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By *elinor peace bailey*, using her *Dance with the Fairies* collection for P&B Textiles

Materials *(yields one pincushion)*

1/4 yard each of DFAI 689C and DFAI 690B for the Petal Panel
1/8 yard of DFAI 689O for the ruffle
1 fat eighth (9" x 21") of DFAI 688C for the pincushion top
5" x 5" scrap of DFAI 689P for the small yoyo
9" square of green felt
8" x 20" piece of cotton batting
Fairfield polyester fiber-fill stuffing
1/2 yard of decorative trim
1/2 yard of ribbon
Variety of beads and buttons
Pearl cotton thread
Button and Craft thread

Directions

1. Using the petal panel template, cut out one piece from the purple (DFAI 689C), one piece from the blue (DFAI 690B) and one piece from the batting. Make sure to align the fold line on the template with the fold of your fabrics and batting.

2. Layer the purple and blue petal-panels right sides together and then layer with the batting petal-panel. With the batting on the bottom and using a 1/4" seam allowance, stitch around the outside edge as indicated, leaving the bottom section open. Trim and clip as needed. Turn the petal-panel right side out. Along the opening, turn the seam allowance in 1/4"; press and close the opening with a slip stitch. Topstitch around the outside edge of petals and the veins in each petal as indicated.

3. From the orange print (DFAI 689O) cut a 5" x 36" strip. On each short end, fold over 1/4" and press. Then fold 1/4" again and press to make a hem. Topstitch. Fold the strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together. Hand sew a running stitch close to the raw edges, then pull the thread and gather the ruffle to a length of about 15". Fold the petal-panel and ruffle in half to find the center-line on each piece. Place the ruffle on the petal-panel where indicated, matching the center-lines. (The ruffle will be about 1/2" shorter than the petal-panel on each end.) Topstitch in place.

4. On the blue side of the petal-panel, place right sides together and stitch the short ends together to make a circle. Turn the seam allowance to the inside of the circle.

5. Using the purple check (DFAI 688C) and the yoyo pincushion top template; cut out one pincushion top circle. Make sure to align the fold lines on the template with the folds of your fabric. Hand sew a running stitch close to the raw edges, then pull the thread and gather the outer edge. Stuff the gathered circle until it puffs firmly, cinch up the gathers, and knot the thread. Stuff the pincushion top into the petal circle. Stitch in place using a long running stitch and sewing through the petal-panel.

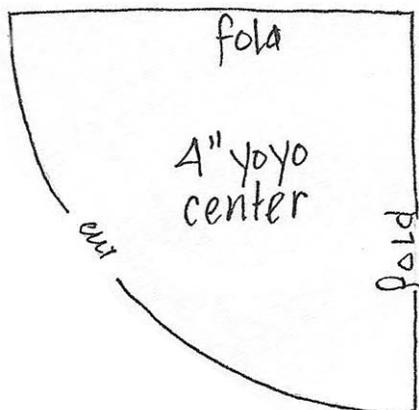
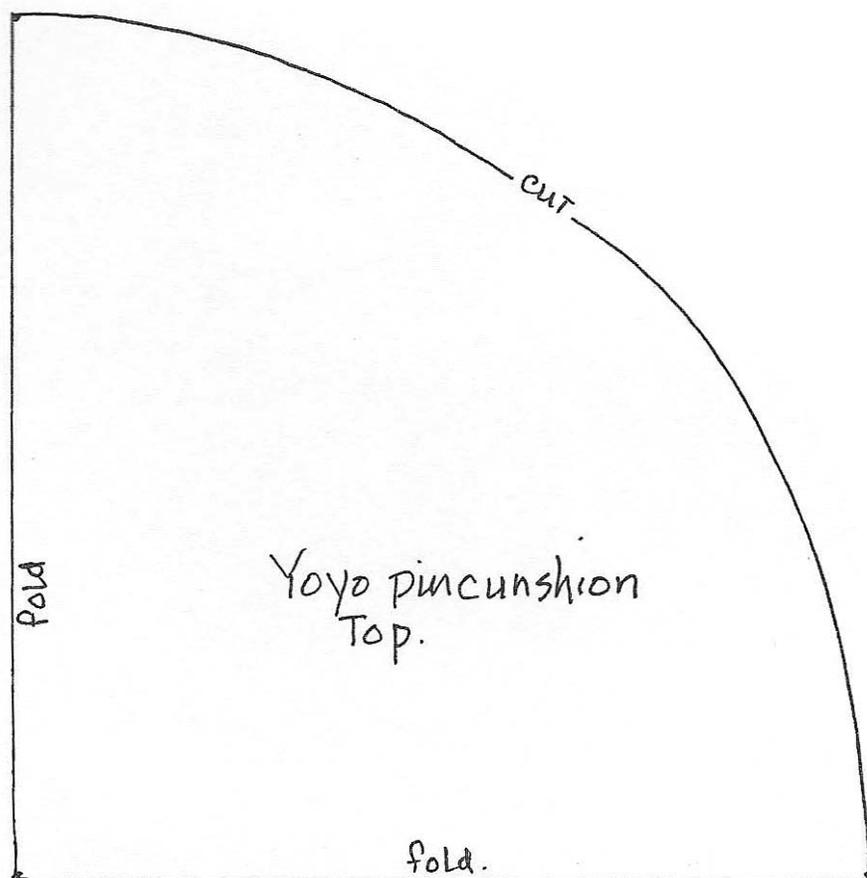
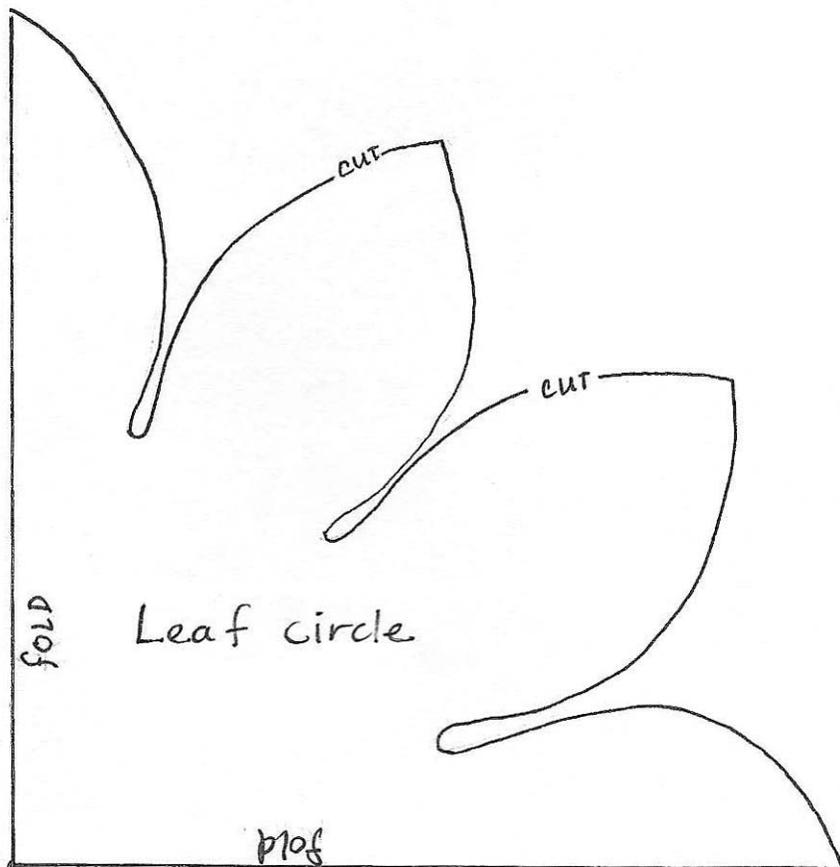


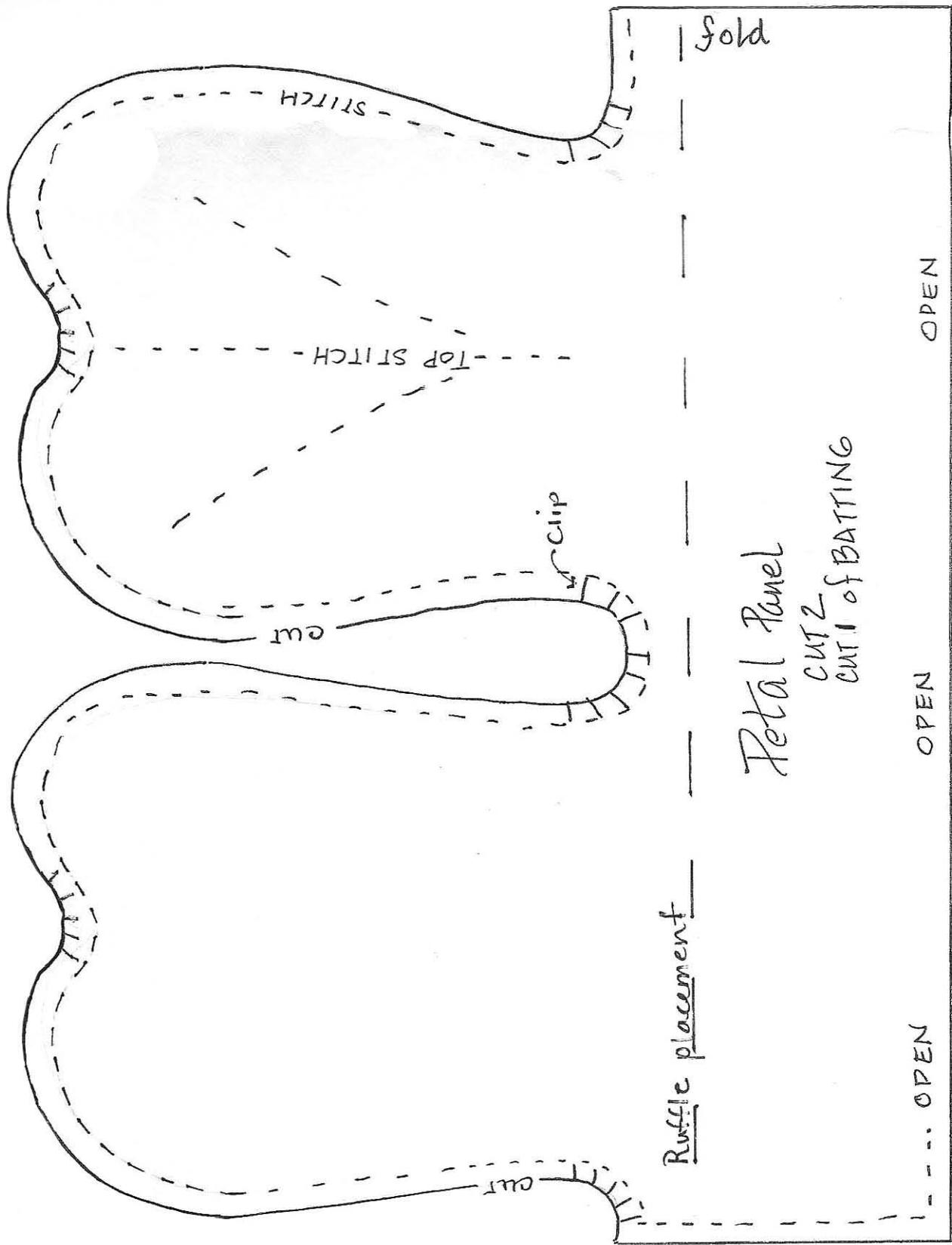
Directions (continued)

6. For the bottom of the pincushion, use the green felt square and the leaf circle template, to cut out one felt leaf circle. Place the leaf circle on the bottom of the pincushion. Stitch in place using the pearl cotton thread and a running stitch; sewing through the bottom of the petal-panel circle.

7. Using the pink scrap (DFAI 689P) and yoyo center template; cut out one pink circle. Finger-press under the edge of the circle $\frac{1}{4}$ " onto the wrong side of the fabric. Sew a running stitch close to the folded edge of the shape. When you have stitched completely around the shape, pull up the thread tightly to gather the yoyo. Make a couple of tiny stitches in the gathered folds to secure the thread. The yoyo's gathered side is the right side. Place the yoyo in the center of the pincushion top. Stitch in place, going back and forth through the bottom of the pincushion to depress the center. Add a large bead with a bead stopper. Add additional beads and buttons as desired.

8. Place the decorative trim around the outside edge of the pincushion top, close to the ruffle, and stitch in place. Tie the ribbon into a bow. Place the bow in the open space between the ends of the ruffle and tack in place.





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