

Pin Tin ©Under the Garden Moon

Supplies Needed:

Mini tin or container - 1 ½" diameter
4" Circle of fabric
Quilting thread
Polyester fiberfill
9" antique lace - 5/8" wide
½ yard silk ribbon - 7mm
E6000 glue or other industrial strength glue

#1- Cut a 4" circle out of your favorite fabric. Thread your needle with a double thickness of the quilting thread and tie a huge knot at the end. Start basting ¼" around the edge of the circle. Use big stitches - about ½" long.

#2- Gather the stitches slightly and begin stuffing. You will need to stuff your ball really tight by the time you are all finished. Once you have stuffed at least half full, tie a knot to hold in place, still leaving an opening. DO NOT cut your thread. Continue stuffing. You can sew more basting stitches through the gathers to pull the opening tighter.

#3- When your ball is really tight you need to tighten the thread for the last time. Gather the edge of the ball in and tie off. Cut the ends of your thread.

#4- You need to glue your stuffed ball into the tin now. You will probably need to raise the level of the bottom of the tin by adding some bulk. We put a piece of wood about 3/8" thick in the bottom of the tin. We glued the wood in place then glued the ball on top. You can use an extra ball of stuffing or a little pillow of sand, anything to raise the level. Place the ball in the tin and make sure it looks right before you glue it. Then glue in place.

#4- Cut an 8" piece of lace, fold it in half and sew the raw edges together using a ¼" seam. Turn the lace right side out.

#5- Thread the silk ribbon onto a large blunt needle. Start at the opposite side of the seam on the lace and thread the ribbon through the edge at the top of the lace. Continue around until your ribbon meets. Adjust the gathers in the lace.

#6- Put a small amount of glue under the lace and continue to place dots around the tin. Secure the lace and tie a knot with the ribbon. Let it dry and then tie a bow.