

Stuffed Dog

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Tips to remember from Rita

- ▶ It is only a stuffed animal. It is more fun to make if you remember this.
- ▶ Wash all fabric (including felt, if you are using for eyes) Avoid using detergents with dyes, scents or perfumes.
- ▶ Fleece is very forgiving and does not have much of a grainline. Pieces can be moved around to use the shapes and colors that are needed.
- ▶ Ink pen can be used for marking! (not usually when sewing)
- ▶ A universal needle can be used. If stitches skip, try a fleece needle
- ▶ All seams are at $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. The stitch length is 3.0
- ▶ Curves do not have to be clipped (not usually true for sewing)

Fleece, rolls to the wrong side when stretched.
For this project any side can be used.



Layout, pin and cut pieces. Use contrasting fabric for ears, legs, arms, tail.



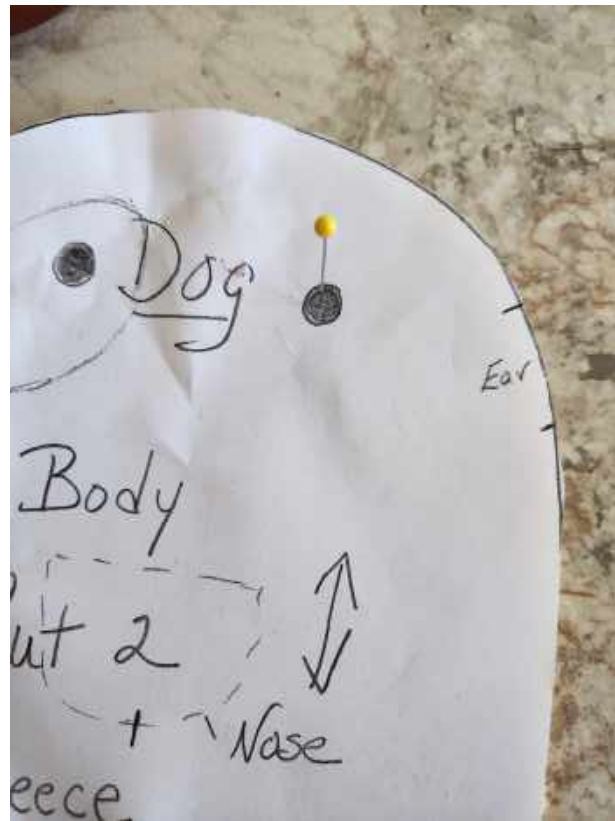
A very small piece of fabric can be used for the eye and the nose. Iron-on interfacing can be added to the back of the eye and nose to make sewing easier. Make your own nose pattern!



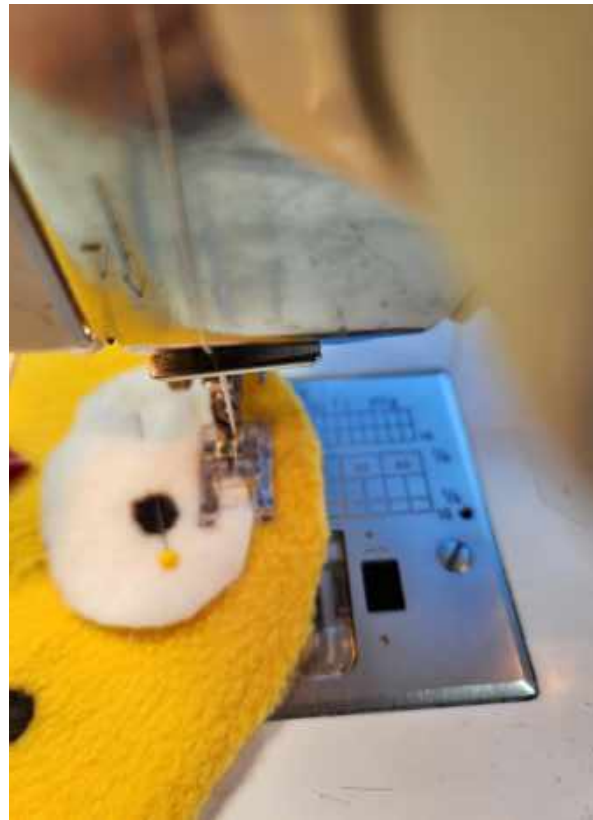
Eyes, Mark with a dot. Use a fine point marker to draw outside edge, a wider marker for the inside. Find a circle you can trace.



Mark the eye on the dog. Use a pin, then dot, then draw



Stitching eyes: Use an open-toed applique foot, zig zag, 2.0 length, 3 width, practice!



Stitching the ears, arms, legs, tail:
Stitch at ¼ inch, mark with dots, use needle down.
No need to clip or notch seams



Turn right side out, push out with fingers. No need to press



Fluff, fluff, fluff the stuffing.
Do not overfill, leave room to attach to the body



Attach pieces to the body. Ears, arms, legs on the front, tail on the back. Baste, 4.5 length stitch



Make a sandwich, dog front, arms, legs, ears to the inside, back of dog. Clip or pin. Sew around leaving bottom open. Sew a pleat or a V in bottom corner.



Flip right-side out, push curves out with fingers. Fluff, Fluff, do not overstuff. Stuff the farthest parts first.



Hand stitch the opening with a slipstitch.



Finished!!! Use a lint roller if necessary

