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How to Make Inchies

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Fabric Charms Tutorial (Inchies)

NOTE: Read through all of the instructions before you start.



Blue Inchies

Supplies required:

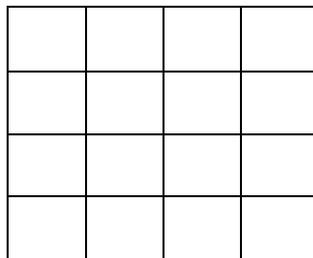
Fast2Fuse (Timex, Pelmet Vilene or stabilizer of your choice)

Fabric

Various embellishments (e.g. beads, charms, handmade beads, textured gels, paints whatever you like!)

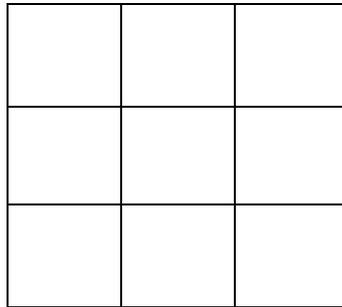
When I made my inchies I was swapping 9 inchies with others in the group. I decided to make more squares than required, some to experiment with and also to keep some for myself so I made 16 in all.

Cut a piece of Fast2Fuse 4 ½" x 4 ½" square.



Apply your chosen fabric to the Fast2Fuse square using a steam iron. Leave to cool. (You could use Timex or pelmet Vilene and fuse your fabric to it.)

(Note: I cut my square $\frac{1}{2}$ " larger than required as it may distort when machine stitched. However if you don't plan on machine stitching you could cut your square exactly 4" x 4" (yields 16 inches). Or whatever size you need to yield the number of inches you require e.g. a 3" x 3" square will yield 9 inches as shown below)



3" x 3" square yields 9 inches

If you are going to machine stitch your square you may want to add $\frac{1}{2}$ " for squaring up as the machine stitching can distort your square therefore you would cut a $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

This is a good time to do any background stitching. I used some of the built-in stitches on my sewing machine and stitched all over the $9\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

If you like you could screen print, paint, fusible appliqué or whatever you like on the background square before cutting into 1" squares.

If you have added an extra $\frac{1}{2}$ " to your square then using a rotary cutter, ruler and mat square up the square by cutting $\frac{1}{4}$ " off the square and then cut across the square at 1" intervals. Turn the mat and square off the strips as before by cutting off $\frac{1}{4}$ " and cut across the 1" strips at 1" intervals.

If you haven't added the extra $\frac{1}{2}$ " just measure and cut at 1" intervals.

You now have your 1" squares ready to embellish.

If you are in any doubt experiment with paper first!

If you have any questions please email me carolannec@blueyonder.co.uk