Photo Frame Pin Cushions

What you need:

-small photo frame. I found these 2x3 frames on sale for 50% off at Hobby Lobby.

filling such as polyester fiber fill or cotton balls. I found that the fiber fill is not as dense as the cotton balls and the pins slide into the fabric easier with it. I actually changed out the filling on a couple of the first frames I did.

-fabric cut larger than the frame. For these frames, I started with a 5 1/2" x 5 1/2" piece of fabric

Another idea: use an old hanky, knit sweater, or sweatshirt. What a great way to recycle and reuse!

-fabric scissors

-buttons, pins, charms, beads, baubles, ribbons

1. Open and remove the back of the frame. Remove the glass. (depending on the frame, some backs come off completely like the one in the photo below. Others are hinged on. Cut the back off using a sharp pair of scissors along the hinge.)

2. Cut a piece of fabric larger than the frame.

3. Place a handful of filling on the back side of the fabric. Place the fabric and filling on top of the back side of the frame.

4. Replace the back of the frame, covering the filling. Pull the fabric tight.

5. Carefully cut away the edges of the fabric from the edges of the frame backing using a pair of sharp fabric scissors. No glue gun is needed!

6. Decorate the front using a variety of pins, buttons, beads, baubles, ribbons, and charms. Make it as simple or elaborate as you want. I did a couple using a variety of buttons from my stash, but didn't quite like the look. (I have issues with "naked" buttons!) Instead, I added jewelry findings, assorted charms, beads and baubles from my beading stash. To dress up the sewing pins, I inserted some of the beads onto the pins, then glued them in place using Crystal Effects.