

Cupcake

Materials

- ♥ brown gingham fabric, 20 x 20cm (8 x 8in)
- ♥ white fabric 30 x 30 (11¾ x 11¾in)
- ♥ red felt ball
- ♥ coloured embroidery thread
- ♥ fusible web
- ♥ toy stuffing
- ♥ ceramic cupcake case

Tools

- ♥ iron
- ♥ fabric shears
- ♥ embroidery needle
- ♥ ruler
- ♥ pencil
- ♥ sewing machine and matching threads
- ♥ hand sewing needle

1 Cut out two circles, one from the brown gingham fabric and one from the white, twice the diameter of your cupcake case. Back the remaining white fabric with fusible web and cut a second circle from it the same diameter as your cupcake case.

2 Remove the backing from the small white circle, place it in the centre of the gingham circle and iron it in place.

3 Fold the whole circle into equal quarters and run your fingers along the edges to crease them. Unfold and cut along the creases so that you have four equal-sized pieces.

4 Take two of the adjacent pieces and place them right sides together. Mark with a pencil and ruler 0.5cm (¼in) from the upright straight edge at the rounded outside edge and 1cm (⅔in) from the upright straight edge on the horizontal straight edge (see diagram). Join these two marks together. Machine sew along the line you have marked. Repeat this process with the other two pieces.

5 You now have two semicircles. Place them right sides together and, as before, mark 0.5cm (¼in) from the rounded edge to 1cm (⅔in) from the central point on both sides. Machine sew along the lines. This will form the slight dome of the cupcake.

6 Mark a few small random lines on the white part of the cupcake with pencil to resemble sprinkles. Hand sew these marks with embroidery threads in various colours, using simple straight stitch.

7 Using red embroidery thread, sew the red felt ball on to the centre of the cupcake.

8 Pin the large plain white circle over the right side of the pincushion and machine sew around three-quarters of the circle. Note that the doming process in steps 4 and 5 makes the top of the pincushion smaller than the white base, but this will not matter once you have sewn the parts together and turned them right sides out, as the excess will be inside.

9 Turn the right way out and stuff firmly with toy stuffing.

10 Using small hand stitches, sew the gap to close. Place the cupcake in your case.

