



It doesn't get any easier, or cuter, than this: tiny finger pincushions.

## A Twist on a Favorite: Bottle Cap Pincushions

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If you haven't noticed, bottle cap pincushions are everywhere. They are sweet, they are petite, and they make great little gifts.

But my pincushions have a twist. They are much smaller than the normal bottle cap pincushions and they are made with the metal beer/pop bottle caps instead of the plastic water/pop bottle caps that are normally used.

The graphics on a metal bottle cap create an eclectic assemblage feeling when paired with a vintage piece of fabric. For the mixed-media artist, this is perfect.

And, the smaller size is much more comfortable to use when slipping on your thumb or finger during hand sewing.

### Materials:

- Metal beer/soda pop bottle caps – rinsed
- Stretchy cord
- Strong glue (I used Aleene's Tacky Glue)
- Polyester stuffing
- Vintage scrap fabrics
- Needle and thread



### Directions:

1. Rinse and dry your bottle cap.
2. Take a 2 - 2½" fabric circle and sew a straight stitch all around the edge with needle and thread. Pull it almost closed and insert your stuffing—just enough to make a little mound. Knot off. (It is okay if some of the stuffing shows through because it will be glued into the cap.)
3. Take a 4" length of stretchy cord and tie the ends together into a knot.
4. Squeeze a good amount of glue into the well and along the inside edge of the bottle cap.
5. Place the knotted side of the stretchy cord into the well of the bottle cap, then place the sewn side of the fabric into the glue—sandwiching the stretchy cord's knot between them. Hold it in place for a bit, being sure to tuck the edges of the fabric into the edges of the bottle cap. Then set aside to dry.
6. Once dry, slip the cord over your finger for the perfect place to set your needles when hand sewing your works of art.