

# House Pin Minder

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Wearing pins on my NAME badge at a Houseparty gets heavy. This house pin minder shows off my favorite pins and is pinned to my shirt thus eliminating a heavy name badge.

## Supplies needed

- 5" square of black tone on tone print for the house
- 10" square of black with a gold print for the roof and backing
- 5" x 6" piece of "Soft & Stable" interfacing/batting by Annie

## Cutting directions

- From the house fabric, cut a rectangle 3-1/2" high x 3-3/4" wide
- From the roof fabric, cut a trapezoid following the dimensions on the diagram (roof).
- Cut a second piece of fabric, 7" square, for the backing

Center the trapezoid on the house and stitch the 2 pieces together. Press the seam toward the roof.

Pin this on a piece of Soft & Stable and trim the interfacing to the same size as the house/roof. Lay this unit on the wrong side of the backing and trim the backing so there is 1/2" more around all edges.

The extra fabric from the back is the binding for the edges. Fold the excess in half and bring the fold around to the front and blind stitch it in place. Miter the corners as you stitch the binding in place. Where the roof meets the house, cut straight across into the corner so the



roof binding is release from the house binding. This little bit is a raw edge along the top edge of the house. The

binding from the roof will be a "dog ear" or triangle that will hang below the bottom edge of the roof. Tuck this to the back and sew it down.

Some information about Soft & Stable: It's a newish interfacing/batting that has been used in making tote bags. It retains its shape and has a suede-like surface that clings to the face fabrics. When pinning the stud type pins in place, the backs sink in and click into place. I didn't lose any backs at the convention.

Soft and Stable can be found at quilt shops. Jackman's Fabrics in St. Louis accepts mail orders. Their phone number is 314-994-1060.

