

## Pineapple Pincushion Pattern

You're going to love piecing this stunning Pineapple Block Pincushion! Make yours scrappy, or choose a colour scheme like we did, and foundation piece this gem you'll be proud to use in your sewing room.



This pincushion is approximately 4 inches square, and 1½ inches high.

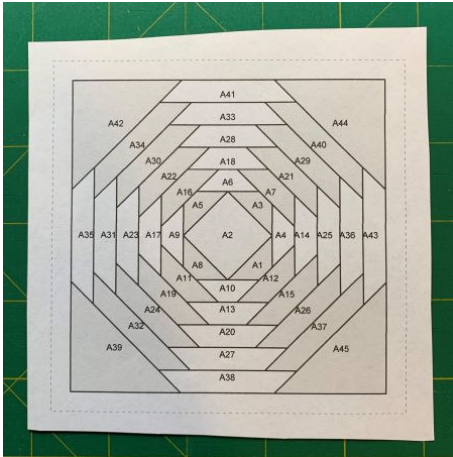
### **You Will Need:**

Small amounts of fabric for piecing – we used leftover scraps for ours, in a graduated variety of yellows and greys. You will need a 4½ inch square for the back too.

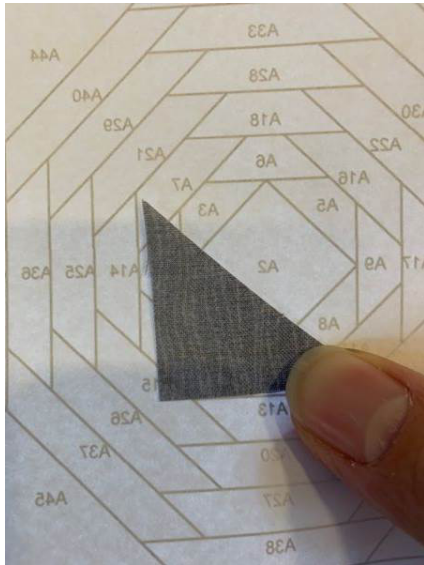
Stuffing for the pincushion

Needle and matching thread

**Assembly:**



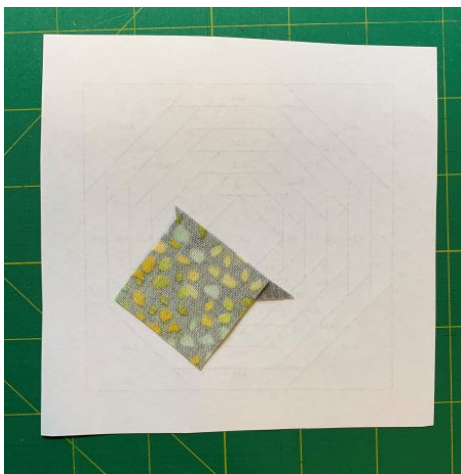
Print off the attached foundation piecing template. You can use this paper template to make your pineapple block.



To start, cut a piece of fabric larger than the size of the piece it is to cover, and place it on the back of the paper template.

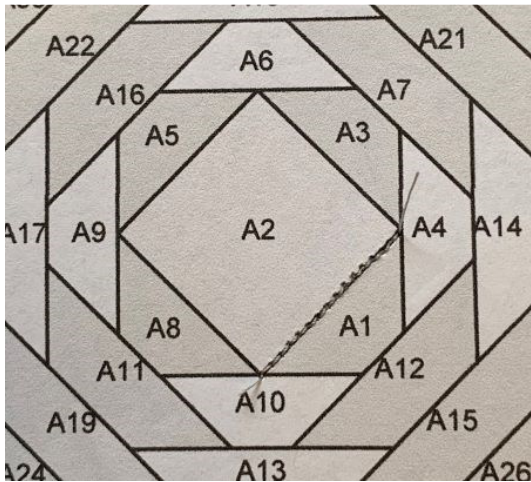
As shown, hold it up to the light, to make sure it covers the piece fully.

Pin in place.



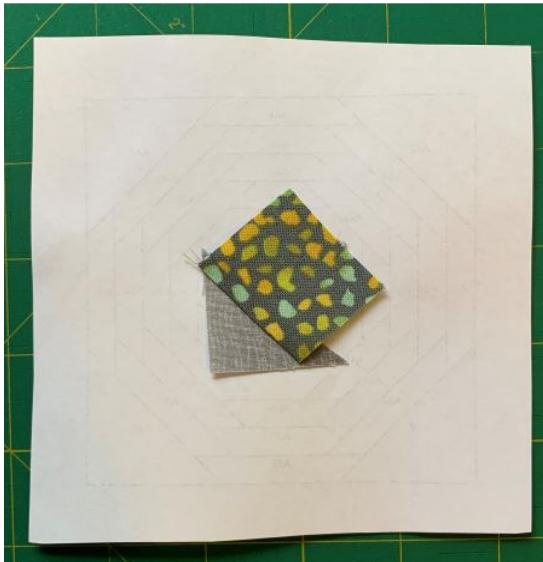
Add your second piece. Again, make sure it is large enough to cover the marked piece.

Place it face down (so right sides are together on the back of your paper), and aligned so when it flips over to be right sides up, it will cover the marked area properly.

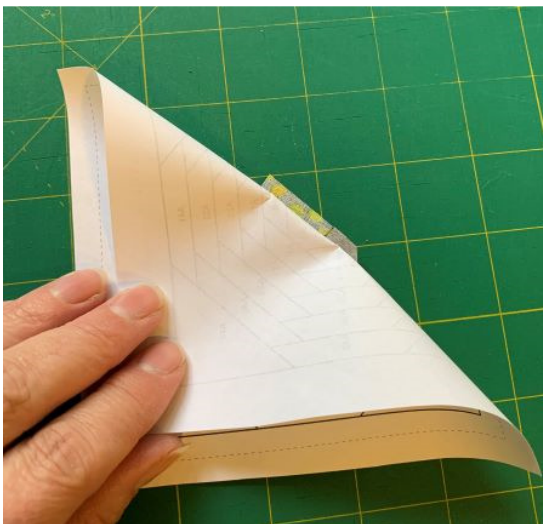


Turn your paper over, and sew on the printed line between A1 and A2, so you sew through the paper to the fabrics on the back.

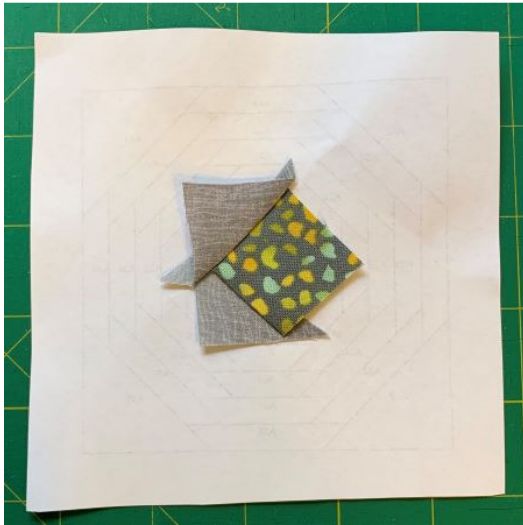
Note – turn your stitch length down to quite small stitches – this makes it MUCH easier to remove the paper later.



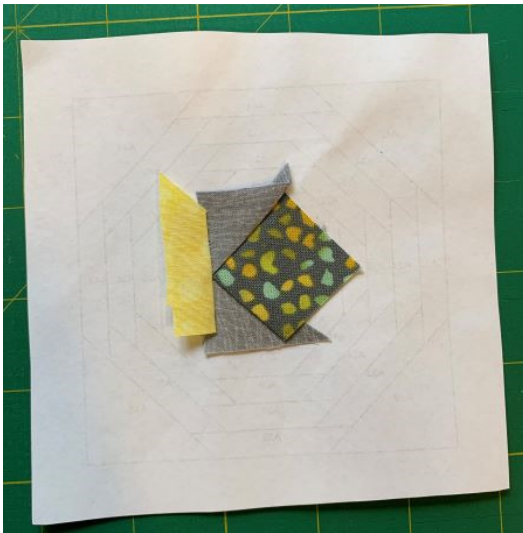
Flip over your A2 piece and press.



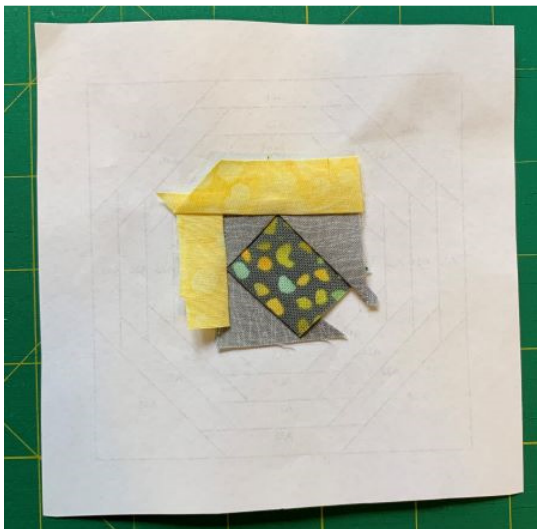
Before you add the next piece, fold back your paper on the line, and trim the fabric so there is a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam allowance extending past the marked line on the template.



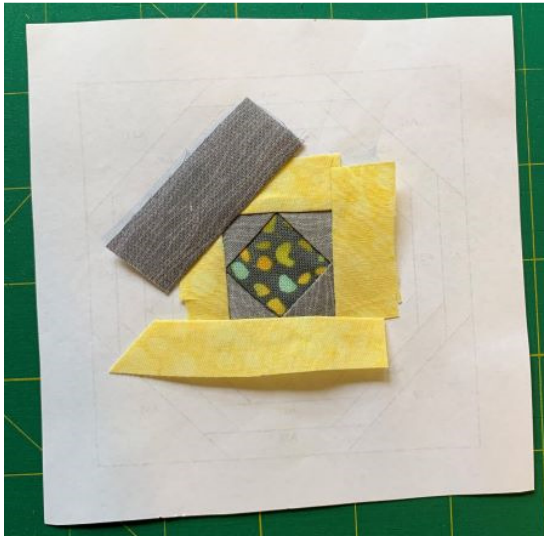
Do the same to add the A3 piece. Position with right sides together on the back of the paper, then sew from the front, turn, flip and press.



Trim the excess before you add A4.

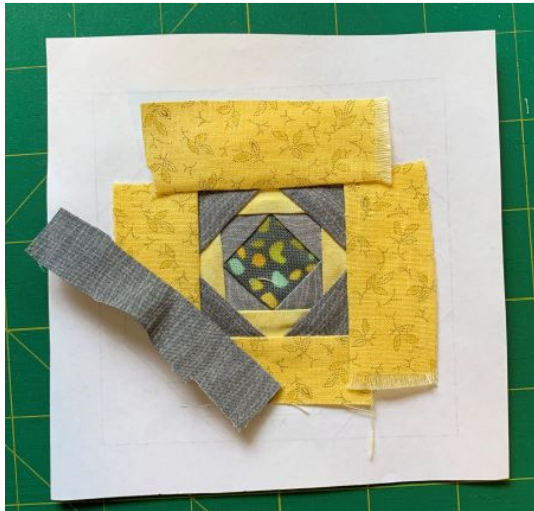


Keep adding pieces in order, and pressing and trimming after each addition.

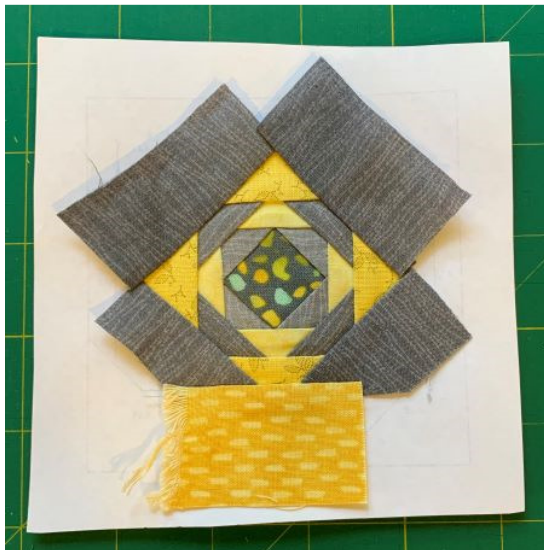


Take note of your colour placement. The pieces are not always added in a systematic order.

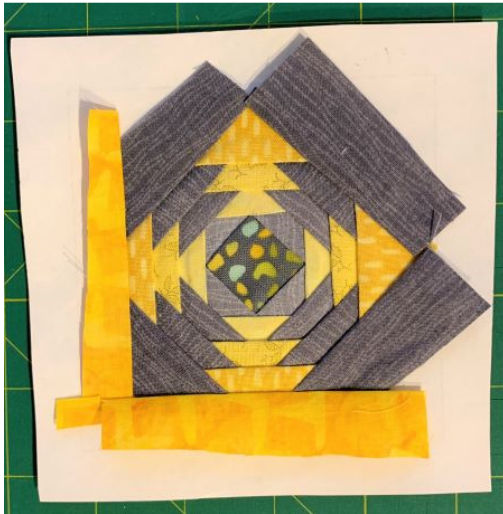
If it helps, colour in your paper template first, so you know which colour fabric needs to go where as you add them.



Keep adding and pressing, and trimming.

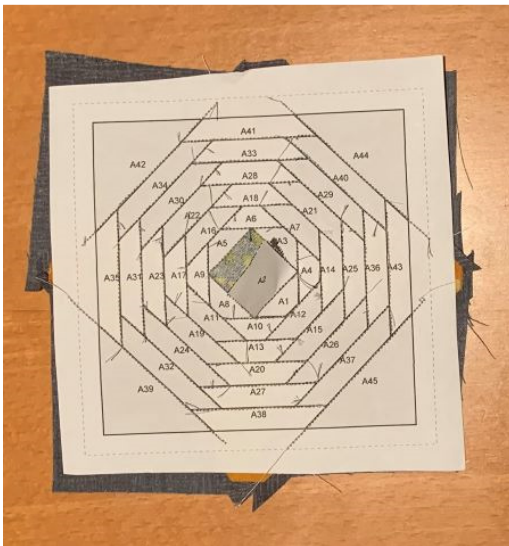


You will see the pattern emerging as you add more pieces.



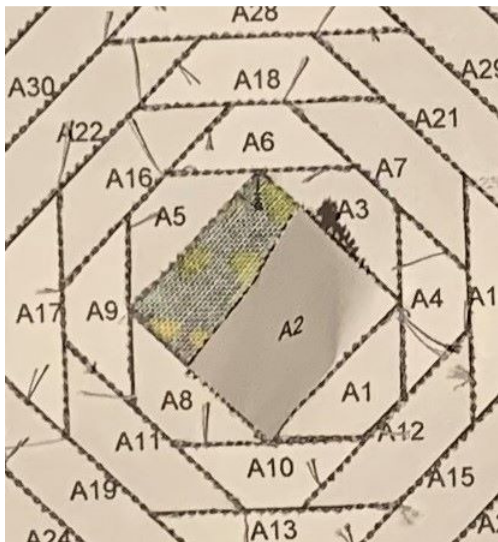
Add pieces until you have finished. There are 45 in this block.

Make sure your outermost pieces are large enough to cover the seam allowance for the block. (The dotted line on the template.)



Trim your block to size, using the seam allowance marked by the dotted line on your template.

Then start removing the paper.



Removing the paper is easy. Just give the block a little stretch in a couple of directions, and the paper will part on the perforated stitch lines as shown.

Be gentle, and remove each piece.



Your finished Pineapple Block.



Cut a square measuring  $4\frac{1}{2}$  x  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches for the back of your pincushion.



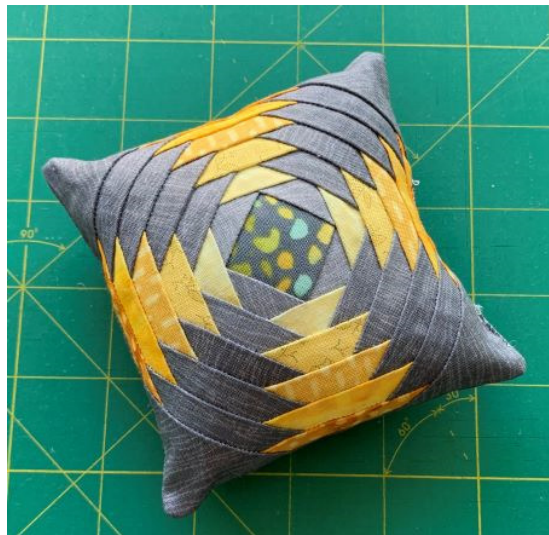
With right sides together, pin the top to the back, and sew with a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam allowance, making sure to leave most of the middle of one side open to turn the block and stuff your pincushion.

Trim across the corners (close to but not through the stitching), to reduce bulk in the corners.



Turn right sides out and poke out the corners with a pencil or closed pair of scissors.

Tuck in the seam allowances at the gap and press the block well.



Stuff your pincushion with toy fill, and hand sew the gap closed with matching thread.

Add some pins and enjoy using your new pincushion!

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