Mini Gigi Pincushion
Adapted with permission from Jennifer Paganelli's Ruffled Gigi Pillow

Irresistible, pretty and splendidly functional. The Mini Gigi is the perfect way to dress up your work space.

Materials
Quilting cotton
- 2 – 11" squares (Top and Bottom)
- 1 – 2 ½" x 18" strip (Side Band)
- 2 – 1 ½" x 22" strips (Piping)

Polyester Fiberfill Stuffing
2 – 18" lengths of 3/8" cotton cord
Buttons
Needle and strong thread

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Instructions

Prepare piping by folding wrong sides of fabric strips over cord so that ends of fabric meet. Using a zipper foot, sew as close to the cord as possible keeping fabric aligned.

Fold band in half crosswise and mark upper and lower edge of fold. Right sides together, sew band together at ends.

With right sides up, pin piping to one edge of side band. Overlap piping by about one inch and curve end away from seam. Piping overlap should be centered over seam in band. With zipper foot sew piping to band keeping your stitches as close as possible to cord. Repeat for other side of band. Trim overlapped piping.

Fold circles in half and mark each outer edge at fold. Gather outside edges of both circles. Line up marks on circle with those on the band. Adjust gathers so that it is evenly distributed between the marks.

Right sides together, sew each circle to the band. Still using your zipper foot, keep your stitching as close as possible to piping. Turn inside out.

Using strong thread or perle cotton and a sturdy needle, gather inside of circle. Pull tight and knot securely. After closing one side, stuff with fiberfill. Gather remaining center. With several passes through the center, tighten and securely knot. Pincushion should be indented in the center on both sides of the pincushion.

Attach buttons on each side.

And that's all there is to it!

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