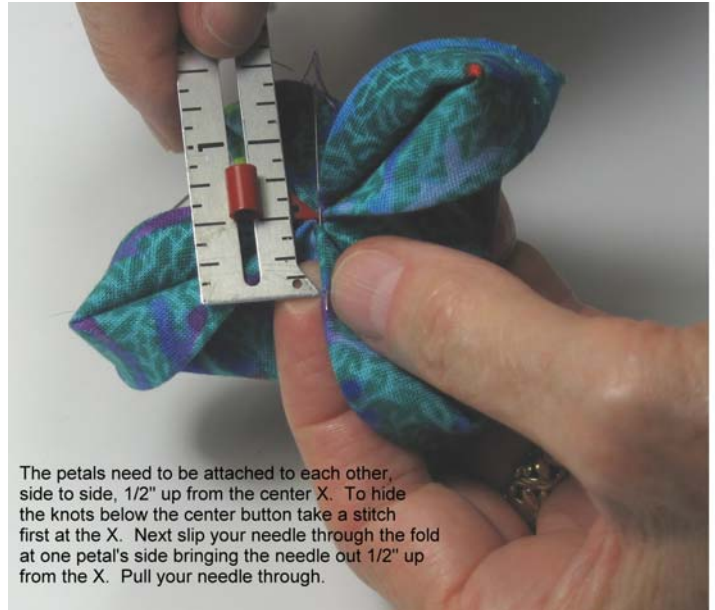


4 petals are formed.



The petals need to be attached to each other, side to side, 1/2" up from the center X. To hide the knots below the center button take a stitch first at the X. Next slip your needle through the fold at one petal's side bringing the needle out 1/2" up from the X. Pull your needle through.



Now hold the neighboring petal so that the sides match up with the one you have been working on. Take a small neat stitch to join the side of one petal to the adjoining side of the other petal, from fold to fold. Pull the thread tight. Take 2 or 3 more small neat stitches, from fold to fold, to strengthen this bond while at the same time creating the equivalent of a knot. Slip your needle back between the folds of the petal coming out about 1/2" away. Cut your thread. Doing this buries the cut end of the thread. It is neater and helps protect the cut thread from unraveling.

X marks the center, to be covered by the button.
O marks where the petals have been stitched to each other to help them hold their shape.



Inner rosette completed. Set aside.

Next, outer rosette



Outer rosette - fold each corner placing the tip at the center mark. Pin.



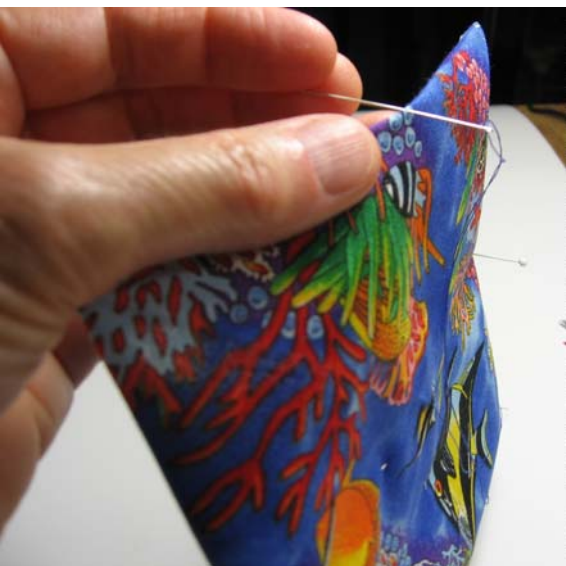
With the OUTER rosette it is important NOT to catch the tips of the corners in with the stitching which will shape the petals. Carefully relocate the pins, without disturbing their precise position, with the tips folded out of the way of the center X.



Next the petals will be formed. With right sides together fold so that both tacky corners on one edge meet (close like a book). Mark the midway point with a pin (at the spine of a book). Unfold. Repeat, pin marking each midway point of the sides of the developing rosette.



All 4 side edges of outer rosette are pin marked at mid distance. The pins on the backside still hold the corner tips folded away from the center X.

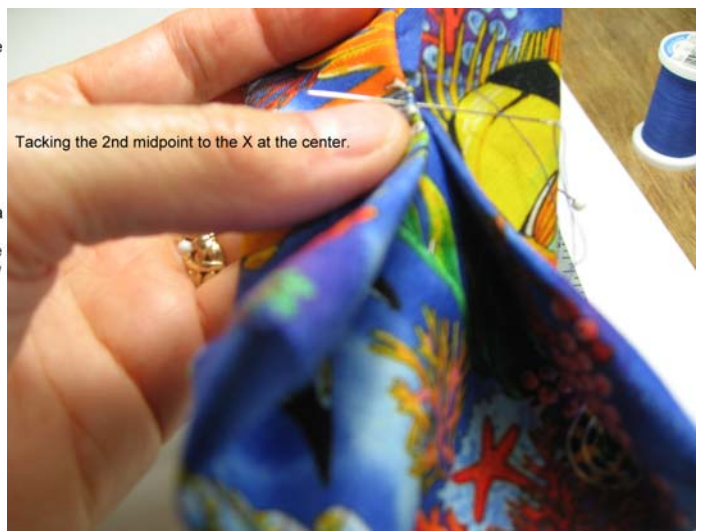


Thread needle with matching thread. Take a few stitches to anchor the knot at the center X. Then take a stitch through the fold at a midway pin.

Draw this thread tight to the center X. Take a second stitch through the X at the base of the rosette and the midway fold. This stitching will later be covered by the inner rosette.

Repeat this tacking procedure with the opposite side, then at the 3rd & 4th midway points. Be sure to catch in the base fabric at the X.

Keep your needle threaded and attached for the next step.



Tacking the 2nd midpoint to the X at the center.



Tacking the 3rd midpoint to the X at the base of the rosette. Notice the pins on the back which are still holding the original corner tips out of the way of all this stitching.

Be sure to tack each midpoint to the base with at least 2 stitches.



All 4 midpoints are tacked to the X at the center base.



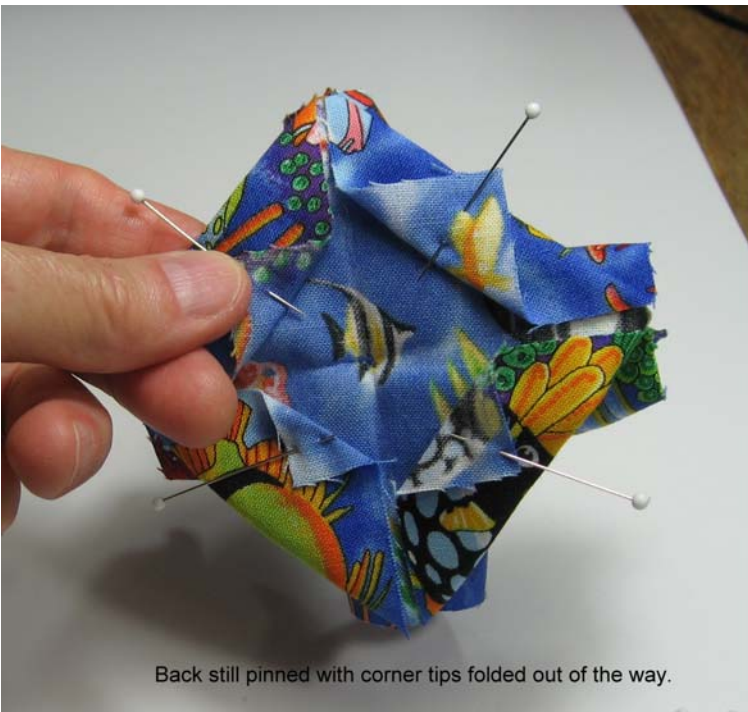
Again the sides of the petals are going to be tacked to the sides of the petals next to them. Anchor the needle at the X. Slip the needle through the petal's fold from the X exiting 1/2" away on the fold. Hold the neighboring petals fold alongside the 1st petals fold. Take 3 small neat stitches. Run the needle back through, between the petal, to bury the cut end. Cut the thread.



All 4 petals are tacked to each other 1/2" up from X.

This tacking of the petals helps to give them a pleasant and uniform shape.

Pins still hold the original corner tips away from the X on backside to protect them from getting caught in this stitching.



Back still pinned with corner tips folded out of the way.



Fold the tips of the fabric folds to shape the petals as was done for the inner rosette.

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If the tips of the petals are still a bit tacky you may slightly adjust and then pinch them to help set the peak with just the right shape, the underside edges nicely aligned. The Fray Check will assist to keep a tight tip.

*** Read caption below before proceeding**



The pins may be released from the back of the rosette now, prior to adding the back facing, **THOUGH** on another later ribbon assembly I **ACTUALLY FOUND IT BETTER TO WAIT** to remove the pins until the rosettes are folded flat.



Folding the petals flat prior to sewing on the back facing - Unfold the petal tip so that it points to the ceiling. Then broaden out the "waist" of the petal with your fingers so that the tip touches the X at the center. Flatten out the petal neatly. Be careful to keep the raw edges at the Z as close together as possible. Pin in place.



Continue to fold the petals flat and pin in place.



All 4 petals of outer rosette folded flat and pinned.



Later on I found it easier to do this step, to fold down the petals for the sewing machine step, while the back corners are still held temporarily pinned to the backside of the outer rosette.



Outer rosette petals folded down and pinned prior to releasing the pins on the backside so that the facing can be attached to the main rosette.

Note the lower right corner is tighter and neater than the lower left corner. Strive for carefully folded tight folding.



Backside, before releasing the pins.