

Make Bianca's Stuffed Pig



Materials

- fabric (at least $\frac{1}{3}$ yd. x 1 yd.)
- chalk pencil
- straight pins
- scissors
- ruler or yard stick
- small pieces of felt or fabric marker (for eyes)
- $\frac{1}{4}$ in. elastic for tail (at least 4 in.)
- polyfil stuffing
- hand sewing needles
- thread

Project Time

- 3 - 4 hours

A Tip from Bianca

You can make your pig using fabric with just one color or pattern. Or you could use several different colors and patterns, like I did!



Directions

1. Read the directions all the way through at least once. Make sure you understand all the steps before you start the project.
2. Print the pattern. Cut out the pattern pieces along dashed lines.
3. With "right" sides of fabric together, pin the body patterns to the fabric and trace them with the chalk pencil. Mark the places where the eyes, ears, tail and stuffing opening go. Remove the pattern.
4. Repeat the process for the tail and ears.
5. Cut a 2-inch strip across the width of the fabric. Lay out the fabric strip so the "wrong" side is facing up. Using the ruler, draw a line $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch from the edge along both of the "long" sides. You'll use this strip to connect the two pieces of the pig's body. (On Bianca's pig, this strip is the pink piece.)
6. Next, pin the strip to one side of the body. Be sure to put the "right" side of the fabric strip and body together. Start on one side of the opening and pin as you go, putting the strip and body together. When you're done, sew along the drawn line. Repeat for the other side. Be sure to leave an opening for the stuffing!
7. Turn the body right side out. Stuff as tightly as desired. Sew the opening closed.
8. Now, make the ears. Sew 2 ear pieces "right" sides together, leaving the bottom open. Turn the ear right side out, make a center pleat, and sew it into place. Repeat for the other ear.
9. Next, make the eyes. You can cut out felt circles for eyes and sew them into place or draw the eyes using a fabric marker.
10. Last, make the tail. Sew the pieces "right" side together along one long side. Sew the elastic to both ends. (Elastic should be at least $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. shorter than the tail to produce curl.) Sew the other side together, turn your tail right side out, and sew it into place. Enjoy!

Think Big!

To make a larger pig, copy the pattern on to a larger grid. Your new grid should also be 7 squares tall and 10 squares wide. How big will your pig be if you make the side of each square 2-inches long? What if the sides are 3-inches long? Copy the pattern over square by square, making sure that each square on your new grid matches the corresponding square on the original grid.

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