



Technique:	Piecing, Fabric Crafting
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Skill Level:	Beginner
Crafting Time:	An evening
Finished size:	5" x 6" (12.79cm x 15.24cm)

Featuring Coats Dual Duty XP®

Who knew cookie cutters could find a new life outside the kitchen? Red heart ones are perfect for making this Valentine pincushion.

Supplies

- Coats Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread
- 5" (12.70cm) red heart cookie cutter
- 6" (15.64cm) square of ¼" (.64cm) foam board
- 9" x 12" (22.86cm x 30.48cm) felt rectangle, for backing
- ¾ yd (57.15cm) mini ball fringe
- Assorted scraps of FreeSpirit Jitterbug fabrics by Amy Reber, at least 7" (17.78cm) long
- Polyester stuffing
- Craft glue
- Spring clips

Cutting

From the assorted scraps, cut:

A variety of strips $\frac{3}{4}$ " - $1\frac{1}{4}$ " x 7" (1.91-3.18cm x 17.78cm)

From the foam board:

Trace the inside of the cookie cutter and cut out the heart shape.

From the felt:

Trace the outside of the cookie cutter and add $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.27cm) all around; cut out the shape.

Assembling the Back

1. Generously apply glue around the perimeter edge of the foam heart. Center and finger-press onto the felt shape.
2. Apply glue to the top surface edges and wrap the felt around. Clip the felt in place and allow to dry thoroughly.

Assembling the Front

1. Sew the strips together lengthwise in random order to create a piece at least a 7" (17.78) square. Press all seams in one direction.
2. On the wrong side of the strip-pieced square, trace to the outside of the cookie cutter shape. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.27cm) all around and cut out the shape.
3. Apply glue to the cookie cutter inner upper edge. With the glued portion down, push the pieced heart fabric into the cookie cutter, arranging the strips vertically from point to point. Clip the fabric in place securely and allow to dry thoroughly.

Finishing

1. With the pieced heart portion flat against the table, stuff the pincushion to the desired firmness.
2. Apply glue around the back inner edge. Push the felt covered heart onto the cookie cutter shape and put something heavy on it to apply pressure. All to dry.
3. Apply a small bead of glue around the bottom of the cookie cutter edge where the felt bottom is joined. Lightly press the mini ball fringe into place around the perimeter of the cookie cutter; trim the ends to abut. All to dry thoroughly.