

## Pin Drum Instructions:



## Cylinder:

### Step 1:

- Stitch your drum using your favorite pattern or design.
- This example is "All is Calm" by Whist Iris Naps.
- After stitching your drum piece iron it, be sure to iron from the wrong side of the fabric.
- Decide how much reveal you would like at the top and the bottom.
- Stitch a Backstitch along this line using a blending color. This will allow you to finger press the fabric and keep it straight.
- Finger press the fabric on the backstitch line keeping the line behind the display area



### Step 2:

- Add iron on interfacing to the back side of the fabric. Pelon SF 101
- Trim the fabric  $\frac{1}{4}$ " past the back stitch line.
- Finger press the fabric on the backstitch line keeping the line behind the display area
- Add a second interfacing to the back side of the fabric making sure it is larger than the first one and the folded seam is under the interfacing.



### Step 3:

- Add a second interfacing to the back side of the fabric making sure it is larger than the first one and the folded seam is under the interfacing.

- The picture is showing that after finger pressing and allowing for a ¼" reveal (*Don't pay attention now to the sides of the piece. This picture is for information about the ¼" at the top and bottom*)
- Cut a piece of iron on interfacing slightly smaller than the height of your finished piece. I like SF 101 or Pelon 44. Using this allows you a great "foundation" for your stuffing.
- Iron to the back side of the fabric just securing the finger pressed fold. See picture (*Don't pay attention now to the sides of the piece. This picture is for information about the ¼" at the top and bottom*)
- If using SF 101 add a second piece of interfacing. This will make the drum more stable.
- Secure the seam allowance with this piece of interfacing



#### Step 4:

- Iron to the back side of the fabric just securing the finger pressed fold.
- Measure the length of the exposed fabric after the ends have been finger pressed.
- Put that measurement here \_\_\_\_\_
- Trim to a 1/2" seam allowance.
- Fold in and finger press the sides of the drum.



#### Step 5

- Match up your seam area. Often the stitches need to be in alignment. I pin in place and fold it over.



## Step 6:

- Sew the seam closed. You can use a whip stitch on the “right side of the fabric) or use a sewing machine with right sides together. If you are whip stitching, cut your fabric to  $\frac{1}{4}$ ” larger on both sides of the fabric.
- When sewing on a sewing machine leave the ends to trim later.
- I sew first by basting it with large stitches. If I am happy with how it lines up I stitch again with a normal length stitch.
- Trim a  $\frac{1}{4}$ ” seam allowance and turn the fabric to the right side.



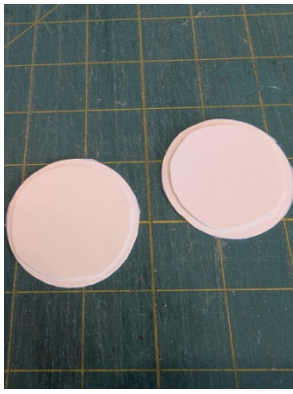
The drum cylinder part and this is done.

## Bottom:

### Step 1:

- For the bottom of the drum choose a fabric you like. It can be felt, fabric, or whatever you like
- Make a Circle from Card stock
  - Use the measurement of the length of the fabric divide it by  $\pi$  . (3.14).
  - This is the circumference of the circles that you will need to create a bottom and top for your drum.
  - I like to use a compass, if you want to do this divide the number above by 2. Set the compass to that number and draw a circle.
  - Or use any method you like to make your circles
- Test this to be sure it fits if make any adjustments needed.
- Cut three circles from heavy cardstock.
- Cut one pieces just a little smaller than the other two. Glue two of the same size circles together (bottom).
- Glue the larger and smaller one together. (top)
- Glue a piece of batting to the top cardstock and trim to the size of the circle.





- Cut a square larger than the circle of the fabric of your choice. Draw a circle in the middle and trim the fabric in a circle about  $\frac{3}{4}$ " larger than the circle. This circle just needs to be larger than the cardboard and does not need to be exact.



- Using a needle and Strong thread baste around the outer edge of the fabric square to make a "yo yo".
- Be sure to knot the end of the thread.
- Place the cardboard circle in the middle of the fabric and pull the thread to tighten around the cardboard.
- Once you are happy with this lace the back.

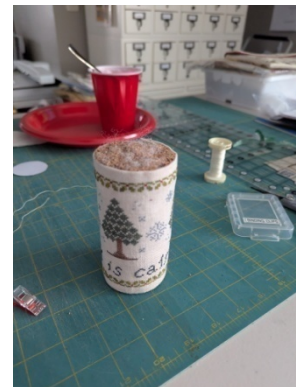




- Place the bottom in the drum securing with pins.
- Whip stitch into place.
- Now the bottom is done!

### Filling Step:

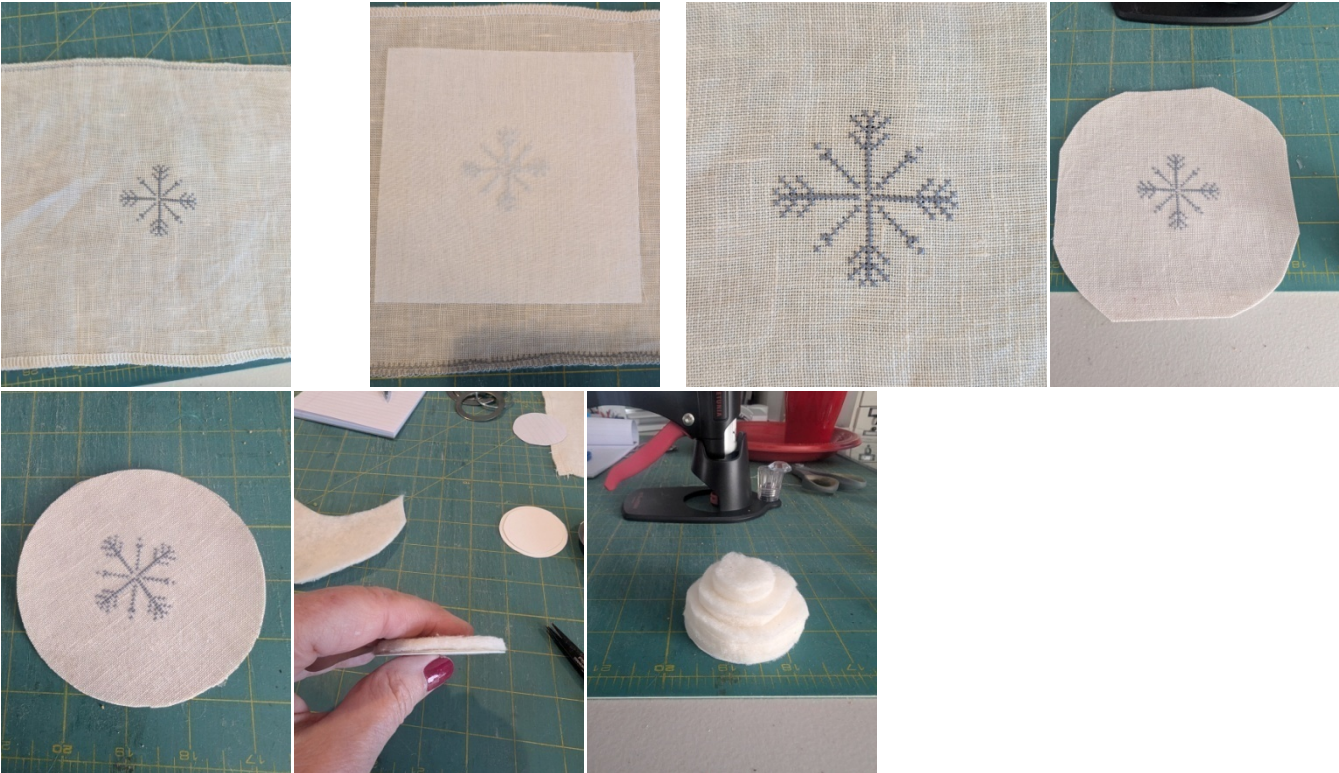
- Fill the drum ½ way with crushed walnut shells.
- Finish to the top alternating fiber fill and walnut shells.
- Compact the fiberfill and walnut shells with a chop stick.
- This takes about ½ hour to an hour to do well.
- While adding more of each use your hands to keep the drum round.
- Roll it between your palms frequently.
- Fill to the top



## TOP of DRUM:

### Step 1:

- To make the top follow the same process as the bottom
- Add interfacing to the back side of the fabric
- Add 8 layers of batting.
- The first 4 layers are the exact size of the cardboard circle, then next 4 are each slightly smaller.
- Create a Yo Yo for the top and complete just like the bottom
- Place on the top and secure with pins



- Whip stitch in place
- Decorate the top any way you like or not at all. For this project I used chenille and I used craft glue and just placed the chenille on top.

You now have a completed drum! Congratulations!!