The Pocket Neighborhood—Pincushion Finishing

- Line the back of stitching with featherweight fusible interfacing.

- Cut a piece of green woolfelt (Moss from benziedesign.com) to fit in the open space to the left of the scissors. I trimmed mine with a pinking rotary blade. Applique stitch the woolfelt in place with coordinating thread. I appliqued into each valley of the woolfelt to give it that 'petal' edge appearance. Attach the flower charm.

- Trim the linen/aida 3/4" from stitching on top, bottom & sides.

- Cut a square piece of coordinating cotton approx 6 x 6. Cut a 2nd piece 6" wide and about 10" long.

- Fold 6 x 10" piece in half to 6 x 5". Place on right side of backing cotton a little over halfway above the middle of the square. Machine baste the right & left side into place (take care with patterns & directional fabrics).

- Place the right side of the stitching facing the pocket side of the cotton fabric. Sew with a 1/4" seam around 4 sides leaving a small opening for turning.

- Trim the corners to reduce bulk. Turn & stuff. Close the opening with a ladder or whip stitch.

- I attached a Baker's Twine bow at the top of the flower charm. Use the woolfelt section as a pincushion with handy storage pocket for scissors or packs of needles.

Welcome to the neighborhood! I hope you enjoy this fun little project & it's fresh colors! *Cathy*
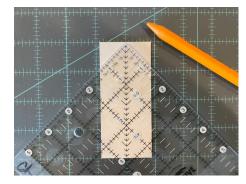
The House Next Door—Fob Finishing

- Directions are for a different design but are the same finish. I have noted a few minor changes within the directions.

- Gather your finishing supplies: mat board, cardboard, batting, cotton fabric, double sided tape, scissors, lacing thread, sharp needle, twill tape & decorative pins.

- Cut the mat board to 1 3/4 x 4". To create the top point, find the center point of the short side and place your ruler at a 45 degree angle to create the diagonal lines. Mark with a pencil & and cut on the line with fabric scissor or exacto blade. Trace the angled lines on the backing board (cardboard as in photo or additional piece of mat board) to match the 1st cut mat board.

- Place a piece of double sided stitchery tape in the center of one piece of mat board. Peel the tape and place onto batting (I use Warm & Natural batting).

- Center stitching on the batting covered mat board & trim linen to 5/8" away from the edge of the mat board.

- Thread a sharp needle with lacing thread (I use upholstery weight thread) & make a knot in the end. Lace back & forth across rectangle in a scooping manner—check out several of the Flat Finish Tutorials on my website for step by step lacing instruction.
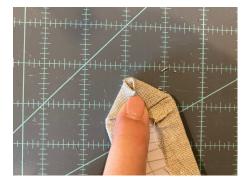
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- Fold the linen over the top center point then fold the 2 angled sides in to complete the miter. Lace across from side to side to the tip of the fob.

- Lace from the bottom straight edge of the fob to the angled top edge. Knot & end your thread. Repeat for cotton covered cardboard backing.

- Place a small piece of double sided tape on the back side of the backing board. Run ribbon through swivel hook—leave enough ribbon for a 3" drop. Peel backing off tape & put ribbon in place on exposed tape.

- Lace the front to the back: secure lacing thread on the inside of either the front or the back with a knot. Use a ladder stitch motion going side to side with the needle. Be sure to catch the ribbon in your ladder stitches for extra security. End by knotting through the fabric on the edge of the fob.

I attached the sweet bird charm to the base of the front porch & added a baker's twine bow above (photo shows a baker's twine bow at the top point which is also an option).
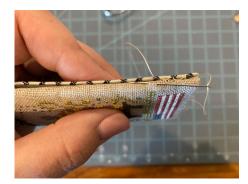
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