

A Scented Heart

Pretty to look and pretty to gift, present a loved one with a handmade scented heart instead of a boring card.

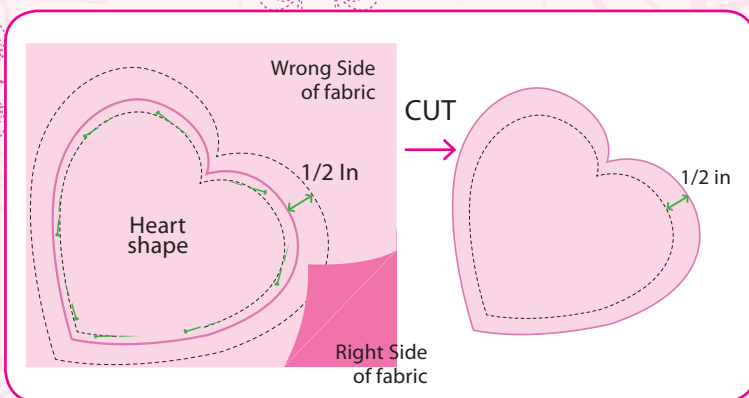
Skill level:
Beginner

Time:
15 to 20 Min.



You Will Need

- Scrap of cotton fabric
- Ribbon- 8 inches (20.3 Cm) long
- Toy filling for stuffing
- Thread matching with fabric
- Scissors, thread clipper & Pins
- Heart template (included)
- Sewing machine

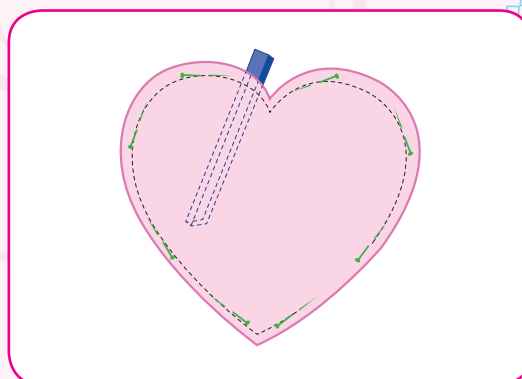


STEP 1:

Pin heart template to 2 layers of fabric their right sides facing together. Cut out the heart shape, leaving 1/2 inch (1cm) seam allowance.

STEP 2:

Carefully insert 2 lengths of ribbon inside the heart so that the ends peek out. This is to hang up the finished heart.



STEP 3:

Using a sewing machine, sew carefully around the heart.

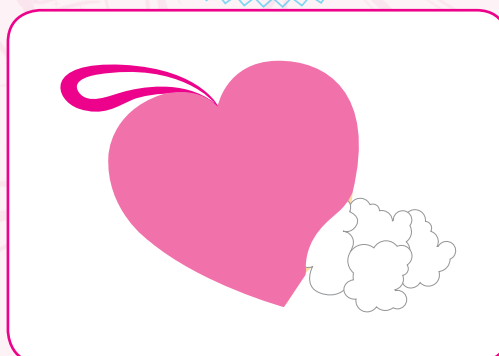
*** Lock stitch:** A Lock stitch is used to strengthen the beginning and the end stitches of the seam. Lock stitch keeps the seam from tearing apart. To know how to do a lock stitch please see page no. 12 of my fab Barbie sewing book.



Tips to Remember:
start and finish with a ***lock stitch** where you see me!

STEP 4:

Turn heart right sides out and then stuff it with toy filling. Now sew up the remaining opening. Decorate it with bow or buttons.



A Drawstring Bag

Drawstring bags are as fun to sew as they are to carry. These bags are perfect for books and a wide range of varied accessories; working great for travelling too. They are so cool that you can never have too many of them! And if you do run out of wardrobe space, you can always gift them.

Skill level:
Intermediate



Time:
15 to 20 Min.

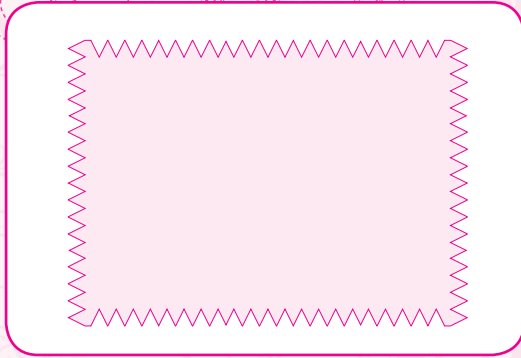


You Will Need

- Scrap of cotton fabric
- 1 meter cord or ribbon
- 4 to 6 pcs of Pearls to décor
- Scissors, thread clipper & pins
- Pinking scissors
- Thread matching with fabric
- Sewing Machine

STEP 1:

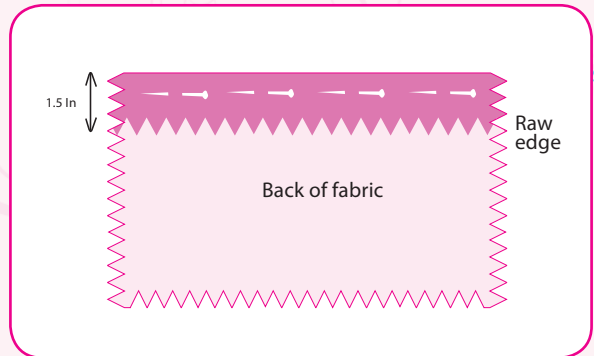
Cut cotton fabric by 14 x 20 inches (35.5 x 50.8 cm) with pinking scissors



STEP 2:

Fold and pin a deep *hem, about 1.5 inches (3.8 cm) deep, along the top edge of your fabric (this will be the longer side as shown).

hem*- When we cut fabric it leaves a "raw" edge which could fray and doesn't look very good. A hem is a way of tidying up the edges of a fabric so they look nice.



STEP 3:

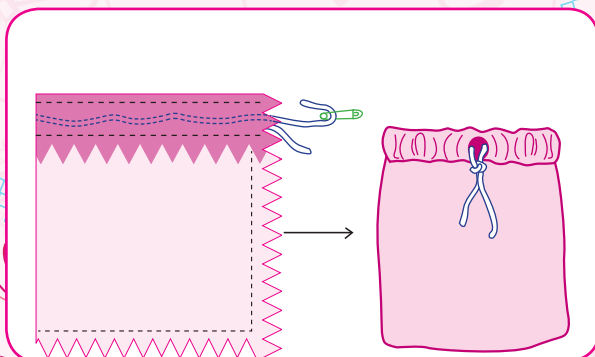
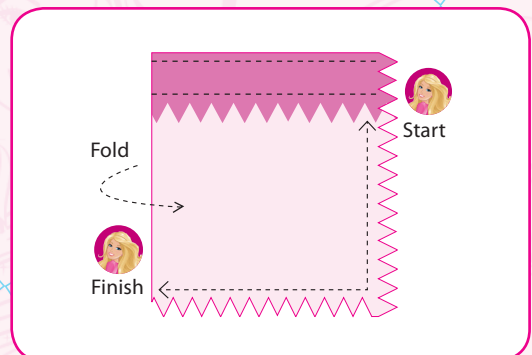
Sew a straight line along the edge, and another near the top fold to make a casing.

Casing*-A narrow passage for an elastic or cord, as in a curtain or the waistband of a garment, made by folding over a small strip of fabric at its edge along its width and sewing it in place.



STEP 4:

Fold your fabric right sides together. Start just under the casing and sew the two open sides.



STEP 5:

Use a safety pin to feed your cord or ribbon through the casing. Turn your bag right sides out! Now decorate with pearls!

A Book Cover

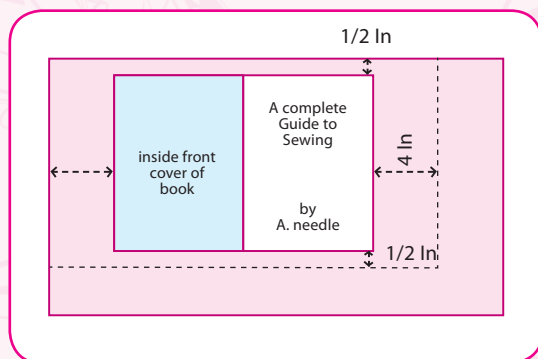
Covering your favourite books with fabric covers is simply adorable, as great books need to be both shared and treasured. And what better way to take care of your favourite books that you plan to share with your friends.



You Will Need

- Scrap of Felt
- Contrasting threads
- Scissors, thread clipper & pins
- Button or beads to decorate
- Sewing Machine



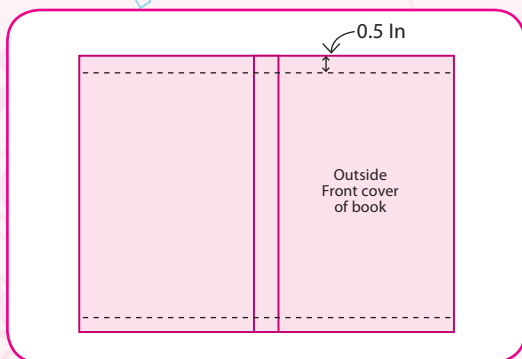
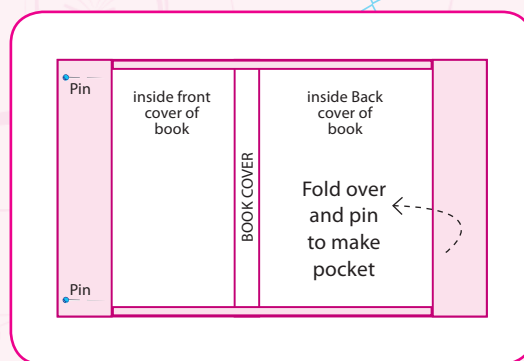


STEP 1:

Lay your book open flat on your felt fabric. Mark along all sides, allowing $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (1 cm) extra at the top and bottom, plus an extra 4 inches (10 cm) on each side.

STEP 2:

Cut the cover out, wrap your book and pin the top and bottom on each side to make pockets.



STEP 3:

Take out your book from the cover and sew any decorative stitch from one side to other leaving a distance of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (1 cm) from the folded sides as shown. This will fix the cover in place

STEP 4:

You're ready to decorate your book with stitches, appliques or buttons!



An Apron

If you like to cook and sew, this will be your favourite project! If it is just sewing you like, this project will help you master a trick or two. And if it is simply cooking you crave, you will love the look and fit of the apron as you stir up some deliciousness.

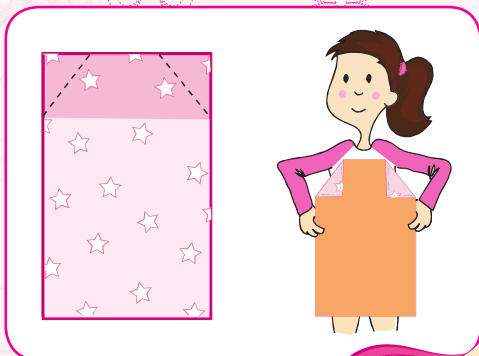
Skill level:
Intermediate



Time:
20 to 25 Min.

You Will Need

- 18 x 24 inches (45.6 x 60.9 cm) cotton drill fabric
- Ribbon 1 ½ meters
- Thread matching with fabric
- Scissors, thread clipper & pins
- Sewing Machine



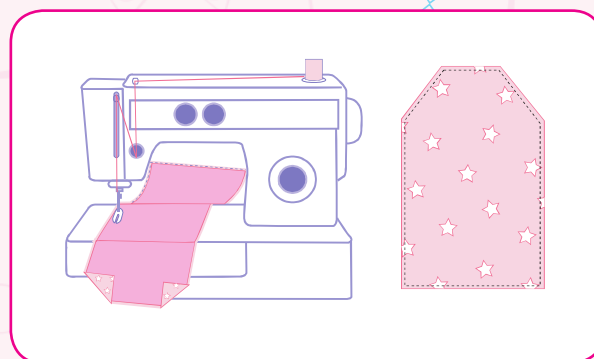
STEP 1:

Hold your apron fabric up against you. Fold the corners in to make an apron shape you like. Pin the folds in place.

Tip :Ask a friend to help with this part!

STEP 2:

Use any decorative stitch to sew the hem, all around the apron edges.



sew neck and waist Straps on securely

STEP 3:

Cut two pieces of ribbon 15 inches (38 cm) long for waist straps and one piece of 18 inches (45.7 cm) for the neck straps. Pin and sew your neck and waist straps ribbon in place.

STEP 4:

Now you're ready to decorate your new apron.



Home Slippers

These felt slippers are so cute that you will never want to take them off! They can be made to fit any feet size - simply cut out the front section of the slipper sole and draw around the back of your own foot to make the correct size.

Skill level:
Expert

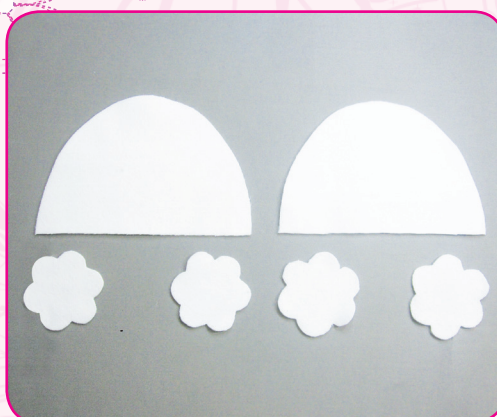
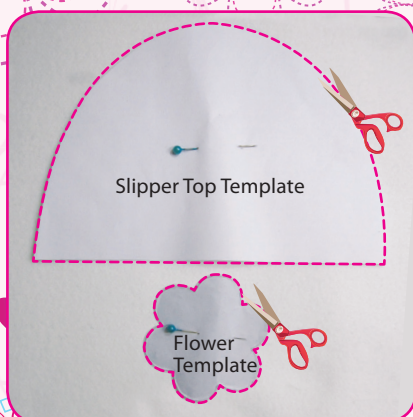


Time:
30 to 35 Min.



You Will Need

- Templates of slipper top, flowers, small circle and slipper bottom
- Thick craft felt, 40 x 12 inches (101.6 x 30.4 cm)
- Scrap of Grey colour felt fabric 5 x 5 inches (12.7 x 12.7 cm)
- Buttons for the eyes 4 pieces
- Ribbon 14 inches (35.5 cm) long and $\frac{1}{4}$ inch wide
- Fabric pencil, glue & Pins
- Sewing thread & Sewing machine

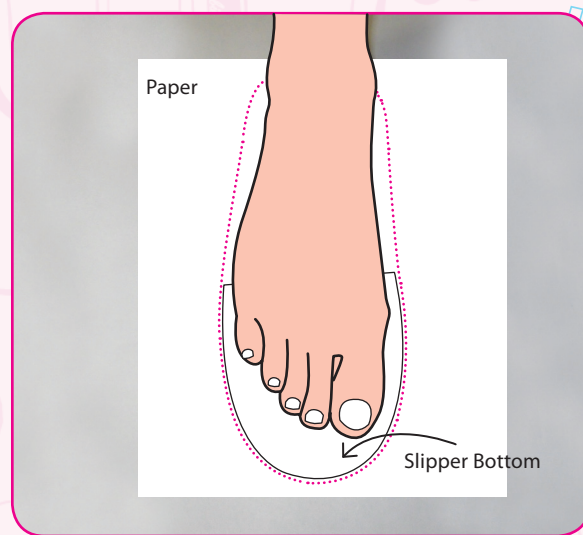


STEP 1:

Pin and cut the slipper top and flower template on the white colour felt fabric. Repeat to have two pieces of slipper tops and 4 pieces of flowers, one pair for each feet.

STEP 2:

Put the paper & the slipper bottom template on the floor and draw (slightly outwards) around your foot to make a new template, name it as sole template.



STEP 3:

Pin the sole template over the cream coloured felt fabric and cut 4 pieces. Similarly cuts 2 pieces of *batting material.

Batting* is a soft layer of material. It is used for stuffing or padding.

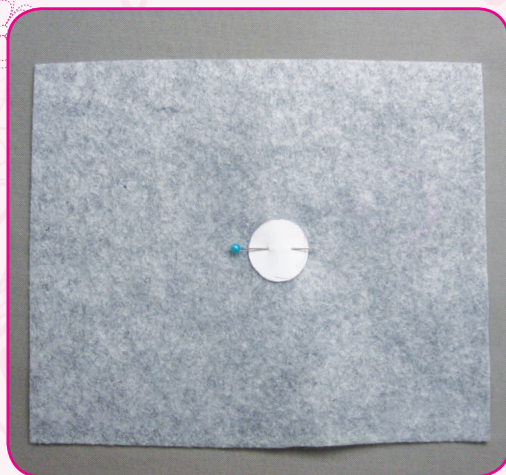
STEP 4:

Now, sandwich the batting between the 2 pieces of cream coloured felt fabric and pin to secure the position. Repeat for the other foot.



STEP 5:

Using the circle template pin and cut the four circular shapes on grey colour felt fabric.



STEP 6:

To make the eyes, glue circle over the flower. Let it dry for a few minutes. Repeat for the other pair.



STEP 7:

Now hand sew both the eye buttons on slipper top as shown.



STEP 8:

Cut the ribbon with pinking scissors into two pieces, each $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches (8.8 cm) long. As shown make a crisscross and glue or hand stitch a button on the center to make the nose. Repeat on, the other piece.

STEP 9: Pin the bottom sole and slipper tops so that they fit the edges of bottom sole.



STEP 10:

Set the machine for *basting and stitch in shape as shown.

***Basting:** In sewing, to tack or baste is to make quick, temporary stitches intended to be removed later. It refers to temporary sewing with long stitches. And is used to fix the position of fabrics together for temporary alignment.



STEP 11:

Sew an edge stitch (it is marked as E on your machine) stitch slowly around the curve being careful not to let the machine needle run off the felt.



A Fun, FUNKY Slippers are ready!!

Pencil Roll

A cute and simple tutorial for your little one's coloured pencils or you can adapt it to suit, various other needs like gardening tools, make-up brushes even a handy place for your screw-drives, by using heavier fabrics. The possibilities are endless...



Skill level:
Expert

Time:
30 to 35 Min.



You Will Need

- Scrap of three assorted colour cotton fabrics
- Batting fabric 11 x 7.5 inches (28 x 19 cm)
- Ribbon 22 inches (55.88 cm) long, 5/8 inch (1.5 cm) wide
- Pinking shears & Iron
- Scissors, Pins & Safety pins
- Pinking shears & Sewing Machine

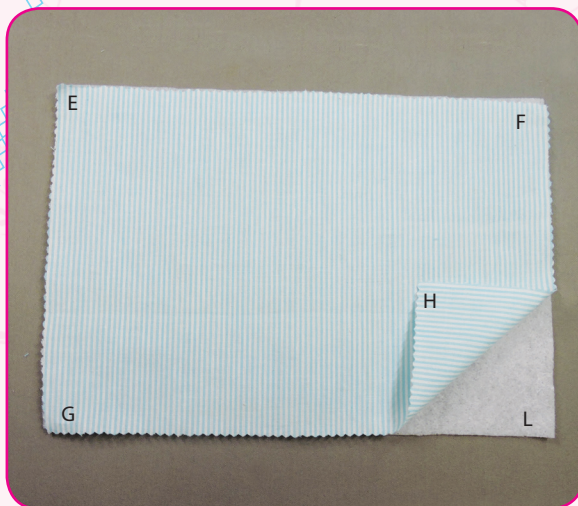


STEP 1:

Using pinking scissors cuts the assorted pieces in the following manner: One piece of $12 \frac{1}{2} \times 9$ inches (30.4 x 22.8 cm) for the outer cover, the second piece of 11×7.5 inches (28 x 19 cm) for lining and third piece of 11×5.5 inches (28 x 14 cm) for the pocket.

STEP 2:

Take four pieces of fabric (including the batting fabric) and mark all the corners, from the longer side as A-B-C-D for the first fabric, second as E-F-G-H, 3 third as I-J-K-L and the fourth fabric as M-N-O-P.



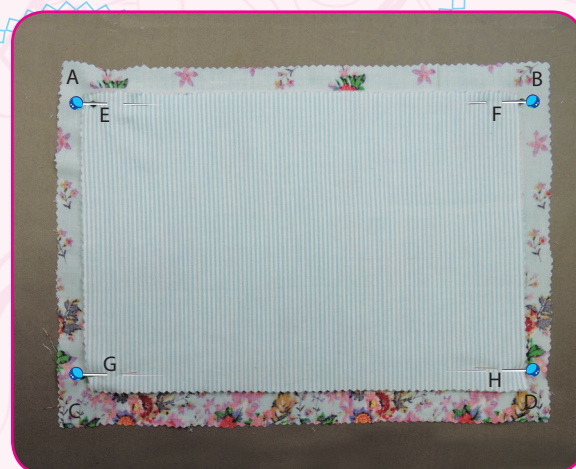
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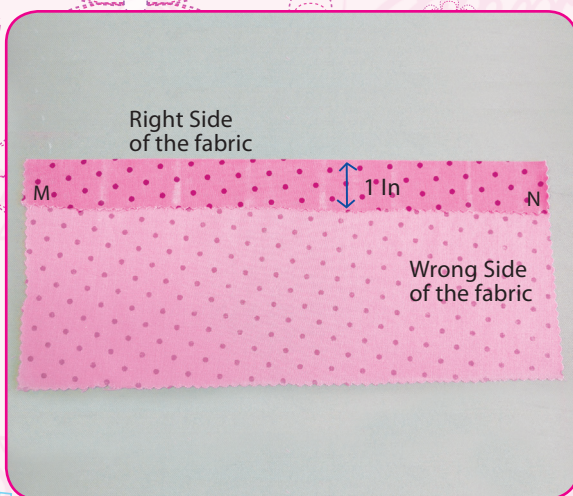
Place the batting* fabric over the lining fabric as shown.

Batting* is a soft layer of material. It is used for stuffing or padding.

STEP 4:

Place the wrong side of the outer cover fabric facing up. Now place the batting and lining fabrics such that they are equi-distance from all sides of the pattern fabric as shown. Fix the position using pins.





STEP 5:

Place the pocket fabric wrong side facing up. Fold and press MN by 1 inch (2.5 cm).

STEP 6:

Now place the right side of pocket fabric over the lining fabric as shown. Fix the position using pins.

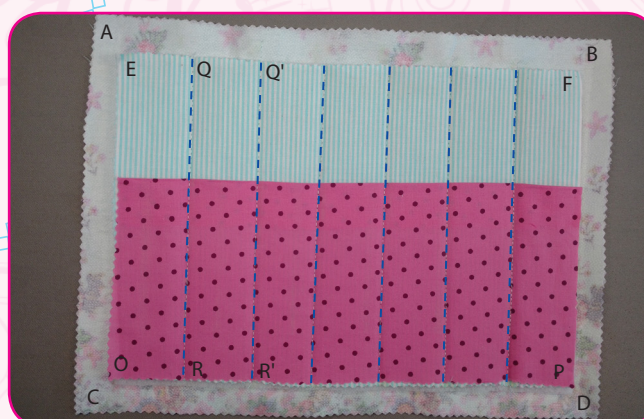


STEP 7:

Use a ruler and a fabric pencil to draw a line QR parallel to EO leaving a gap of 1.6 inch (4 cm). Similarly draw another line Q'R' parallel to QR leaving a gap of 1.6 inch (4 cm) from QR. Repeat this after every 1.6 inches (4 cm) until you have 6 equidistance lines, as shown.

STEP 8:

Sew all six lines. Pull out the pins as you sew.





STEP 9:

Fold all the sides of the outer cover, by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch over the lining fabric. Positioning them by pinning.

STEP 10:

Turn the right side of the cover fabric and use ruler to find the center of the AC and the ribbon. Mark the midpoint, as shown.



STEP 11:

Now place the ribbon on the outer cover fabric so that its center matches the mid point of ribbon. Fix the position using pins.

STEP 12:

Using any decorative stitch sew all the folded sides of the cover fabric along the ribbon, leaving a distance of $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (0.6 cm) as shown. Take out the pins as you sew.



STEP 13:

To close the Pencil Roll, simply roll it up and tie the ribbon around it, finishing with a bow.



Utility Basket

The little padded basket is a great place to put strings of beads, bracelets and other pieces of accessories. You can always get creative and use it for many other things.



Skill level:
Intermediate

Time:
20 to 30 Min.



You Will Need

- Assorted colour cotton drill fabrics
two pieces 11 x 11 inches (28 x 28 cm)
- Felt fabric 9.5 x 9.5 inches (25 x 25 cm)
- Ribbon - 5 inches (13 cm) - 8 pieces
- Ruler and fabric pencil
- Scissors and pins
- Sewing machine



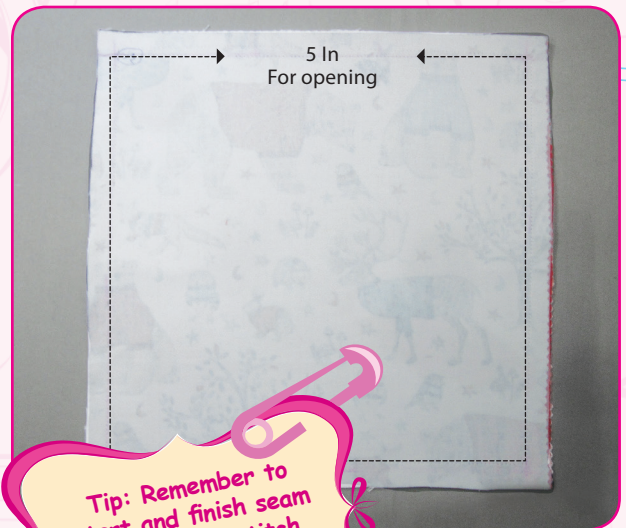
STEP 1:

Pin two pieces (outer and inner cover fabric) keeping, right side together

STEP 2:

Sew all the sides, leaving a 5 inch (12.7 cm) opening, for turning the right side out of the fabric.

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Tip: Remember to start and finish seam with a *lock stitch where you see the arrow mark.



STEP 3:

Turn the right side out and insert felt fabric from the opening.

STEP 4:

Sew all the four sides of the fabric, leaving $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (0.6 cm) distance from the edges, to fix the felt fabric.





STEP 5:

Attach the ribbon to all the sides of the inner cover fabric, leaving a distance of 2.5 inches (6.3 cm) from all the corners, as shown.

STEP 6:

To finish the basket, tie the ribbons at each corner into neat bows.



T-Shirt to Dress

Turn your boring old T-Shirt to a fablous dress in no time! Now, that's upcycling with a style. Using your sewing skills, you can turn an old or cheap T-Shirt into a custom made and trendy fashion Statement.

Skill level:
Expert



Time:
35 to 45 Min.



You Will Need

- Printed cotton skirt fabric 1 meter.
- One old T-Shirt
- Measuring tape
- Glue & Pins
- Sewing thread
- Sewing machine



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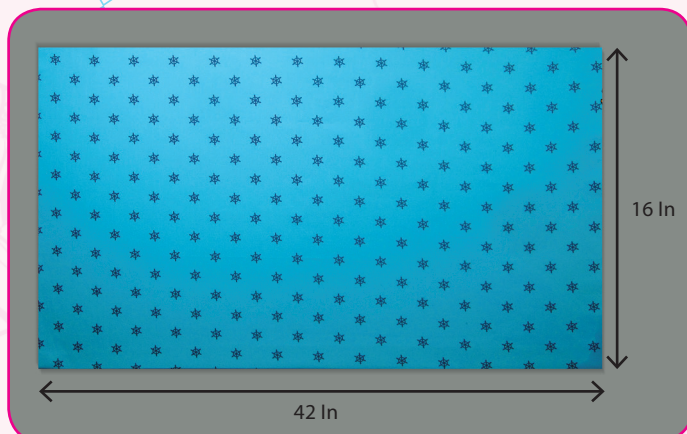
Measuring and cutting t- shirt length:
Cut the shirt about 5 to 6 inches below the armhole and finish the edges using zig- zag stitch marked as C on your machine.

STEP 2:

Skirt width Measurement:
Measure around your waist and double this number
For example, if your waist measurement is 21 inches it will become 42 inches. This will be the width of your skirt.

STEP 3:

Skirt length Measurements: To get the skirt length place measuring tape at waist level till down the desired length & add 1 inch for seam allowance. For example, if your length is 16 inches by adding 1 inch it will become 17 inches.

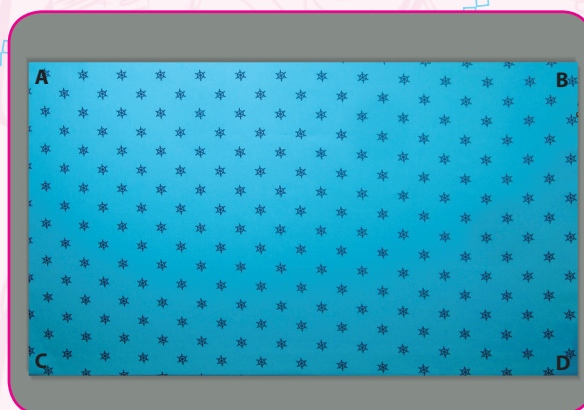


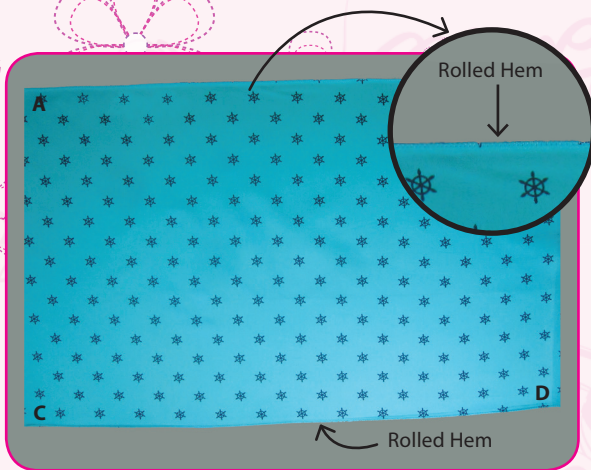
STEP 4:

Cutting Skirt Fabric: Take your skirt fabric, place it on the cutting table and mark 16 inches skirt length and 42 inch width as shown.

STEP 5:

Stitching the skirt piece: Mark the edges of the skirt piece as A-B-C-D.





STEP 5A:

Stitch side AB and CD with rolled hem foot* to make neat edges.

***Rolled Hem Foot** it comes free with your My Fab Barbie® Sewing Machine.

STEP 5B:

From AB sew a parallel line using Gathering foot, leaving a distance of $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and name it as E - F.

***Gathering Foot** it comes free with your My Fab Barbie® Sewing Machine.



Tip:
you can sew a lace at the bottom of the skirt if you desire.



STEP 5C:

Fold the fabric width wise keeping right side together, pin and adjust the gathers to match up the waist size of your T-shirt as shown.

STEP 5D:

Sew the sides BD & AC leaving a distance of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the edges.



STEP 5E:

Now, turn the right side of the skirt out.

STEP 6:

Joining T-shirt with skirt: Insert the T-shirt between the skirt fabrics by 1 inch and pin them together as shown.



STEP 6A:

Now detach the free arm of your machine.



STEP 6B:

Insert the dress and stitch around to attach T-shirt with the skirt piece, as shown.



Optinal: Decorate you dress with applique flowers.

Template - Home Slipper

All the templates provided here are full size. Full size templates can be photocopied or traced as they are.

A large, white, arched template for the bottom of a slipper. It is framed by a black outline and a blue dashed line. The text "Slipper Bottom" is written in pink cursive in the center.

Slipper Bottom



Slipper Top

Flower

Circle

Template - Scented Heart

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Heart