

FABRIC PINECONES

These pretty Christmas decorations can be made to hang on the tree by adding a ribbon hanger or used in a cluster on a tabletop.



Total Time: 1.5 - 2 hours

Materials:

- 1 Styrofoam egg
- 2 x 2 inch (5 x 5 cm) square cardboard template
- Two contrasting fabric scraps – 32, 2x2 in. (5x5 cm) squares
- pins
- ribbon or cord, optional
- pen
- scissors

Steps:

1. Cut out a paper or cardboard template 2 x 2 inches.
2. Trace the template on to the wrong side of your fabric. We used two different patterns. You can use any combination of fabrics and colours you like to create your own unique design.
3. Cut out the squares. 32 of each colour
4. Fold each square first in half and then in half again, finger pressing them to make the folds. You can iron them if you like but not necessary.



5. Place 1 piece of fabric to cover the small end of the Styrofoam egg. Pin in place.



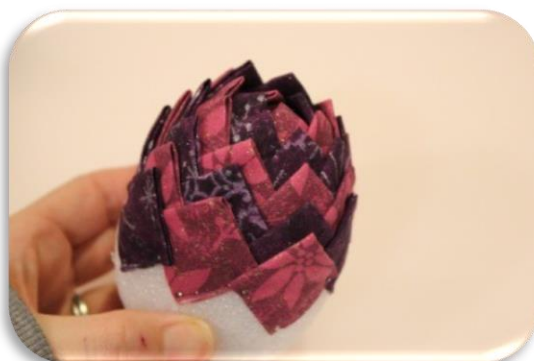
6. Begin at the bottom of the egg and attach four squares of fabric, with the points meeting in the centre. Pin them in the two corners that will not be visible as you build your layers.

7. For the second row, drop down a bit and line the points of the new pieces between the two pieces in the first row.



8. For the third and subsequent rows, you will drop down and centre the point with the one from two rows prior (using the opposite colour).

9. Each new row will only have 4 new pieces added. The new piece will be added to cover the corner points of two pieces in the previous row. You will continue alternating colours. **NOTE:** Be sure to set pins in such a way that the succeeding rows will cover them and any raw edges.





10. Continue until you reach the large end of the egg. Be sure to only add 4 squares per row and position pins so that they can be covered by subsequent squares.

11. To close the final gap, you will continue adding four squares bringing them closer together until the end is closed enough to cover with a final square.



12. To finish the Pinecone, add a ribbon

