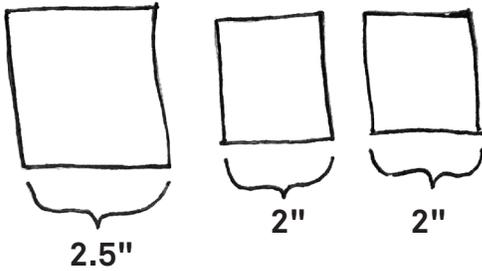


# INSTRUCTIONS: FABRIC CUBE

(can be used as a juggling cube, hacky sack, bean bag, sachet, stress ball, heating pad, or baby block)

 Fabric that isn't too stretchy or thick with a fine weave works well for this project, including old t-shirts and quilting fabrics.



1.

Cut a square a bit bigger than you want your cube to be out of thin, stiff cardboard. (two pieces of cereal box type cardboard layered/ glued together works good)

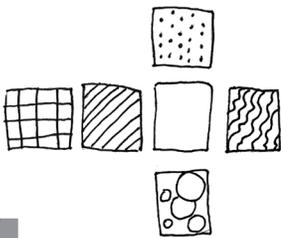
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Cut two smaller squares out of thin stiff cardboard (about a 1/4 inch smaller, all the way around), than your bigger square.



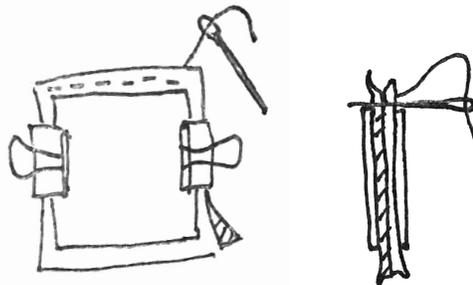
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Use a bulldog clip to hold the larger square steady on the fabric and trim the excess.



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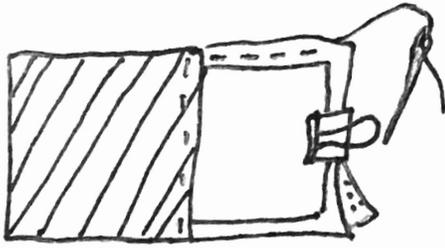
Cut out six squares total and lay out in the order you would like.



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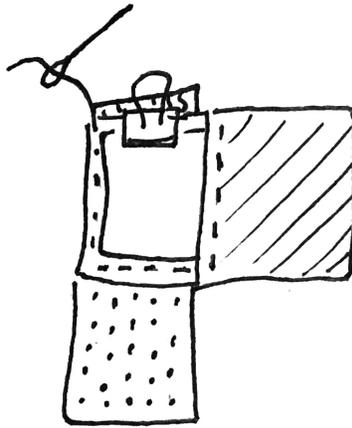
To sew the squares together, sandwich the first two fabric pieces between the two smaller cardboard squares using bulldog clips to hold them steady. Make sure the edges of the fabric line up and

the squares of cardboard are centered on the fabric, using small tight stitches, sew along one edge of the cardboard. (The good side of the fabric should always be facing inward.)



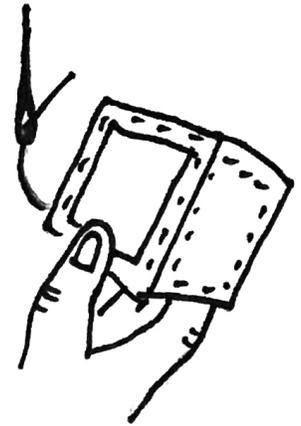
6.

Next take the clips off and add the next square of fabric. Sandwich the new piece of fabric onto the first piece of fabric using the same technique above. Be sure to center the cardboard pieces along the first seam. Continue to sew along the edge of the cardboard.



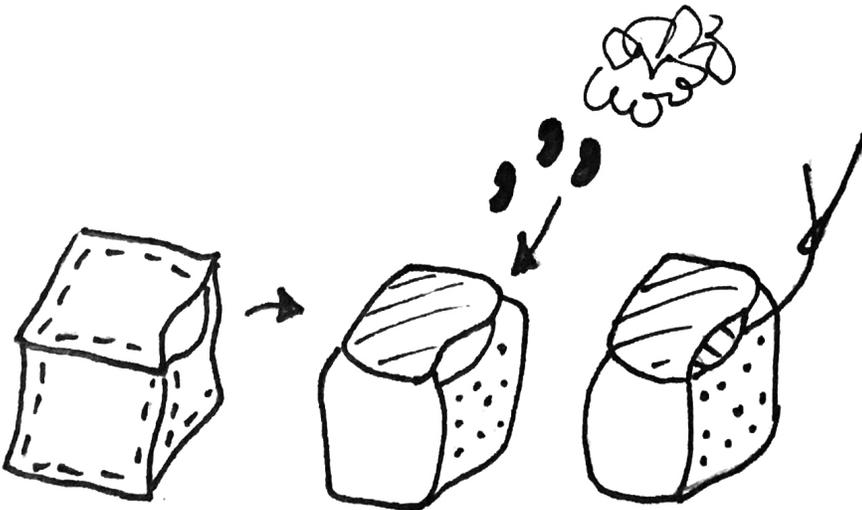
7.

Continue to add squares of fabric in this manner. **Caution:** keep checking to make sure you are adding the squares to form a cube and not mistakenly sewing seams in the wrong place



8.

For the side seams, you may only be able to fit one piece of cardboard and your fingers to clamp it down, but this will work fine.



9.

Leave a small opening on the final seam

10.

Fill with dried beans, old fabric, sponge, fiberfill, dried lavender, or rice for a microwaveable mini heating pad.

11.

Finish the cube by using a blind, or ladder stitch. Begin by stitching a couple of regular stitches near the end of the opening along the inside seam to anchor the thread. Then sew stitches side to side, from inside the seam directly across the opening. It should look like a ladder. Shut the opening tight as you go by pulling the thread tightly.

