

# \* Christmas Present Pincushion \*

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## Materials

Scraps of 4 different light or shirting prints

1/2 yard of red ribbon (3/8" wide)

3/4 " x 19" strip of a different light or shirting print

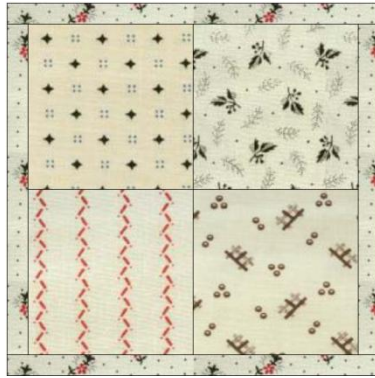
Pincushion stuffing

Scrap of a green print for pincushion back

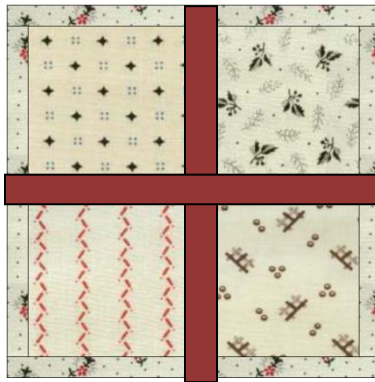
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1. Cut the shirting scraps into 2 1/2" squares. Sew the squares into a four-patch block.



2. Cut the 3/4" shirting strip into two 4 1/2" segments and sew them to both sides of the block. Cut two 5" segments from the remainder of the strip and sew them to the top and bottom of the block. Trim and press.



3. Cut the red ribbon into two 5" pieces. Using matching thread, stitch one ribbon strip down the center of the block. Turn and stitch the other piece perpendicular to the first.



4. Cut a 5" x 5" square of a green print for the pincushion backing. Place it right side down on top of the block and stitch around the 2 pieces, 1/4" away from edge, leaving a 2" opening for turning.
5. Turn the pincushion right side out and stuff with your favorite stuffing. Slip stitch the opening closed.
6. Add a bow from the remaining ribbon and some red and green pins and it's ready for giving!

----- *Merry Christmas!* -----