

Mouse Toy Instructions

Materials

- Scissors
- Needle
- Thread
- Cotton balls
- Catnip
- Fabric or T-shirts
- Ribbon or string

Instructions

1. Cut the template out of paper. I started with a die cut heart and then trimmed it to the right shape.



2. Fold the template in half and place it on folded fabric. Pin the template to the fabric to keep it in place, and cut out the shape.



3. Turn the fabric wrong-side out and attach the thread to the tail end of the fabric.



4. Using small stitches about 1/8 inch away from the edge of the fabric, stitch up from the bottom for about 3/4 - 1 inch.



5. Tie a knot in the string you are using for the tail. I use three narrow ribbons so I can braid it when I'm done.

6. Place the string between the two layers of fabric so that the knot is sticking through the wrong side and will be secured by stitches. Get the knot as close to the stitches as possible, then stitch through the tail material (or tightly around it) to hold the tail in place.



7. Continue stitching the fabric together until you are about 1 ½ inches from the end. Turn the mouse right-side out. (I use the tail to help get the right-side out.)



8. Put one cotton ball in the mouse, then catnip, then finish filling it with cotton balls. You may need to pull the cotton balls apart a bit to help them fit and to get the best shape for the mouse.



9. Finish stitching up the mouse with the Ladder Stitch. Braid the tail. (optional)

