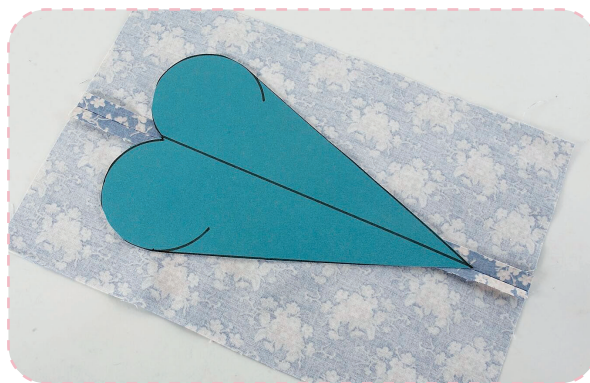




3 Take one of the pieces of fabric to make the back, and cut in half lengthways. Re-sew these two pieces together with a $\frac{1}{4}$ in (0.5cm) seam allowance. Press the seam open.



4 Place the template centrally over the seam, trace the outline and cut round it.



5 Cut the heart shape from the front fabric using the template.

6 With right sides together, pin then sew all the way round the heart. Snip into the curves. Using the seam ripper, undo about 2in (5cm) of stitches from the back seam.

Tip

If you prefer a fuller shape of heart, make your template with a 5in (12.7cm) depth in the centre instead of 9in (22.8cm).



7 Turn the heart the right way out. Stuff with the toy stuffing, adding the dried lavender as you go. Close the opening with a ladder stitch (see page 13).

8 Hand sew the ribbon to the top of the heart and cover your stitches with the buttons.

Pumpkin Pillow

The texture and dimension of this pumpkin pillow give it centre stage in my blue-themed bedroom! Use it among other pillows to dress the bed or, with a little less stuffing, it would make for a very comfortable seat pad.

What you need:

Round pillow pad with a diameter of 8in (20.5cm)

One piece of fabric measuring 13in (33cm) square

A contrasting fabric measuring the same

A loop turner and strong thread

Embroidery needle and thread

Two buttons, one large and one small

A 12in (30.5cm) dinner plate as a template



Bottle Bag

This makes perfectly presented wine for the picnic table, or a stylish gift bag for a bottle of wine. The little pocket on the side is a handy place to keep the cork. Cheers!



What you need:

For the outside of the bag, fabric measuring 9 x 12in (22.8 x 30.5cm)

Contrasting fabric measuring 12 x 3½in (30.5 x 9cm)

For the lining, fabric measuring 12 x 12in (30.5 x 30.5cm)

For the pocket, fabric measuring 4in (10cm) square

11½in (29.2cm) of ¾in (19mm) bias binding or ribbon for the drawstring tape

24in (61cm) of string to tie

Safety pin

Air erasable pen



1 Sew the contrasting fabric right sides together to the top of the outer fabric.

2 Draw a line 1½in (3.8cm) from the top with air erasable pen. This is where you will sew the tape that will act as a channel for the drawstring.