MUSHROOM PINCUSHION & PROJECT BAG

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This adorable pincushion is the perfect accessory for your workspace, keeping pins handy and providing a convenient bag for small projects or to collect yarn ends.

SKILL LEVEL
Easy

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
Pincushion: 5¾ inches long x 5¼ inches wide x 3½ inches tall

Basket: 4 inches long x 4 inches wide x 5 inches tall

Connection Piece: 2½ inches wide x 2 inches long

MATERIALS
- Cascade Yarns 220 Superwash Sport light (sport) weight superwash merino wool yarn (1¾ oz/ 136.5 yds/50g per hank):
  2 hanks #875 feather grey
  1 hank each #893 ruby, #819 chocolate, #815 black and #841 moss
- Size E/4/3.5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Stitch markers
- Tapestry needle
- Muslin for lining:
  Pincushion (1 piece): 5¾ inches x 11½ inches
  Basket (3 pieces): 16½ inches x 4½ inches, 4½ inches x 4½ inches and 4 inches x 1½ inches
- Stabilizer (2 pieces): 16 inches x ½ inches and 4 inches x 4 inches
- Straight pins/ball-head pins
- Sewing machine or hand-sewing needle
- Thread to match lining
- Rice for weight: 1 cup
- Sandwich size resealable plastic bag
- Small amount fiberfill (for mushrooms)

GAUGE
In Gauge Swatch pattern: 16 sts = 4 inches; 14 rows = 3 inches

GAUGE SWATCH
Row 1: Ch 21, (sc, dc) in 3rd ch from hook, *sk next ch, (sc, dc) in next ch; rep from * across, turn. *(10 sc, 10 dc)*

Row 2: Ch 1, sk first dc, (sc, dc) in next sc, *sk next dc, (sc, dc) in next sc; rep from * across.

[Rep row 2] 14 times more.

Measure gauge across center of swatch, avoiding edges.

SPECIAL STITCH
Half treble crochet (htr): Yo twice, insert hook in indicated st, yo and pull through st *(4 lps on hook)*, yo and pull through 2 lps on hook, yo and pull through all 3 rem lps on hook.

PATTERN NOTES
Do not join or turn unless stated.

Join rounds with a slip stitch in first stitch of round as indicated unless otherwise stated.

Chain-1 at beginning of round does not count as a stitch unless otherwise stated.

Each element *(Mushrooms, Pincushion, Project Bag)* is stitched and assembled separately, then joined together to form final project.

PINCUSHION & PROJECT BAG
LARGE MUSHROOM
CAP TOP
Rnd 1 (RS): With ruby, ch 2, 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook, **join** *(see Pattern Notes)*. *(8 sc)*

Rnd 2: Ch 1 *(see Pattern Notes)*, 2 sc in each st around, join. *(16 sc)*

Rnd 3: Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next st, *2 sc in next st, sc in next st; rep from * around, join. *(24 sc)*

Rnds 4–6: Ch 1, sc in each st around, join.

Rnd 7: Ch 1, sc in first 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, *sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around, join. *(30 sc)*

Rnd 8: Ch 1, sc in each st around, join. Fasten off.

CAP BOTTOM
Rnd 1 (RS): With feather grey, ch 2, 10 sc in 2nd ch from hook, join. *(10 sc)*

Rnd 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, join. *(20 sc)*

Rnd 3: Ch 1, sc in first 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, *sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around, join. *(24 sc)*

Rnd 4: Ch 1, sc in first 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, *sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around, join. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. *(28 sc)*

STEM
Rnd 1 (RS): With feather grey and leaving a long tail for sewing, ch 10, sc in 10th ch from hook to form a ring, sc in next 8 chs, **sc dec** *(see Stitch Guide)* in last st and base of first st of rnd. *(10 sc)*

Rnds 2–5: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 6: Sc dec in first 2 sts, sc in each rem st around. *(9 sc)*

Rnds 7 & 8: Sc in each st around.
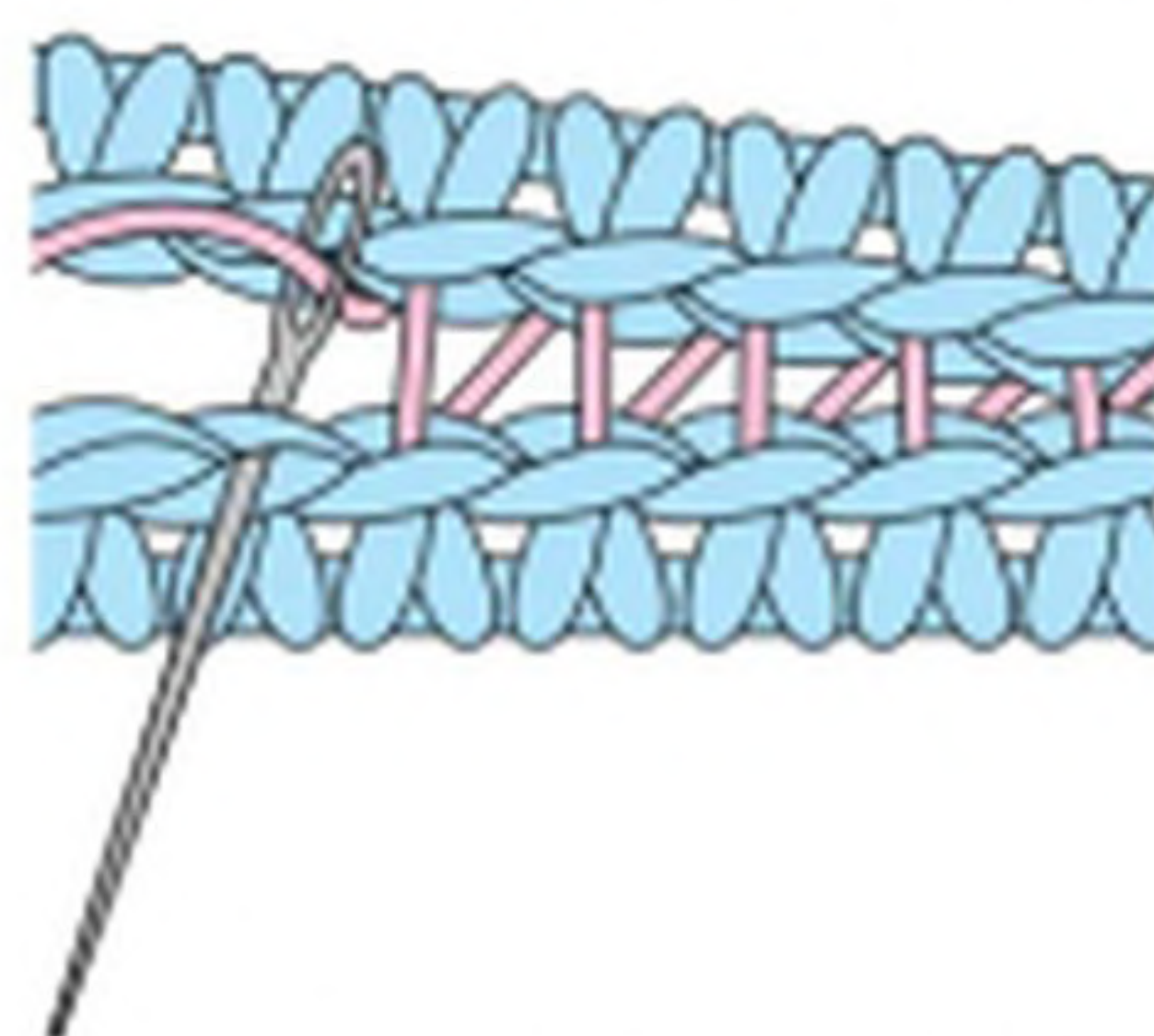
Rnds 9–11: Rep rnds 6–8. *(8 sc)*

Rnd 12: Sc in each st around, join. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

LARGE MUSHROOM ASSEMBLY
Turn Cap Top upside down like a bowl. With RS up, place Cap Bottom over opening.

Note that Top has 2 sts more than Bottom.

With ruby, **whipstitch through back (inside) lps** *(see illustration)* to seam Top and Bottom tog, resolving extra Top sts as follows: Whipstitch through first 2 sts on Top tog with first st on Bottom, whipstitch normally *(1 st at a time on each piece)* around to opposite side of mushroom, whipstitch next 2 sts on top tog with next st on bottom, stuff Cap lightly with fiberfill, whipstitch normally around to end.

Whipstitch Edges Through Back Lps

Sew a piece of ruby through Cap from center of Top to center of Bottom, and then back up again close to same place to make a tiny st. Pull ends to create a concave Bottom, but not so tightly as to compress Top.

Stuff Stem. Sew smaller end *(rnd 12)* of Stem to center of Cap Bottom using long tail. Wrap tail once around stem about 1 row below Cap and knot in place to create a ring/skirt. Weave in end.

With a long strand of feather grey, sew from top of stem through an unused lp from rnd 4 of Cap Bottom and then back through stem; rep around, creating veins across the Bottom like the spokes of a wheel.

Weave in all rem ends.

SMALL MUSHROOM

CAP TOP
Rnds 1 & 2: Rep rnds 1 and 2 of Large Mushroom Cap Top. *(16 sc)*

Rnds 3–6: Rep rnds 4–7 of Large Mushroom Cap Top. *(20 sc)*

Row 7 Ch 1, sc in first 10 sts, sl st in next st, leave rem sts unworked. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

CAP BOTTOM
Rnds 1 & 2: With feather grey, rep rnds 1 and 2 of Large Mushroom Cap Top. *(16 sc)*

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in first 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sl st in next st, leave rem sts unworked. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. *(10 sc)*

STEM
Rnd 1: With C2, leaving a long tail for sewing, ch 8, sc in 8th ch from hook to form a ring, sc in next 6 chs, sc dec in last st and base of first st of rnd tog. *(8 sc)*

Rnds 2–4: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 5: Sc dec in first 2 sts, sc in each rem st around. *(7 sc)*

Rnds 6 & 7: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 8: Rep rnd 5. *(6 sc)*

Rnd 9: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 10: Sc in each st around, join. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

SMALL MUSHROOM ASSEMBLY
Follow Large Mushroom Assembly instructions.

PINCUSHION

BEAN BAG PANEL
Make 2: 1 in chocolate & 1 in black.

Row 1: Ch 30, dc in 2nd ch from hook *(sk ch counts as first sc)*, *sc in next st, dc in next st; rep from * across, turn. *(15 sc, 15 dc)*

Rows 2–28: Ch 1, sk first dc, (sc, dc) in next sc, *sk next dc, (sc, dc) in next sc; rep from * across, turn. *(15 sc, 15 dc)*

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing on chocolate panel and a normal tail for weaving in on black panel. Weave in all ends except for long tail.

GRASSY HILL
Rnd 1: With moss, ch 2, 10 hdc in 2nd ch from hook, join. *(10 hdc)*

Rnd 2: Ch 1, 2 hdc in each st around, join. *(20 hdc)*

Rnd 3: Ch 1, *2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st; rep from * around, join. *(30 hdc)*

Rnd 4: Ch 1, *2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts; rep from * around, join. *(40 hdc)*

Rnd 5: Ch 1, *2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts; rep from * around, join. *(50 hdc)*

Rnd 6: Ch 1, *dc in next st, **htr** (see *Special Stitch*) in next st, tr in next st, htr in next st, (dc, hdc) in next st, (htr, tr) in next st, dtr in next 3 sts, htr in next st, hdc in next st, 2 dc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in next st, dc in next st, tr in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, 2 sc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in next st; rep from * once more, join. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. *(8 sc, 20 hdc, 10 dc, 8 htr, 8 tr, 6 dtr)*
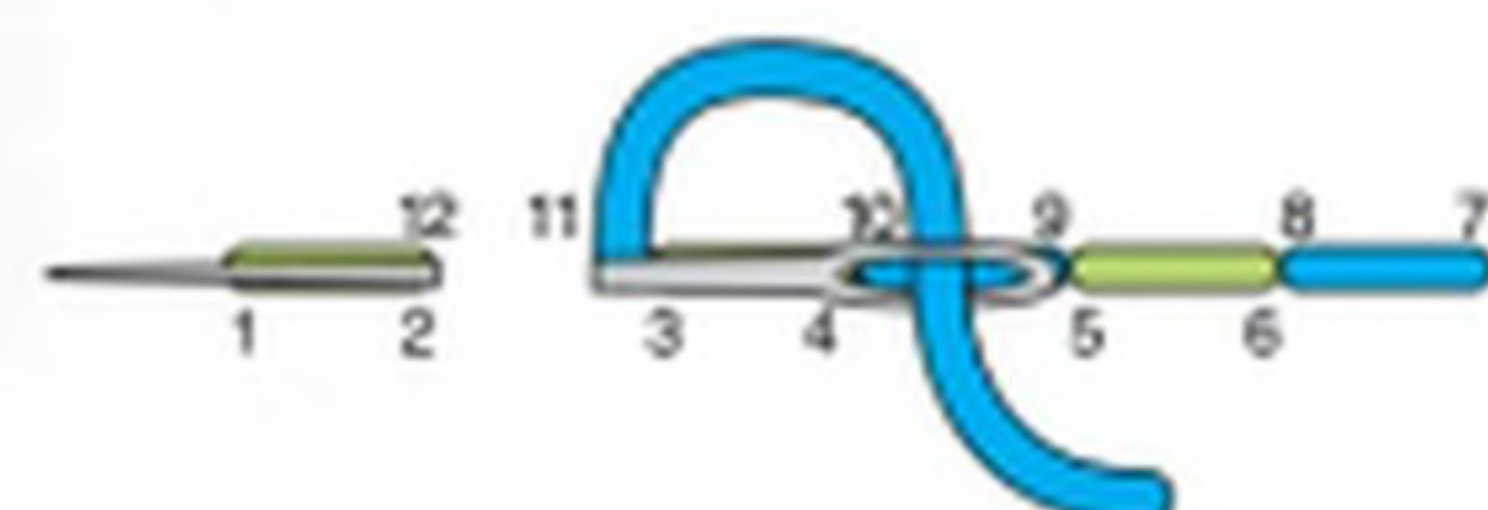
RICE POUCH
Fold 5¾ x 11½-inch muslin piece in half with WS tog to create a 5¾-inch square. Starting from either end of folded edge, sew 2 adjacent side edges closed, leaving last side open for stuffing.

Place 1 cup rice into resealable plastic bag. Seal bag and place inside pouch. Sew last side of pouch closed, weave in any rem ends.

PINCUSHION ASSEMBLY
Center Grassy Hill on top of chocolate Bean Bag Panel with RS up *(WS of Grassy Hill should be against RS of Bean Bag Panel)*. Sew in place with **running stitch** *(see illustration)* around.
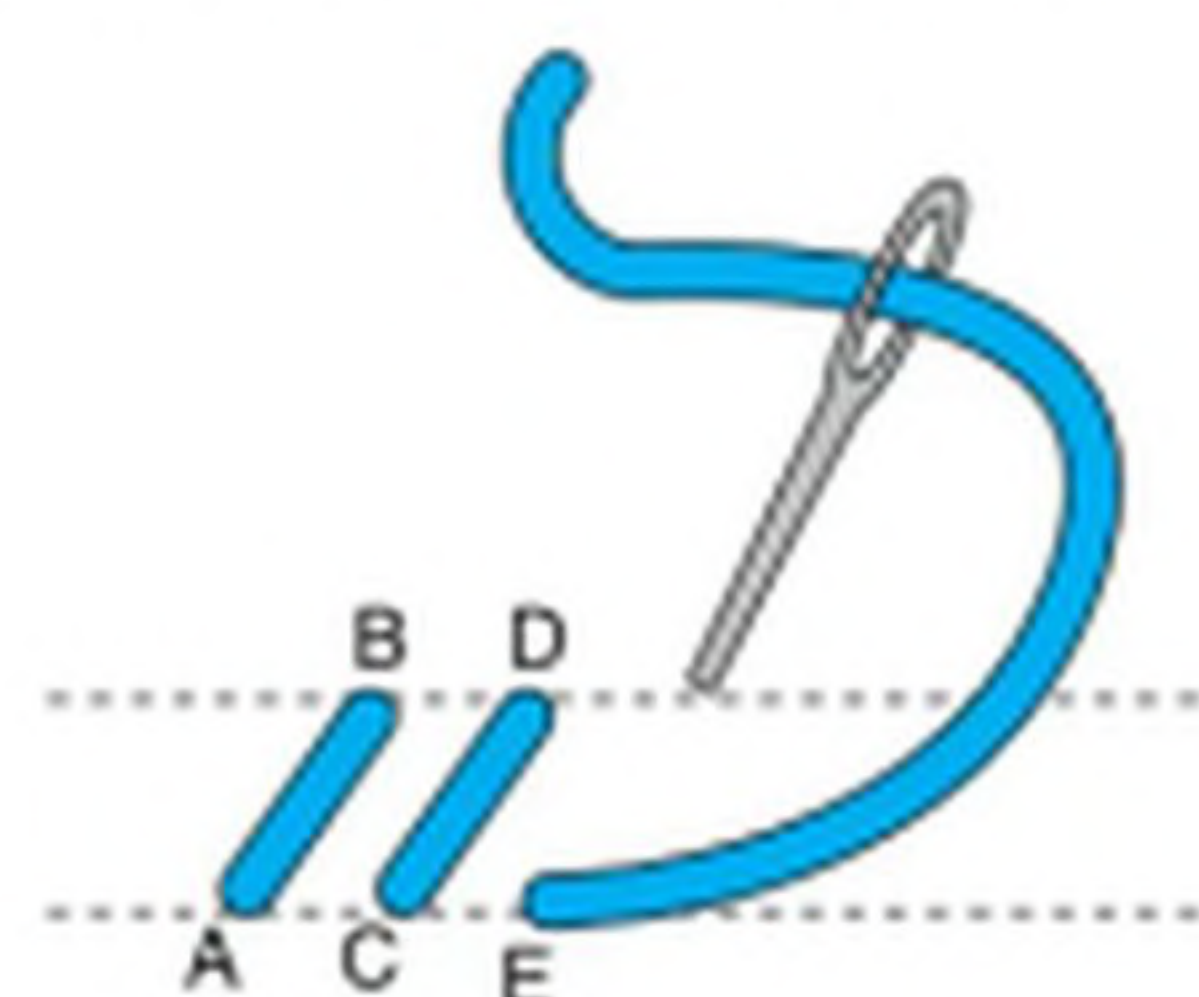

Running Stitch

Place both Bean Bag Panels with WS tog. Sew tog along 3 sides with running stitch creating a pocket.

Insert Rice Pouch inside Bean Bag Panel pocket. Sew final side closed with running stich. Weave in ends.

Using photo as a guide for placement, **whipstitch** *(see illustration)* both Mushrooms on top of Grassy Hill, near center.

Whipstitch

Weave in all ends.

PROJECT BAG

Row 1: With feather grey, ch 23, sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across, turn. *(22 sc)*

Rows 2–25: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Rnd 26: Ch 1, sc in each st across, ch 1; 22 sc evenly sp across side edge to corner, ch 1; sc in each st across bottom of row 1, ch 1; 22 sc evenly sp across side edge to corner, ch 1, join. *(88 sc, 4 ch-1 sps)*

Rnd 27: Ch 1, working in **back lps** *(see Stitch Guide)* of sts, sl st in first 2 sts, ch 1, *sc in next 18 sts, ch 1, sc dec in next 2 sts, sk next ch-1 sp**, sc dec in next 2 sts; rep from * 3 times more, ending at ** on last rep, sc dec in first 2 sl sts at beg of rnd. *(80 sc)*

Rnd 28: *(Sc, dc) in next st, sk next st; rep from * around. *(40 sc, 40 dc)*

Rnds 29–45: *(Sc, dc) in next sc, sk next dc; rep from * around.

Rnd 46: *(Sc, dc) in next sc, sk next dc; rep from * around to last 2 sts, sc in next sc, sl st in next dc. Fasten off. *(40 sc, 39 dc, 1 sl st)*

Rnd 47: With ruby, ch 1, sc in each st around *(including in sl st at end of rnd)*. *(80 sc)*

Rnd 48: Rep rnd 28. *(40 sc, 40 dc)*

Rnds 49 & 50: *(Sc, dc) in next sc, sk next dc; rep from * around.

Rnd 51: *(Sc, dc) in next sc, sk next dc; rep from * around to last 2 sts, sc in next sc, sk last dc, join, turn. *(40 sc, 39 dc)*

Rnd 52: Ch 1, working in back lps of sts, *(sc, dc) in next sc, sk next dc; rep from * around to last 2 sts, sc in last sc, hdc in sk dc 2 rows below, do not join. *(40 sc, 39 dc, 1 hdc)*

Rnds 53–55: *(Sc, dc) in next sc, sk next dc; rep from * around. *(40 sc, 40 dc)*

Rnd 56: Rep rnd 51. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

TOP HEM

With Project Bag RS out, place 16 x ½-inch stabilizer piece over rows 47–51 of Project Bag *(bottom of ruby section)*. Fold rows 52–56 down over stabilizer and pin or clip all layers in place if desired.

With long tail, sew row 56 to bottom of row 47 with a running stitch, weave in end. This creates a double layer top hem, with stabilizer between layers.

PROJECT BAG LINING

Place rem 4 x 4-inch stabilizer piece in bottom of Project Bag. Sew in place with feather grey using a running stitch. Weave in ends.

On 16½ x 4½-inch muslin strip, fold 1 long edge over by ¼ inch. Iron and sew in place. This is now top edge of lining.

Fold strip in half, RS tog, to create an 8¼ x 4¼-inch rectangle. Sew short edges tog with a ¼-inch seam allowance. You should now have a tube for sides of lining.

With RS tog, pin raw long edge *(bottom edge)* of tube all around edges of 4½-inch muslin square so that seam just made is at 1 corner *(this will be back left corner)*. Sew in place all around square with ¼-inch seam allowance.
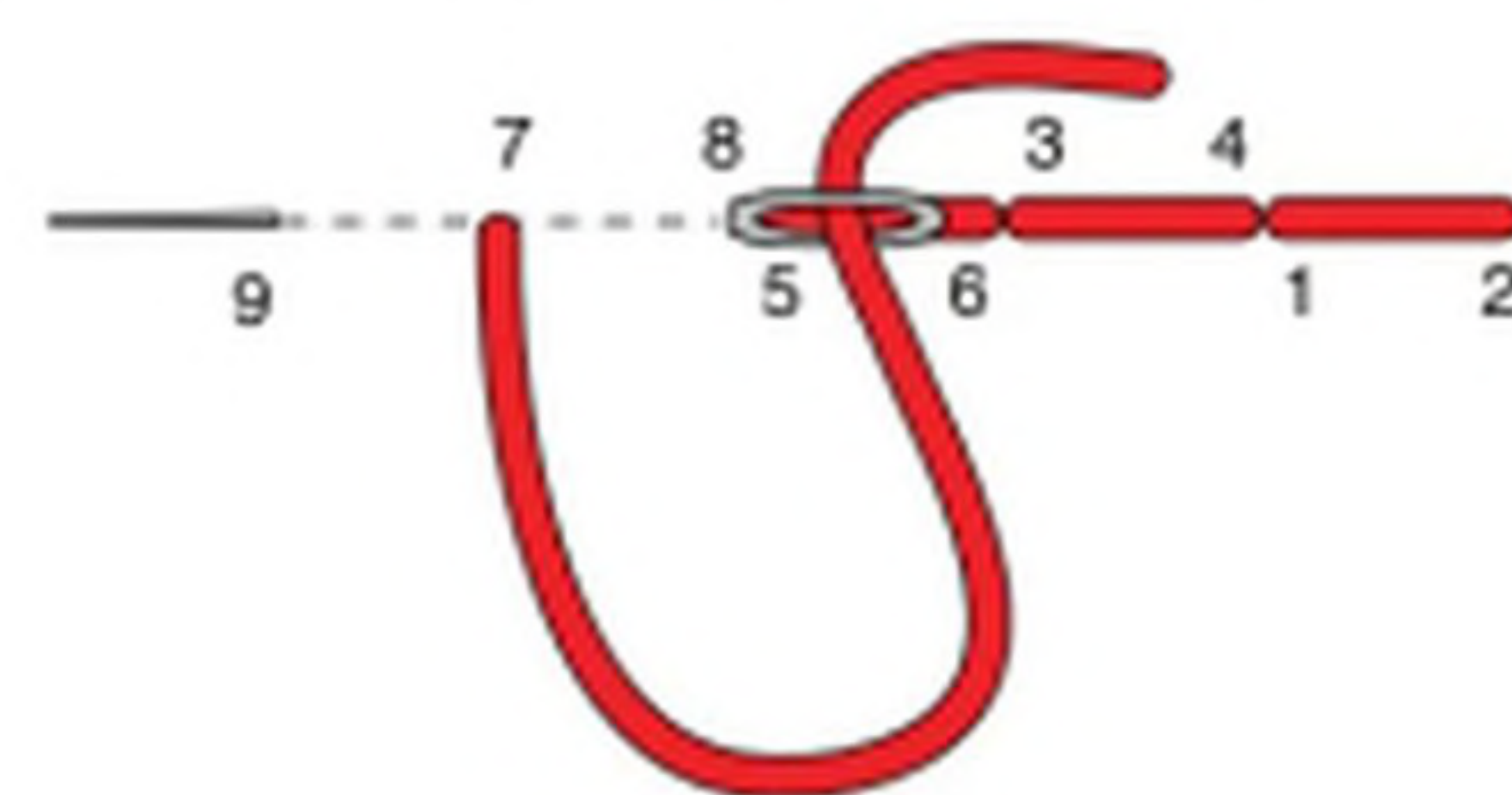
SCISSOR TAB

Fold rem 4 x 1½-inch muslin piece in half with RS tog so that it measures 4 x ¾ inches. Sew tog along long edge with ¼-inch seam allowance to create a tube. Turn RS out.

Fold and iron raw short edges back *(to WS)* by ½ inch. Place scissor tab at center back of Lining, about 2 inches up from bottom. Pin and then sew in place at short edges.

Sew an additional seam about 1 inch in from each short end, creating 3 1-inch sections to hold pencils, scissors and crochet hooks.

ATTACH LINING

Insert finished lining into basket with WS tog, pin in place around top edge, hiding color change between rnds 46 and 47. Sew in place with **backstitch** *(see illustration)*.

Backstitch

HANGER

Row 1: With moss and leaving a long tail for sewing, ch 14, dc in 2nd ch from hook *(sk ch counts as first sc)*, *sc in next ch, dc in next ch; rep from * across, turn. *(7 sc, 7 dc)*

Rows 2–8: Ch 1, sk first dc, (sc, dc) in next sc, *sk next dc, (sc, dc) in next sc; rep from * across, turn. Fasten off, leaving long tail for seaming.

ASSEMBLY

Identify which edge will be back of the Pincushion. Place row 1 of Hanger centered along black side *(bottom)* of back edge of Pincushion and whipstitch in place.

Place row 8 of Hanger centered along top back edge of Project Bag and whipstitch in place.

Weave in all ends.

Decorate mushrooms and pincushion with straight/ball-head pins. CW

> **Tip**
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> The same stitch pattern is used for the bean bag pincushion as for the project bag but they look different because one is crocheted in rows and the other in the round.