

# on pins & needles



## General Instructions...

- **TEMPLATES** ... Make freezer paper templates for the leaves and the pumpkin. To do this, trace the shapes onto the dull side of the freezer paper and cut them out along the traced lines. Adhere the freezer paper to the wool with a warm iron, and use these to cut the pieces from the wool indicated.
- **THE WORD PATCHES** ... Use the Pigma pen to trace the word "PINS" and the word "NEEDLES" onto the 4" x 4" piece of muslin, leaving at least ½" between them. Lightly color in the letters and cut around each word with pinking shears.
- **STEMS** ... From the brown wool, cut a 2" x 1¼" piece for the pumpkin stem and a 2½" x ¾" piece for the leaf stem. To form the stems, roll the piece of brown wool tightly lengthwise, then whip stitch the edge in place.

## The Leaf Needle Keeper...

- Sew the "NEEDLES" patch to one of the leaves with matching cotton thread and a whip stitch.
- Layer this leaf with another one and stitch them together around the edge with matching green cotton thread and a whip stitch.
- Layer the remaining two leaves and stitch them together around the edge. This will give you two sets of layered leaves.
- Fold the longer brown stem in half, forming a button loop, and place it between the two sets of layered leaves. With matching cotton thread, stitch through all the layers to secure the stem and the sets of leaves together.

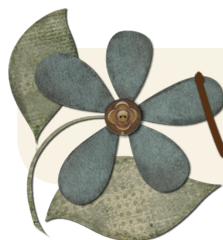
## Materials

- 2 pieces 4½" x 8½" gold plaid wool for pincushion
- 1 piece 5" x 7" orange wool for pumpkin
- 2 pieces 6" x 6" green wool for leaves
- 3" x 3" piece of brown wool for stems
- 2 pieces 4½" x 8¼" of muslin for lining
- 4" x 4" piece of muslin for word patches

## Other Supplies

- gold shank style button
- wool thread or embroidery floss in brown and green
- cotton quilting thread in natural and green
- Pigma Pen - Black, size 05
- Freezer paper for templates
- 2½ cups of fine sand

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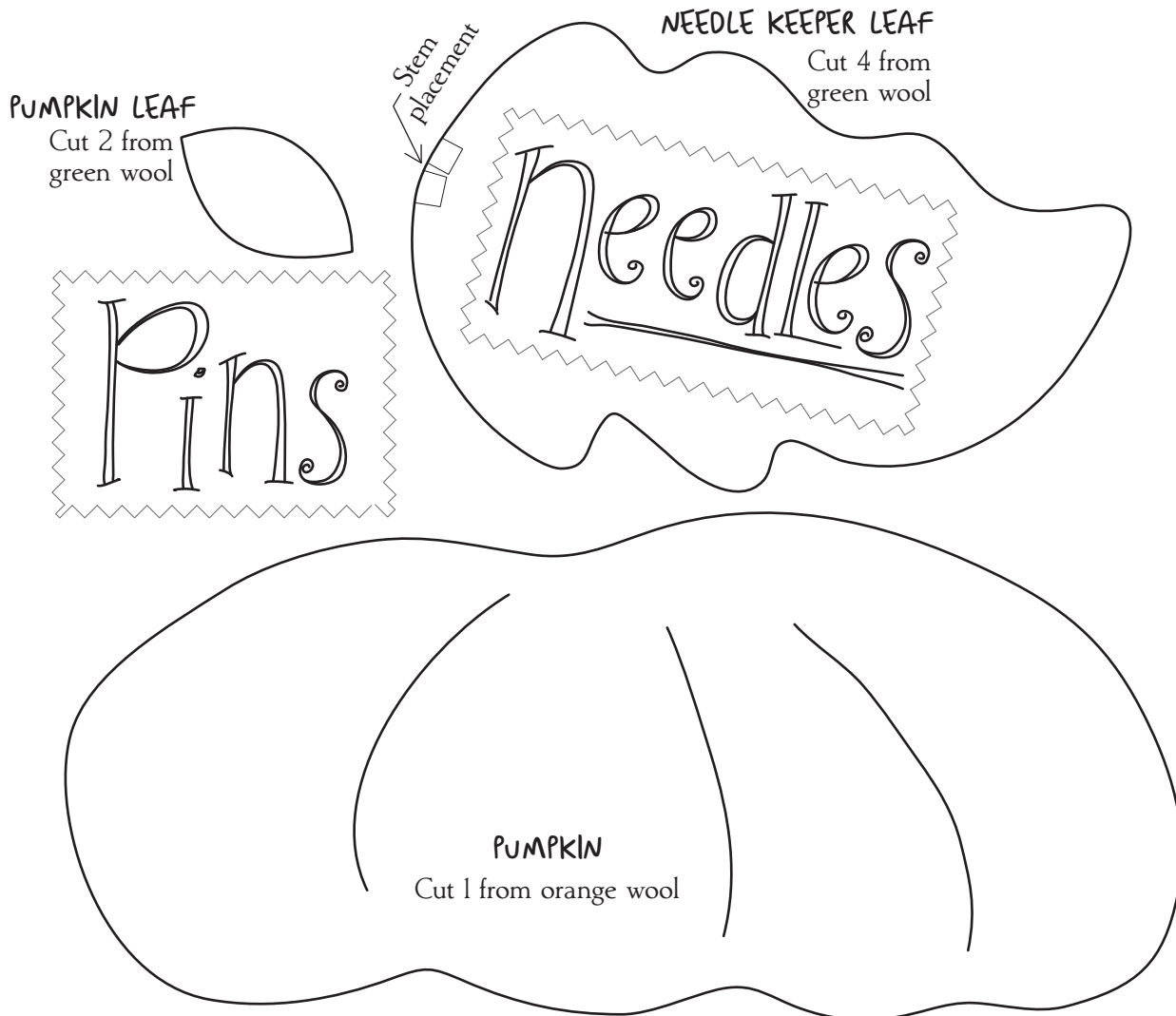
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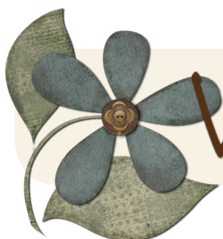
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## The Pumpkin Pin Keeper...

- Sew the pumpkin to one of the gold plaid pincushion pieces with a whip stitch and brown floss.
- Add the lines of the pumpkin with the same floss and a stem stitch.
- Sew the shorter stem onto the pumpkin with brown floss by tacking it along each edge, curving it slightly as you stitch it.
- Sew the leaves on the pumpkin with a whip stitch and green floss.
- Add a vein on each one with green floss and a stem stitch.
- Add the "PINS" patch to the pumpkin, stitching it in place with brown floss and a whip stitch.
- With right sides together, sew the two gold plaid rectangles together with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, leaving an opening in one short end for turning.
- Sew the two  $4\frac{1}{4}$ " x  $8\frac{1}{4}$ " muslin lining pieces together with a  $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam, leaving an opening in one short end for turning.
- Lay the muslin lining on the wrong side of the undecorated wool pincushion piece and tack it to the wool with few short hand stitches in the seams at each corner. Turn the pincushion right side out. The lining should now be inside of the pincushion.
- Fill the lining with the sand. I find that using a funnel is the easiest way to pour the sand through the opening without it getting everywhere. Whip stitch the lining opening closed, then whip stitch the opening in the wool closed.
- Sew the button to the pincushion and thread the needle keeper over it.



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