

(Above Sections)

Christmas Ball Ornament

MATERIALS NEEDED

Ornament shown is in two colors w/high contrast, but you may select three colors all w/high contrast Each ball is divided in half - with three Sections A. B and C

You may select two color with Color 1 & Color 2 fabrics w/contrast OR Color's 1, 2 & 3 different fabrics w/high contrast.

Section A: will have 4 triangles x 2 for second half

Section B: will have 8 triangles x 2 for second half

Section C: will have 8 triangles x 2 for second half

Total: of 40 triangles + 2 flat pieces of fabric same as Section A color

Approximately 208 sequin pins (more will be needed for ornamentation)

12" ribbon for hanging

Decorations of your choice. Just to name a few:

Christmas picks (taken apart), Evergreens, Mini Christmas balls, Ribbons, Beads & Yo-Yos Use low melt hot glue to secure decorations

3" Styrofoam ball supplied - I'LL SECTION OFF CENTERS OF BALL PRIOR TO MEETING

***Please, This step should be done prior to meeting ***

You will take each of your 40, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " fabric squares (wrong sides together) and fold them in half forming a rectangle & press. Then find center of rectangle and have folds meet in center forming a triangle as last pictured below on right. Then press again. This particular step will help with the process.

Fold the 2 flat pieces of fabric in half forming a rectangle & press. (this will be for Step 1 only) OPTIONAL



Now admire all of your little fabric triangles, and get ready to start faux-guilting!







STEP 1: Open one of the two folded squares (not the triangles!). Place a pin in center, into the right side of the fabric. Pin onto the ball at the top center, making sure each point of the square is angled onto the ribbon guides. Pin all four corners down. Repeat on the second half of the ball. I didn't do this step in my samples show At the September meeting. (OPTIONAL)

Place a pin inside each of your pressed triangles by opening up your folds and pinning into the wrong side of the fabric at the center point, and fold the triangle back onto itself.





(From this point on I will refer to the two half's as North & South)

Section A - Place Color 1 triangles onto the <u>North</u> section of ball, where a sequin pin was placed onto center of flat fold square, so each triangle's long sides - the base of triangle - are aligned with the edges of the square. Now insert a sequin pin on the 2 inside bottoms folds and 2 outer edges of folds. Triangles will overlap slightly. All triangles will use 5 sequin pins.

When pinning make sure sequin pins are placed exactly on the points of triangles. We don't want them visible at all!

Next, you'll pin <u>Section B</u> - with Fabric B. Measure shy of $\frac{1}{2}$ " down from the center top of the ball, and pin the point of the first Fabric A triangle in between two of the previous Fabric A. <u>You will work opposite quadrants when pinning each triangle</u>, in order to <u>maintain symmetry and straight lines</u> (in other words vertically then horizontally). Repeat with 3 more Fabric B triangles (top right), making sure they're the same distance from the center point. Pin remaining 4 Fabric B triangles between the first ones (bottom right,).





<u>Section C</u>, prepare to pin the third layer with Fabric C. Measure about $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the top of the previous points in Section B, and pin the point of the first triangle there, in line with a triangle from the previous row. Repeat with seven more triangles until the ball looks like the one pictured right bottom.

Repeat the previous steps with the remaining triangles on the <u>South</u> of the ball, visually lining them up so the folds align. The triangles should butt- up or may have a slight space which is OK. Opening will be covered with self-color fabric or ribbon.





If you're adding a center wrap, fold a 10" length rectangle in thirds width-wise, with wrong sides together, but half as wide. When placing the end seams together make this the top of the ornament. You may use tacky glue or pin on each side of the strip about 1" apart. If you prefer, cut a piece of $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 5/8" or 7/8" ribbon instead and pin over center seam, which is what I did. My examples were with $\frac{1}{2}$ " ribbon. Don't use hot glue at this step, it will form a gully in the strip causing ripples. NOW YOU CAN DECORATE!!!