



How to pin

Introduction

Needles and pins are both sharp. Needles have an eye to thread and pins have a head. Pins come in all shapes and sizes. Some large, some small, some with coloured heads and some from steel. Pins are used to keep layers of fabric flat and straight before we sew. If you pin well, pins save a lot of time.

How are you going to do that?

Today we are going to learn to pin the easy way. We are also going to make a great decoration with pins.



Dictionary

POMANDER

The ball shaped arrangement of perfumed flowers and herbs were carried attached to their dresses or in a vase by ladies in the Middle Ages. It was worn as protection against infection in times of pestilence or merely as a useful article to modify bad smells. Today we use pomanders as decorations at Christmas and weddings.



What do you need? .

A place to work

- For today's project you will need a space where you can work without interruption for at least one hour.
- Table.
- Chair, high enough for you to sit on and work comfortably at the table.
- Enough light to see what you are doing.
- A waste-paper bin for offcuts.
- An appliqué glue stick or other school glue.

Tools

You will need the following tools:

- Your toolbox with sewing tools

Materials

- A polystyrene ball – 7 or 8 cm in Diameter
- Pins
- Ribbon in different Colours
- Buttons
- Pieces of lace
- Other embellishments like silk or embroidered flowers

How to pin two pieces of fabric

1. Place two pieces of fabric with right sides together.



2. Without picking up the fabric, weave each pin in and out of the layered fabrics. The points of the pins is to face in toward the fabric centre and that the pin heads extend over the edge of the fabric. Make sure that the fabric is flat before you sew it.
3. The fabric is now ready to be stitched.





When doing appliqué, (like in lesson 4) you can also use pins, but you will work easier with shorter pins, made specially to do this.

Do something fun

If you look at the polystyrene ball, you'll see that there is a slight line where the two halves join. Pin the first piece of ribbon on this line. Pin the next ribbon perpendicular (across) the first to divide the ball into quarters.



Pin the next ribbon in the same way.



Continue to pin the ribbon to the ball until the quarters are each divided in three.





Attach buttons and flowers at regular intervals as decoration. Pin the buttons with pins slanted to the side, like the horns on a bull's head. This will keep the button in place.



Add a flower to the base where all the ribbon crosses over.



Add a bow at the top as well as a longer piece of ribbon to hang the ball by.



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Clean up time!

Remember to return all the left-over pins into the pin box or pin the pins into a pin cushion and put all your quilting tools back into the treasure box. Be sure to drop pieces of thread and other offcuts direct into the waste-paper bin. Leave your workspace as neat as you found it. You can be proud of yourself today!

Show and tell

You can ask your parents to help you hang this ball on the Christmas tree or as decoration on your wall. Ask for help to post one or more pictures of your decorated ball to the #saqqc4y WhatsApp group.

What's next?

In the next lesson you are going to learn how to measure and draw.

Did I miss something?

- What do I need to quilt?
- How to thread a needle.
- How to start and end with sturdy knots.



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