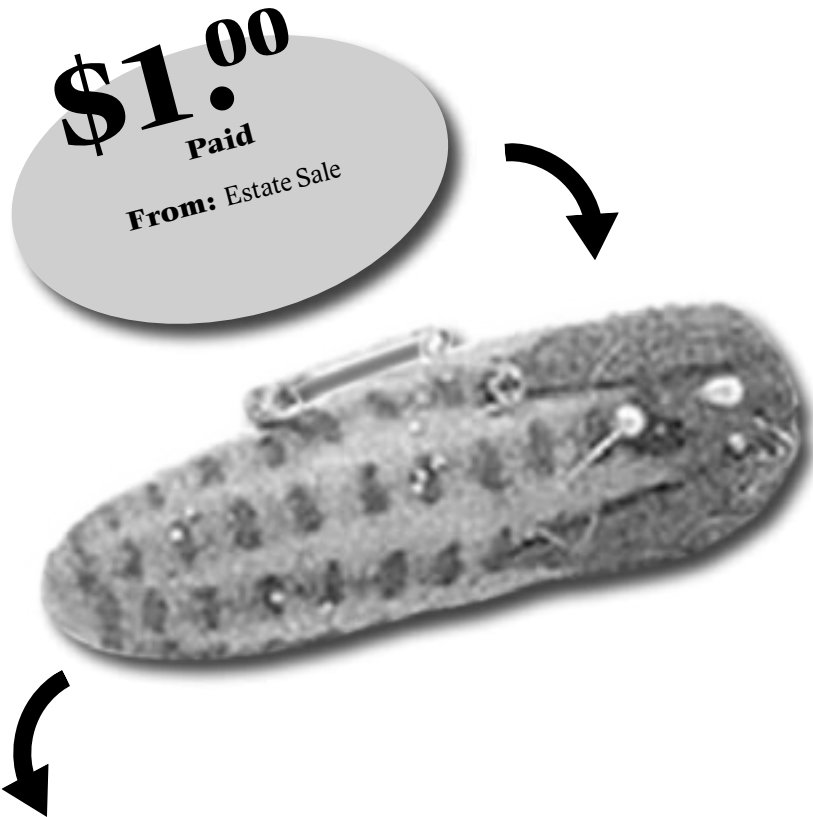


## Corn Pin Cushion



### Unusual Vintage Velvet Pin Cushion w Emery Corn Shape

#### Description:

This is a pin cushion shaped like an ear of corn. The velveteen cover had gold and reddish “kernels”. The stem end is made of green felt. It is stuffed with something that feels like sand or emery. It looks like a commercially made (rather than homemade) item.

**Winning Bid:** **\$2,800.00**

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**Ended:** 2/27/05  
**History:** 13 bids  
**Starting Bid:** \$9.99  
**Winner:** Kansas

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### Carol's Story (eBay ID WanderingCreekAntiques)

I went to a disappointing estate sale where most of the things were from the 1970s forward. I found one promising item, a pin cushion in the shape of an ear of corn about 6” long. I thought it was probably Victorian and decided to buy it for the asking price of \$1.00. My research didn't turn up anything even vaguely comparable, but I saw that some Victorian pincushions could go for \$300 or so. I started the auction at \$9.99 and received a number of emails asking for additional information.

A couple of hours before the auction ended,

the price was at about \$250. I was a little disappointed but figured that was a good return on my \$1 investment. I didn't even watch the end of the auction. When I checked a few hours later, I found that the auction had ended at \$2800! I was sure it was a mistake until I checked the other bids and saw that someone else had bid \$2750. Apparently this is a VERY rare, museum quality sewing item. I've had an automatic ebay search set up ever since for “pin cushion corn” and haven't seen another one.



Carol (WanderingCreekAntiques) didn't have an anecdote or extra photo for us so Lee and I were discussing what to put in as a side photo. Lee suggested a sewing machine but we couldn't find a photo. So I said to Lee, “How about some scrap?” He was like, “What are you talking about?” I said to him, “There is no way you can be Cheryl Leaf's Grandson if you

don't know what scrap is.” “Oh, now I get it.” Lee said, “Victorian Scrap--paper goods, old trading cards, etc.” So I found this darling piece of scrap from ONT Clarks Thread that says “Nothing stonger can there be than mother's love and ONT.” Too cute!