

# Very Berry Strawberry Pin Cushion

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## Strawberry Lore

- The strawberry was a symbol for Venus, the Goddess of Love, because of its heart shapes and red color.
- The American Indians were already eating strawberries when the Colonists arrived. The crushed berries were mixed with cornmeal and baked into strawberry bread. After trying this bread, Colonists developed their own version of the recipe and Strawberry Shortcake was created.
- Strawberries are used to represent good will and happiness

## Supplies

Strawberry: 5 ½" x 5 ½" luscious velvet

Sequins + seed beads (approx. 25)

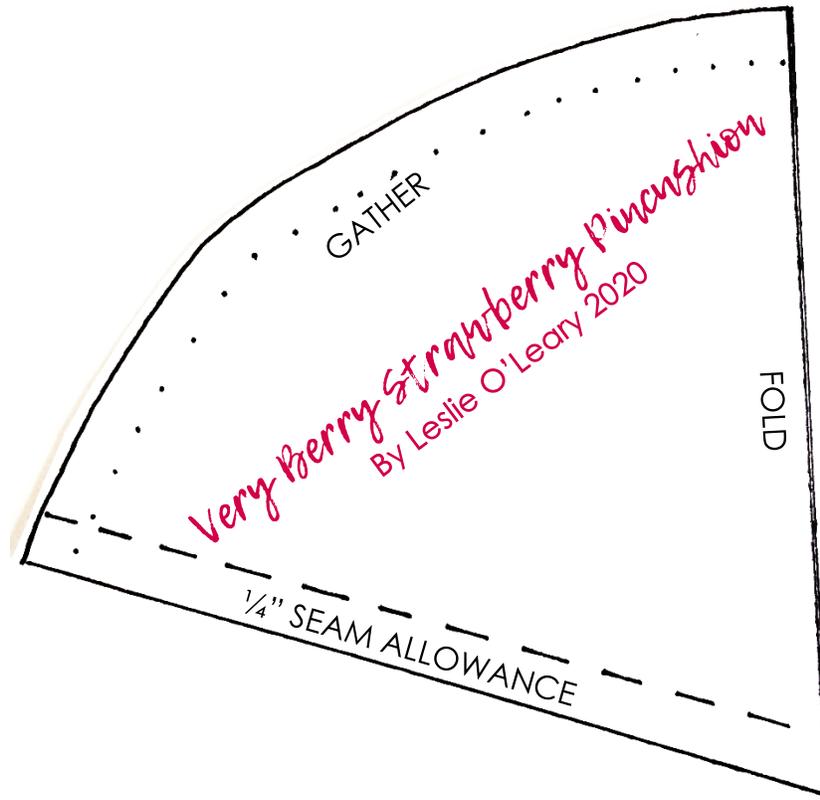
28" of Bias cut silk or ¾" wide ribbon

28" of ½" ribbon

Stuffing

Thread and Needle

A couple of pretty straight pins.



## Directions

- Cut out pattern and trace Very Berry Strawberry pin on fold.
- Cut out fabric.
- With right sides together, sew  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seamline.
- Turn right side out and gather along top opening.
- Stuff firmly but not over stuffed so seams pull.
- Cinch top opening almost closed and place in a bit more stuffing to round out the top.
- Secure top closed with a good knot.
- Scatter sequins and seed beads by hand sewing into place. Secure thread in strawberry . add sequin first then the seed bead. Round back through the hole in the sequin, the bead will hold it in place. Tunnel under the strawberry fabric to another spot and repeat until satisfied with the amount of sequin/bead "seeds".
- Lay the wider of the ribbons out and loop over 2". Continue to create 2" loops. Find the center and secure with thread. Wrap thread at center around loops to cinch the middle tightly creating a bow-like effect. Sew to top of pincushion.
- Repeat this process with the thinner ribbon.
- "Fluff" and adjust to ribbons to be full and rounded.
- Add your special pins.
- Wrap up and give it to a dear friend!

