

How to Make Cupcake Pin Cushions

Here's what you'll need:

- * Old sweater – whatever color you like
- * Craft Glue – a nice heavy one
- * Scissors
- * Needle
- * Thread – to match sweater
- * Stuffing
- * Cupcake paper
- * Plastic beads or beans to weigh down bottom

Optional (for decoration):

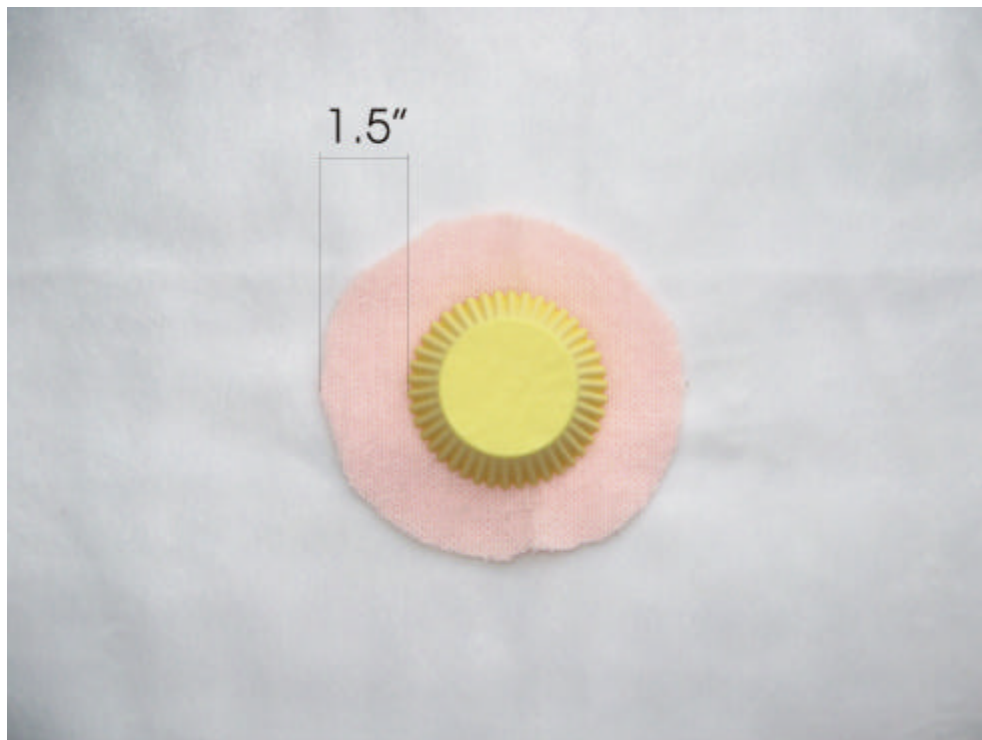
- * Ribbon
- * Buttons
- * Felt
- * Beads



1. Glue together some cupcake papers. Do not take individual papers apart. Just carefully take apart the stack so you get about a stack of ten or so papers, then dab some glue around the top (or rim) of the papers, cleaning up any excess. Let dry.



2. Place the cupcake papers on your sweater face down and cut a circle about one and a half inches bigger than the paper out of the sweater.



3. Run a stitch along the outside of your sweater circle (same as a yo-yo).



4. When all the way around the circle, pull the thread tight to form a ball, then make a knot where the beginning of the thread meets the end again. Leave enough space in the opening to put stuffing in.



5. Stuff the gathered sweater circle. This will be the top of your cupcake.



6. Place your cupcake papers bottom down on the sweater and cut another small circle. Then glue the circle to the inside bottom of papers.



7. Pour plastic beads or beans into the bottom of your papers, just enough to cover the bottom. I generally use plastic beads, but the lentils showed up better for the photo.



8. Apply glue to the bottom (or open end) of your cupcake as well as to the upper inside rim of your cupcake papers.



9. Place the top of the cupcake into the papers. Wrap your fingers around the rim of the papers and gently squeeze while pushing the top of the cupcake down slightly until the glue starts to set a little (approximately one minute). This will give your cupcake an authentic look. Then just set aside to dry.



If you'd like to further embellish your cupcake as I have done in the photos below, just add some ribbon, buttons, felt, or beads (or whatever else you can think of), and have fun!





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