Pincushion Angel © 2013

Sewing supplies storage needn’t be boring. I originally designed this pattern back in early 2011 for use in my studio classroom and then later released it as an E-pattern in my Boutique store. To date, this little sweetie has been one of my most popular E-patterns.

Please read all instructions before beginning.

Finished size: 28cm x 10cm

General supplies
Fabric: 2 x coordinating fabrics for dress,
Unbleached Calico or linen for body,
Lace trim,
Crochet doily – optional,
Small wings, I used Tilda Angel wings – optional,
Small amount of dolls hair or wool,
Hobby Fill,
½ cup of rice or plastic pellets,
Sewing machine and basic sewing supplies.

Note: Tilda products are available from Panduro Hobby.
Instructions

Note: All seams are sewn with a 1/4“ seam allowance.

1. Cut: one piece of calico 13” x 3”,
   one piece of bodice fabric 13” x 2 1/2”,
   one piece of skirt fabric 13” x 6 1/2”.

2. Sew each piece together using a 1/4” seam, as shown below. Press seams.

   If you are inserting a doily as an apron, you’ll need to cut this piece in half.

3. Cut another piece of the skirt fabric to 6 1/2” x 8” for the pocket. Fold in half so you now have a 6 1/2” x 4” piece and iron flat with right sides facing out. Fold the main body fabric in half, right sides together and slip the pocket inside between the two body layers.

   If you are using a doily, place both the doily and the pocket in between the skirt front and back.

4. Trace the doll outline onto the back of the fabric. (see photo on previous page). Sew the body piece using a small stitch, remembering to leave an opening for turning, where indicated on the pattern. Cut the pieces out leaving a narrow seam allowance of about 3 - 5 mm. Cut notches in the seam allowance where seams curve.

5. Attach circle base and turn out through the opening. My favourite tool for reversing and stuffing is an old chopstick. It has the advantage of having both a smaller and larger end and is long enough to reach into hard to get places.
6. Fold in the seam allowance at opening and iron.

7. Pour rice (or pellets) through hole. These will add weight to your doll and stabilize her. I fill about a quarter of the doll's body with pellets/rice. Push stuffing into body loosely and try to avoid the formation of hard lumps before you have the stuffing in position. Press the stuffing firmly into place.

8. Slip stitch the opening closed.

9. If you are making a pincushion without a doily, hand sew narrow lace trim around the hips where the bodice and skirt meet.

10. Arms: Cut a piece of calico 9" x 2 ½". Cut a piece of bodice fabric 9" x 3 ½". Join the two fabrics across the 9" width. Iron seam flat.

11. Fold fabric in half, right sides together and trace the outline for two arms. Sew around the outline using a small stitch, leaving the shoulder end of the arm open. Cut the arms out leaving a narrow seam allowance of 3 -5 mm. Cut notches in seam allowance where seams curve. Turn arms out very carefully through opening. Fold in seam allowance and iron.

12. Push stuffing into arms loosely and try to avoid the formation of hard lumps before you have the stuffing in position. Press the stuffing firmly into place.

13. Hand sew the narrow lace trim around end of sleeves.

14. Join the hands together with a couple of hidden stitches and then attach arms in place with pins. When you are happy with the positioning, slip stitch around the arms to secure to body.
15. How you make the hair is optional. I chose to sew a long strand around the head in a spiral, starting on the outside and rotating the strand until I reached the centre. Next I made two balls of hair and attach either side of the head. Finish off with a pretty paper flower.

16. Blush the cheeks with blusher and dot the eyes with either black paint or a sharpie pen.

17. Adhere or sew wings in place on back of doll.

Pocket in back is used to hold small embroidery scissors.
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