

*We, Hilde from Brazil and Hilde from Germany, coincidentally connected through our blogs, and together we came up with this new pincushion project!*

*The idea is that everyone who likes handicrafts, be it sewing or crocheting, can take part in an exchange of cute pincushions made with care and compassion.*

***Create and send a pincushion and you will get one in return!***

*The pincushion you make will be sent to a randomly selected participant in the project, and you'll receive one from a third, also randomly selected, participant.*

***The Rules:***

*Each pincushion must be made by yourself and through any chosen technique: sewing, knitting, crocheting, 'lieseling', appliqué, patchwork, embroidery... It's up to you, as long as the result is an original, beautiful and practical pincushion.*

*Have fun with it! From choosing the pattern, the technique, the colours and material and adding the final touches, to writing a short letter, wrapping and sending it off, the aim is for it to be enjoyable for everyone. Remember to put in the same amount of effort that you would like someone to put in for you.*

*Before sending it off, don't forget to take a picture of your pincushion to be posted online once the swap is completed. Send us your picture along with your first name, your nationality and the link to your blog if you have one.*

***Sign up details:***

*Sign up with Hilde & Hilde, by leaving a comment at either of their blogs ([geckoboxes.blogspot.com](http://geckoboxes.blogspot.com) and [ildicolor.wordpress.com](http://ildicolor.wordpress.com)). Send us a private message or e-mail with your address details to:*

*Hilde (Brazil): [hilde@geckoboxes.com](mailto:hilde@geckoboxes.com)*

*Hilde (Germany): [pincushion@ildico.de](mailto:pincushion@ildico.de)*

*Hilde & Hilde will let you know where to send your pincushion to after the closing date for sign-ups, and ensure that your address will only be shared with the one sending you her/his pincushion.*

*Sign up before **April 3<sup>rd</sup>**,  
and send your pincushion no later than **April 17<sup>th</sup>**.*

*Just in time before Easter!*

*We are hoping to involve as many people around the world as possible, but if because of postage costs you prefer to swap with someone in your region, let us know and we'll try to accommodate your preferences.*

**The More The Merrier:**

Tell your friends about the swap by posting the **'pincushion-swap-2011-icon'** on your website or blog, and link it to our swap!

*N.B: If you sign up, you must create and send a pincushion, it's only fair that everyone gets one. Please wrap it neatly and securely. If for any reason you are unable to complete the pincushion in time, please let us know as quickly as possible so we can find alternate solutions.*

