

'Hope' Mini Cushion

Finished size – 5" x 6"

This is a quick project, I have created it as a mini cushion, pincushion or bowl filler. It uses several techniques, machine applique, hand embroidery, piecing and machine quilting.



You Will Need

3½" x 4½" piece of white on white background fabric

3½" x 4½" piece of lightweight iron-on interfacing.

5 pieces 1½" square for the corners and flower

1½" square of Fusible web

2 pieces 1½" x 3½" of fabric for the borders

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2 pieces 3½" x 5½" for the back

5½" x 6½" piece of wadding

5½" x 6½" piece of 'rough' cotton*

Thread for piecing, applique and quilting

Green stranded embroidery cotton

Small decorative button

Air erasable pen

Toy stuffing

*by 'rough' cotton, I mean calico or a leftover piece that can be used when quilting, it is not going to be seen.



To Make Up the Front

1. Press the lightweight interfacing onto the wrong side of the 3½" x 4½" background fabric
2. Draw the flower onto the paper side of the fusible web and then press onto the wrong side of one of the 1½" squares of fabric. Cut out on the line
3. Position in place on the background fabric and press



4. Take the two pieces 1½" x 3½" and stitch onto either side of the background rectangle, press



5. Take the two 1½" x 4½" pieces and stitch the 1½" squares on the ends, press
6. Stitch these strips onto the top and bottom of the background rectangle, press



7. Using the air erasable pen, trace the word onto the background rectangle



8. Using two strands of the stranded embroidery cotton, embroider using your chosen stitch
Note: I used split stitch for the letters and lazy daisy for the leaves.
9. Layer with the wadding and 'rough' cotton and then applique the flower on and quilt the borders of the cushion
10. Sew on the button as the centre of the flower
11. Tack round the edges of the cushion and trim



Making The Back And Completing The Cushion

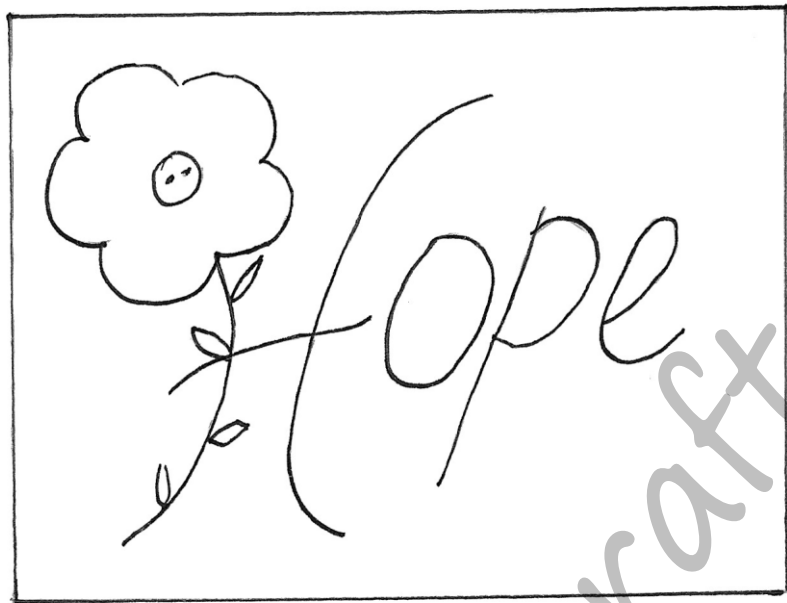
1. Take the two pieces for the back, place right sides together and stitch together along one long edge, leaving 1½" opening in the middle of the seam, press



2. Lay the back, right side up on a flat surface, place the front, right side down on top and pin round the edges
3. Stitch round the edge with ¼" seam allowance, curving round the corners
4. Trim the corners and turn the right way around through the opening in the back
5. Stuff with the toy filling and stitch the opening shut

Further suggestions: instead of creating a mini cushion, use the design to make a mini wall hanger or a coaster. Also, if you wanted a smaller bowl filler, then just use the flower and embroidered stem to make one.





The Books

Both of my books are available on Amazon and to order from your local book shop

Quilted Postcards 'Little Quilts Of Creativity'
Quilted Postcards – The Flower Edition

