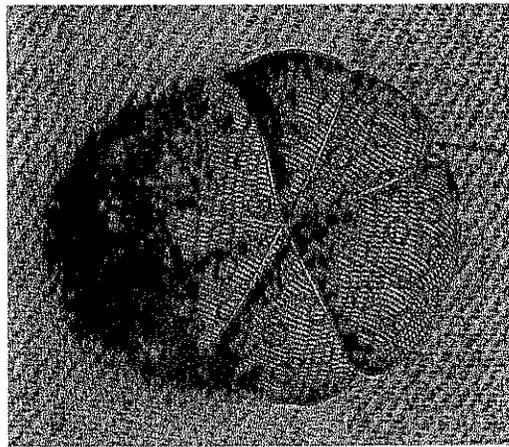


4. Push needle back down through the topper and out of the bottom of the cushion.



## Pincushion - Wrap Thread

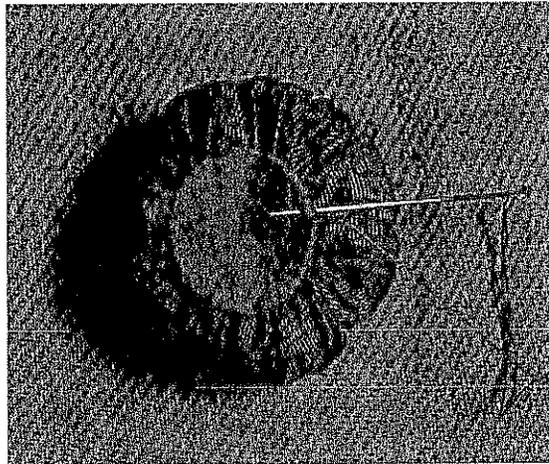
1. Wrap thread around the top of the cushion, underneath the topper, and back around to the bottom. Catch the needle in the thread coming out of the bottom of the cushion. Pull thread taut. Wrap thread around the cushion two more times, catching the needle in the thread coming out of the bottom of the cushion and pulling the thread taut each time.



2. Tie a knot in the thread as close to the bottom of the cushion as possible. Push needle down through bottom and out about 1/4-inch away. Pull thread taut to pop the knot inside the cushion. Trim thread end.

## Pincushion - Finishing

1. Thread needle with an 18-inch length of thread. Tie a knot in the opposite end.
2. Insert needle into the opening of the pincushion underneath the topper. Push needle up through pincushion fabric and out of the topper (about 1/8-inch from the edge of the topper). Pull needle through.
3. Stitch topper to pincushion fabric all the way around.



4. Once you have stitched all the way around the topper, tie a knot in the thread as close to the pincushion as possible, push needle through fabric right next to the edge of the topper and back out again about 1/4-inch away. Pull thread taut to pop the knot inside the cushion. Trim thread end.

