Valentine's Sewing Projects

Valentine Pennie Pockets Tutorial
By Sew-Whats-New.com on January 23rd, 2010

Four little nosegay Pennie Pockets of Valentine happiness. Fill with treats and love... hang on a front door handle.
what you need:

6 slices of a Moda Layer Cake (6 - 10" x 10" squares).
2 strips (2 - 1½" strips) from a roll of Sweet Honey Buns. Optional: Clover "Large" (orange) Yo-Yo maker.
Pearl beads in assorted sizes. (optional)

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related:

Moda Sent With Love 2-1/2" Jelly Roll

Designed by Deb Strain for Moda Fabrics, this assortment includes 40- 2 1/2" x 44" strips from the "Sent With Love" collection. The color palette includes pink, red, white and spring green.

Crazy Patch Valentine Wall Hanging Pattern
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Try this fun, crazypatch wall hanging for a little bit of love. Add it to your Valentine’s Day decorations and enjoy making it, too.

What you need:

1/4 yard cotton fabric for the outer border
1/8 yard cotton for inner border
3/8 yard cotton fabric for backing and background
Assorted scraps or fat quarters of cotton fabric
Tear-away stabilizer
Assorted rayon threads (e.g. Sulky® or Robison Anton)
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13” square of cotton batting
Appliqué foot

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Cut:

Two 2”-wide strips x width of fabric for outer border; one 1 3/8”-wide
strip x width of fabric for inner border; one 8” square of background
fabric; and one 12” square for the backing.

Construction:

1. Print the heart pattern off on your computer printer.
Trace the pattern on an 8” square of tear-away stabilizer.

2. Cut a 5-sided piece to begin the crazy-patch design. Pin the
scrap to
the tear-away stabilizer slightly off-center. (NOTE: The scrap
should
have an odd number of sides, three or five, to give the design the
most random appearance.)

3. With right sides together, place another scrap of fabric on
top of the
first piece matching one edge. Stitch through all the layers
using a
1/4” seam allowance. Open out the pieces and press flat. Trim
away
any excess seam allowance from the ends.

4. Continue adding other random-shaped pieces and stitching until the
entire drawn pattern is covered.

5. From the wrong side of the newly created fabric, straight stitch around
the design. Cut out the design just outside the stitching line. Spray the
wrong side of the cut out design with the temporary adhesive.

6. Fold the 8” square of background fabric in quarters to find the
center.
Adhere the design to the middle of the square.

7. Appliqué the design in place using a satin stitch or buttonhole stitch
found on your machine.

8. Center the appliquéd design square on the 13” square of cotton
batting. Pin to hold in place.

9. Using a variety of decorative stitches and rayon threads, sew through
all the layers along each seam of the pieced design, centering the

stitch on top of the seam or on either side. Experiment with a variety
of stitches altering the stitch length and width to fit the overall size of
the design.

NOTE: For an additional quilting effect, outline the design with echo
quilting, stitching through all the layers.

10. Press the inner border strip in half, wrong sides together. Using a
1/4” seam, stitch the strip to the top and bottom of the background
square matching the edges of the fabric. Then stitch the strip to each
side.

11. Attach the outer border by stitching the top and bottom strips first
and then add the side strips. Neatly trim any excess batting from the
outer edges.

12. To make tabs for hanging, cut an 8” strip from the 2” wide strip.
With right sides together, seam the long edge using a 1/4”
seam. Turn
to the right side, press and cut the strip in half.

13. Fold each 4” strip in half and pin to the right side along the top
edge, 1 1/2” from each side edge.

14. Trim the batting from the corners. With right sides together, pin
the backing fabric to the front design. Stitch all the layers together
leaving a 4” opening on one side for turning.

15. Trim the corners and turn right side out. Finger press or press
lightly with a iron along the edges.

16. Whipstitch the opening closed. Slip a dowel through the tabs and
hang.
Sew a Kids Valentine Chair Backer - Tutorial
By Sew-Whats-New.com on January 23rd, 2010

These fun bags hang on the back of the kids' chair on Valentine's Day at breakfast or at school, filled with goodies! This tutorial, by Amy of "Our Scoop" is *very* well written. If you make one of these please post a photo!

what you need:

- 1/2 yard of Felt or exterior fabric. I used Wool/Felt.
- 1/2 yard of lining/interior fabric.
- 3/4 - 1 1/2 yards of Heavyweight Fusible Interfacing *
- Scrap Fabric or Fat Quarters for the heart and ruffle details.
- Ric Rac
- 2-4 Buttons – 2 for the ruffle bag and 4 for the ric rac bag. I made my own to match using a Dritz cover button kit
- FABRÍ-TAC optional but is very helpful to stabilize things
- 3/4” Velcro

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Rainbow Felt Red

The ideal felt fabric for home, school, camp, and everyday craft projects. It's fade resistant, cuts cleanly and sews easily. It is also machine washable and dryable.

Be My Valentine Patchwork Pink

This cotton print fabric features a patchwork design. The color palette includes pink, white and fuchsia. It is perfect for Valentine's Day projects, quilting, apparel and home decor accents.

Pellon Interfacing Decor-Bond Fusible BY THE YARD White

A heavy, firm fusible backing for home decor and crafts.

Ric Rac 1 3/8” Polyester Red

This 1 3/8"(1.375") jumbo ric rac will make a statement when decorating apparel, curtains, home decorating projects and even quilting. The ric rac has a slight sheen due to polyester content.

Velcro Sew In Tape 3/4 x 30” White

For longer closures such as slipcovering cushions or finishing accent pillows.

Beacon Fabri-Tac Permanent Adhesive 2oz

Beacon Fabri-Tac Permanent Adhesive is a fast grabbing and quick dry, dries clear. A permanent and washable adhesive that can bond fabric, lace, leather, wood and trim. Works well for quick repairs also. Pre-wash fabric to remove sizing. It is acid and lignin free. 2oz

Dritz Half Ball Cover Button Size 60 2 pc
Customize your buttons to match your garments or home decor projects! These Half Ball Cover Buttons are brass. No tools are needed, as they have a snap-on backplate. Size 60 2 pc- 1 1/2"

Valentine Heart Wreath
Sewing Project
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Valentines Day is just around the corner. Try this wreath for a nice touch.

what you need:

14" grapevine wreath OR trace around a dinner plate on cardboard. (Trace again inside this circle about 1" from outer edge.)

Various red and pink fabrics for hearts.
Various red and pink ribbons for bow.
Craft glue.

what you do:

Cut out a dozen 4" high hearts from various pretty fabrics. Cut two of each fabric. One for the front, one for the back. Use pinking shears for this project if possible.

Cut out a dozen 5" high hearts cutting two of each fabric as well. Cut a slit about 1 1/2" wide on backing fabric of each heart.

Put wrong sides of heart together and stitch around entire edge about 1/4" inside.

Stuff each heart lightly, push stuffing through the slit in the back.

Glue hearts at random on wreath leaving about 3" or so bare at the top centre.

Hearts should overlap. Try to have each side different, not exactly the same placement of hearts.

Cut 10 - 12 various ribbons or raffia about 40" long. Tie ribbons in a large bow and glue to the top of your wreath in the bare spot. Adjust ribbons to hang in front, down the back and around the hearts. Trim ribbons so they do not hang longer than the wreath.

This is an easy, fun project for everyone!

Komfort Kids Sweet Hearts Multi

Designed by Patrick Lose for Avlyn, this print is a part of the Project Linus charity collection. Colors include pink, orange, lime and yellow. This cotton broadcloth print is appropriate for quilt and craft projects as well as apparel, curtains and table linens.

Warm & Natural Cotton Batting
Craft Size

34" x 45", 100% cotton, designed to resist bunching, bearding or creeping
no resins or glues, needle punched