

Log Cabin Pincushion Tutorial



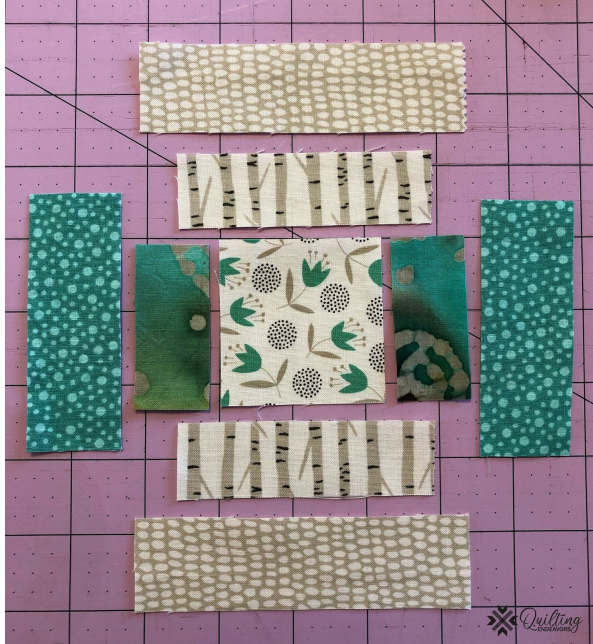
Materials:

Cut the following fabric:

- * One (1) 2¼" x 2¼" square (light fabric A)
 - * Two (2) 1" x 2¼" strips (dark fabric B)
 - * Two (2) 1" x 3¼" strips (light fabric C)
 - * Two (2) 1¼" x 3¼" strips (dark fabric D)
 - * Two (2) 1¼" x 4¾" strips (light fabric E)
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- * One (1) 5" square for back of pincushion (any matching fabric)
 - * Two (2) 5" squares of batting
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- * matching thread
 - * 3" piece ribbon (optional)
 - * Filler (ground walnut shells, steel wool, sawdust, sand, lentils, fabric scraps)

Notes:

- Be very precise with measurements when cutting fabric.
 - Use a ¼" seam allowance.
 - Press all seams open.
 - Remember to backstitch.
 - Finished size approximately: 4¼" square
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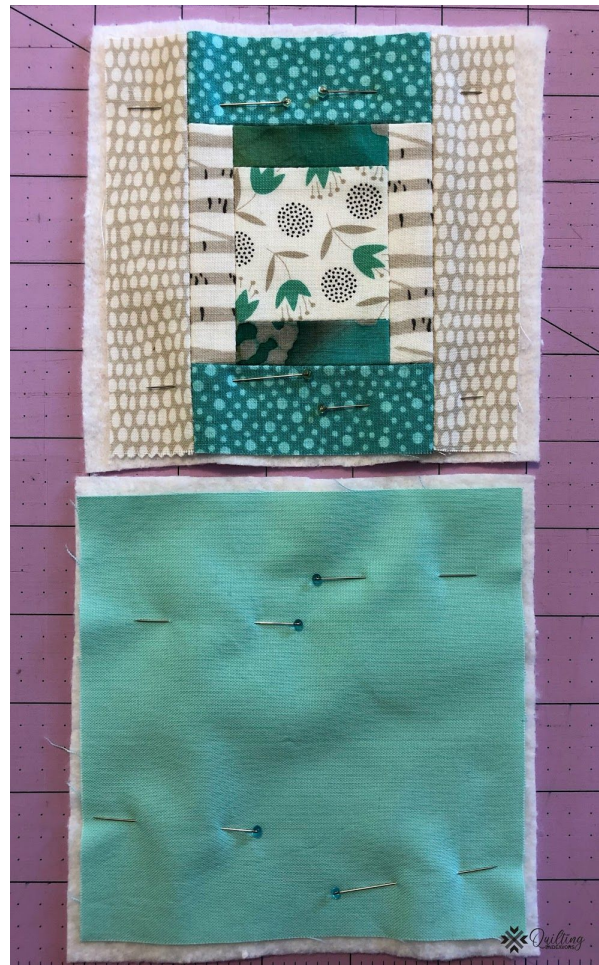


Instructions:

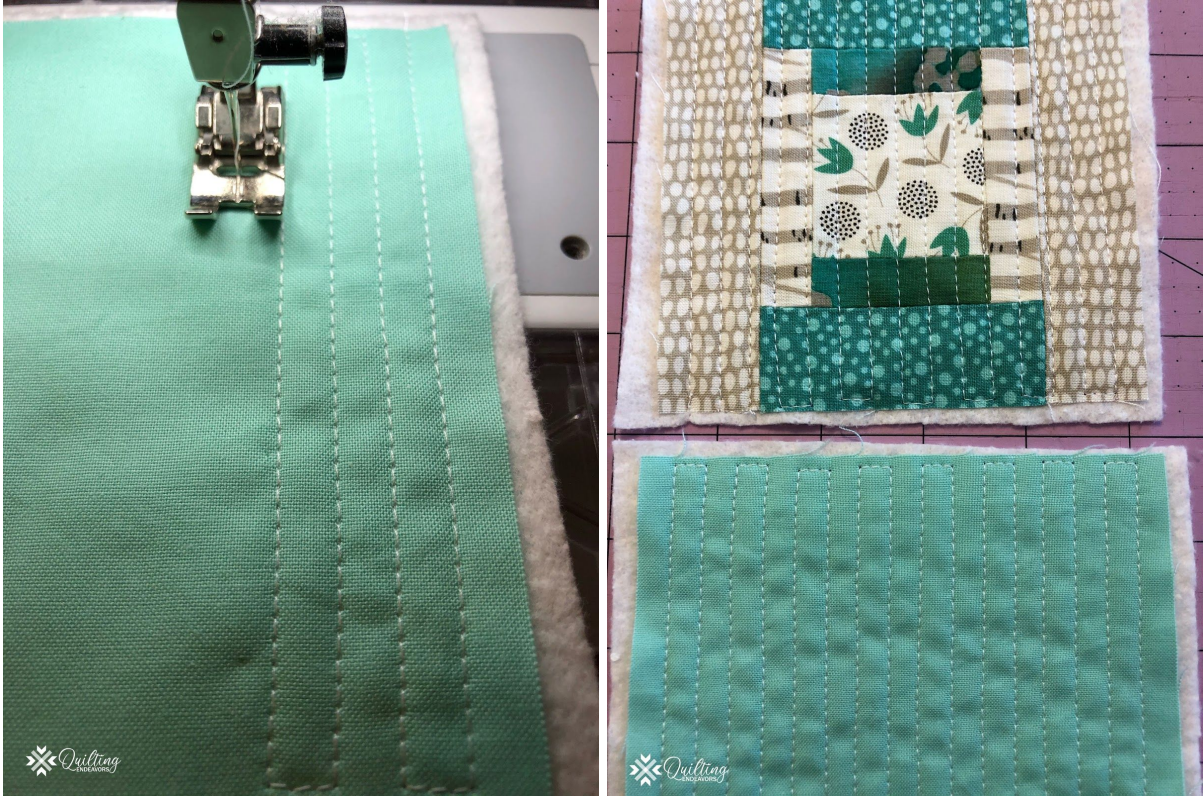
1. Start by laying fabric pieces for the top of the pin cushion out flat (See photo). Sew the B fabric strips to opposite sides of piece A. Press seams open.
2. Add pieces C to the other two sides of block A. Press seams.
3. Continue doing this with pieces D and E. Press after each set of strips are added.



4. Layer and center top of pincushion on batting, pin in place with a few pins. Do the same with backing fabric.



5. Quilt as desired. I quilted straight lines about a $\frac{1}{4}$ " from each other. Adjust stitch length to a slightly bigger stitch.



6. Trim batting and backing fabric to match top - approximately $4\frac{3}{4}$ " square.

7. Optional: Fold ribbon in half and pin to one side of the pincushion top. Stitch in place.



8. Pin top and back, right sides together. Stitch all around leaving a 3" opening on one side. Back stitch at the beginning and end.



9. Clip the corners and turn right side out; push out corners.



10. Fill the pincushion. (I prefer ground walnut shells, but other options include steel wool, sawdust, sand, lentils, fabric scraps.)



11. Close up the opening of the pincushion by using a ladder stitch.



