This pincushion helps keep your pins and needles ready for use as well as keeping all those thread and fabric clippings off of the floor and your workspace.

**Supplies:**
- Fabric A (cut as follows)
  1-17” x 13” for the outside of the bag
  1-5” x 7” for the pincushion
- Fabric B (cut as follows)
  1-17” x 12 ½” for the inside of the bag
  1- 5” x 7” for the pincushion
  1-9 ½” x 4 ½” strap
- 1-5” x 7” Gripper fabric
- 1-17” x ½ ” Plastic boning
- Crushed walnut shells filler for pin cushion

*Use a ⅜” inch seam for this project, unless otherwise stated.*

**Instructions:**
1. Cut all fabric pieces to size.

2. Fold the following pieces in half and sew a ⅜” seam:
   a. Fabric A: Outside bag 17” x 13” to make an 8 ⅞” x 13” rectangle.
   b. Fabric B: Inside bag 17” x 12 ½” to make an 8 ⅞” x 12 ¼” rectangle.
   c. Fabric B: Strap 9 ½” x 4 ½” to make a 4 ⅜” x 4 ½” rectangle.

3. Press:
   c. Fabric B: Strap press seams opened turn right side out, centering the seam press flat.

4. Pin bottoms of Fabric A and B bag pieces right sides together, centering the seam. If your fabric has a pattern, double check that you are pinning the bottom of the pattern and not the top.
   a. Sew a ⅜” seam on the bottom of Fabric A bag all the way across.
   b. Sew a ⅜” seam on the bottom of Fabric B bag leaving a 2 ½” opening in the center. Backstitch each seam at the opening.
5. Making the squared bottom
   a. Open the bottom of the bag as shown to form a point at each end.
   b. Mark up 1 ¾” from the corner to make a right triangle.
   c. Repeat for the opposite side.
   d. Stitched marked line – backstitching at the beginning and end.
   e. Trim excess fabric, leaving a ¼” seam allowance.
   f. Turn bag right side out.
   g. Repeat for Fabric B inside bag, but leave inside out.

6. Finishing the bag
   a. Place right sides together, with Fabric A on the inside.
   b. Match seams and pin.
   d. Turn bags right side out by going through the opening in the bottom of Fabric B bag.
e. On the bottom of Fabric B bag, fold in \(\frac{3}{8}\)" seam allowance and topstitch closed, sewing close to the edge & backstitching.
f. Place the inside bag into the outside bag and press.
g. Fold the top of the bag down 1” and press.
h. Set aside.

7. Constructing the Pincushion
   a. Layer and pin the pieces together as follows: Fabric A right side up, Fabric B Strap (centered on the long side of pin cushion, seam side up, and folded so only one side will be in the seam), Gripper fabric, and finally Fabric B right side down.
   b. Stitch a \(\frac{3}{8}\)" seam around the pin cushion leaving 1” open on the opposite side of the pin cushion from the strap – backstitching at opening.
   c. Trim corners and turn right side out through the 1” opening.
   d. Set aside.

8. Attaching the pincushion to the scrap bag.
   a. Slide the strap under the folded edge, matching the seams, until it is fully inserted under the folded edge.
   b. Create a casing for the boning by sewing \(\frac{1}{8}\)" from the top folded edge – overlapping at the end.
   c. Insert boning that has been overlapped 1” and taped closed, then close the casing by sewing \(\frac{1}{8}\)" from the bottom of the casing – overlapping at the end.

9. Finishing
   a. Fill the pin cushion with the crushed walnut shells.
   b. With a hand sewing needle and thread, sew the opening closed. Sew the end twice for reinforcement.