

## Friendship Exchange

### “Homespun Hearts Pincushions”

This year's “Friendship Exchange” features a Homespun Hearts Pincushion. You will note on the pattern instructions that this pattern makes two pincushions! (You can bring one for the exchange and share the other with a friend!) Bring your pincushion to Quilt NE registration. At the Saturday night banquet, everyone who brought a pincushion will receive one from one of your quilting friends!!

#### Supplies

Two coordinating 10” squares

Two 3 ½” x 13 ½” strips

One 10” square of batting

Poly fill & plastic pellets

**(This pattern makes two pincushions)**



#### Step One: Pincushion front

Choose the 10” square you want to be the top of the pincushions. Place it right side up on top of the 10” square of batting. Quilt as desired. Cut on the diagonal corner to corner to make two quilted triangles.

#### Step Two: Pincushion back and construction

Cut the coordinating 10” square on the diagonal to make two triangles. Place one triangle on top of each quilted triangle, right sides together. Sew together with a ¼” seam allowance, leaving a 2” wide opening in the long edge. Turn right sides out. Stuff firm using poly fill against the quilted side and plastic pellets against the unquilted side. Sew the 2” opening closed, and pull the two corners in towards the centre to create a heart.

Stitch these corners together, making sure that they overlap each other about 1”.

#### Step Three: Ties

Fold the 3 ½” x 13 ½” strips in half, right sides together. Sew the ends of these strips on a 45-degree angle and then straight down the sides, leaving a 2” opening on the middle. Turn the strips right sides out through the 2” opening and press. Stitch the opening closed.

Put each finished tie through the opening of each heart Pincushion and tie in a knot.

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