

How to Make Stuffed Animals Out of Cuddle®

PREPARATION

- Enlarge pattern pieces individually, if needed.
- Trace around each pattern piece using a felt tip maker and transfer all markings.
- Write name of each piece on the backing.
- Cut them out with small micro-serrated scissors or a craft knife.
- Toss in the dryer with a damp washcloth to remove excess Cuddle® dust.

SEWING

- Pin perpendicular to edge using the tip of long, flower head pins to keep edges together.
- Insert pins alternating from front to back to reduce distortion.
- Pin every 1/2" or less on curves. Every 1" otherwise.
- Sew with a 2.5mm stitch allowance.
- Check every seam to make sure it is caught. Sew twice on seams that will get a lot of stress, if desired.

FINISHING

- Use Silky Poly-Fil polyester filling for a soft, squeezable animal.
- For stability, insert chenille stems or foam rollers into necks and/or legs while stuffing. Pool noodles can be cut down to size to work, too.
- For a firmer animal, use Poly-Fil polyester filling and fill to capacity.
- Use safety eyes for older children or embroidery for babies and toddlers.
- Make them sit up better by adding a "pocket" of poly pellets. Use the appropriate pattern piece to make a cotton sandwich. Leave a 1" hole and fill with Poly Pellets before inserting into animal. Sew in place.
- Add false eyelashes to safety eyes to make your animal extra feminine.
- Hand sew opening closed with buttonhole thread or sew it twice with polyester thread to secure it well.

NOTIONS WE RECOMMEND

- Silky Poly-Fil polyester filling by Fairfield World
- Poly Pellets by Fairfield World
- Clover Flower Head Pins
- ByAnnie Stiletto & Pressing Tool



Credits: Hannah Hedgehog, Mitch the Monkey, Mickey Moose, Plattie Platypus by Funky Friends Factory. Skinny Bunny by Carol's Zoo.

PATTERNS WE RECOMMEND

- Funky Friends Factory
 - www.funkyfriendsfactory.com
- The Rustic Horseshoe
 - www.therustichorseshoe.com
- Melly & Me
 - www.mellyandme.com
- Abby Glassenberg
 - www.whilesheknaps.com
- Fluffmonger
 - www.fluffmonger.net
- Sew Eleven Patterns
 - www.etsy.com/shop/SewEleven
- Retro Mama
 - www.retromama.com

