

Camper Pincushion

Designer Julie Wurzer of Patch Abilities created this adorable pincushion out of wool. You might also try felt or cotton.

Supplies Needed

All measurements include $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances and are based on 40" of usable fabric width.

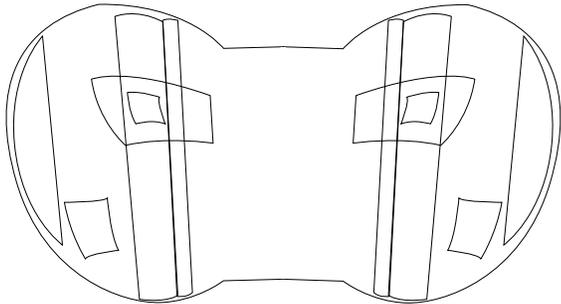
Fabric A for camper body (Pattern 1) 10 x 12"
Fabric B for camper stripes (patterns 2 and 3) 3 x 6"
Fabric C for camper stripe and door (patterns 4 and 5) 3 x 6"
Fabric D for camper windows (patterns 6 and 7) 2½" square
Lightweight fusible web
Perle cotton (size 12) in colors that match
Two $\frac{1}{8}$ "-diameter buttons for door handle
Two $\frac{1}{8}$ "-diameter buttons for wheels
Two 1"-diameters buttons for wheel hubs
Fiberfill stuffing

Cut and Prepare Camper Pieces

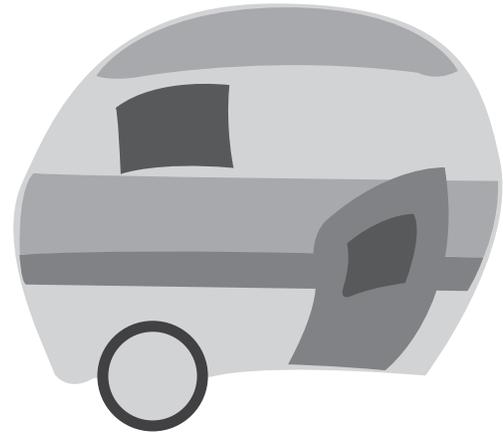
Make templates from patterns provided. To use fusible-web for applique pieces, follow instructions below.

From Fabric A, cut:

- * 2½ x 10½" rectangle
- * With remaining wool, fold in half. Lay Pattern 1 atop, aligning long straight edge with fold of wool. Cut out one of Pattern 1.



1. Lay fusible web, paper-side up over patterns 2 through 7. Use a pencil to trace each pattern twice, once as is and once reversed, leaving $\frac{1}{2}$ " between tracings. Cut out each fusible-web shape roughly $\frac{1}{4}$ " outside traced lines.
2. Following manufacturer's instructions, press fusible-web shapes onto wrong sides of designated fabrics; let cool. Cut out fabric shapes on drawn lines. Peel off paper backings.
3. Place fused shapes atop Pattern 1 shape; fuse in place according to manufacturer's instructions.



4. Embroider pieces in place, using perle cotton and blanket stitch. Stitch a large + on each window, using long, single stitches. It is not necessary to blanket stitch along the top of the top stripe, the bottom of the door, or along the sides/ends of the camper stripes. These areas will be stitched when you blanket stitch the entire perimeter.

Assemble Camper

1. With right sides together, align the Fabric A 2½ x 10½" rectangle with one straight edge of Pattern 1. Sew together using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance around half of the camper. Then repeat with the remaining edge of the rectangle and the second half of the camper to complete the camper body. At this point the camper body is wrong side out and enclosed.

Tips for sewing curves:

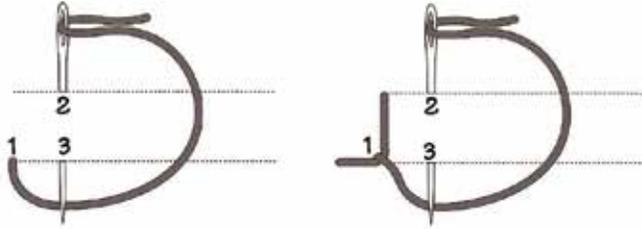
- * If your machine has a "needle down" setting, use it to stop and start every few stitches to adjust presser foot and ensure a smooth curve.
- * Pin to help keep raw edges aligned.

2. Turn the camper upside down and cut an opening in the wool, no larger than 2" long. Trim the seam allowance using pinking shears. Use care so as to not snip your seam. Turn right side out using the opening you made on the bottom of the camper body.
3. Press seams, using steam, to get the camper shaped properly.
4. Blanket stitch the perimeter of the camper and any remaining seams.
5. Embellish with buttons for door knobs and wheels.
6. Stuff camper firmly with fiberfill stuffing. Whipstitch opening closed.

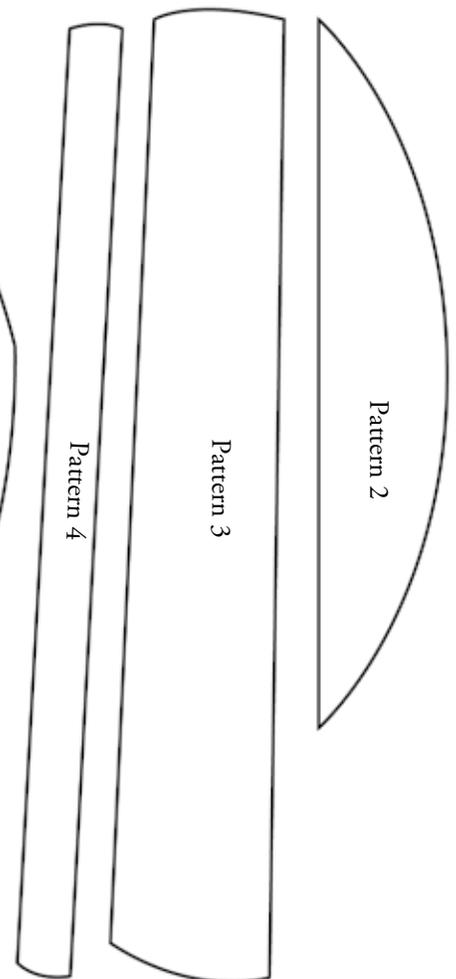
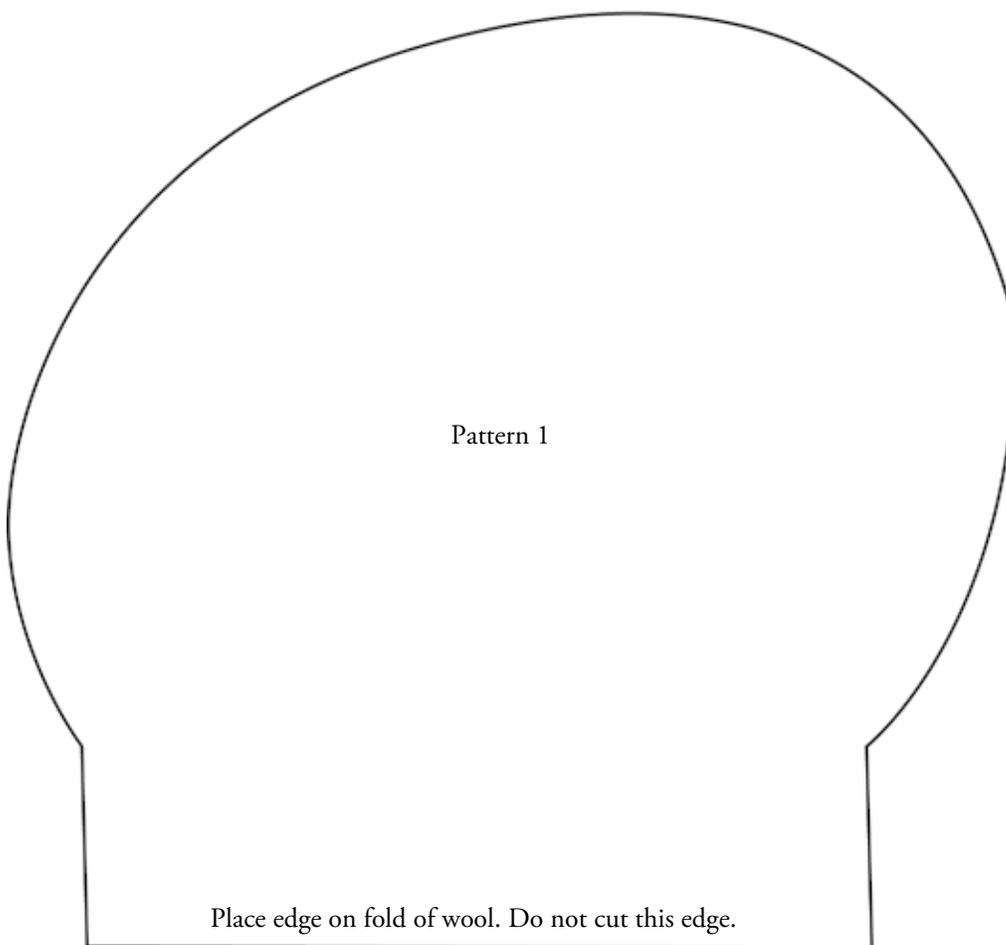
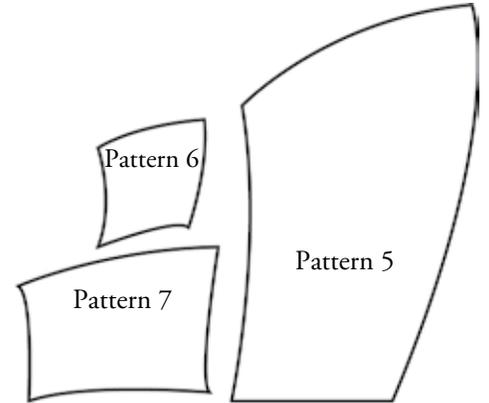
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Blanket Stitch

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Come up at 1 (the edge of your applique piece, but not on your piece), down at 2 (on your applique piece) and come back up at 3 (edge of your applique piece). Continue working around entire applique piece. On larger applique pieces, such as the perimeter of the camper, I like to make my stitches wider/longer than I would on smaller pieces. Varying the length/width of your stitches can make a particular applique piece pop.



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