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## Cute Lil' Cactus Sewing Pattern

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### Materials and Supplies

Felt sheets  
Tiny clay or wood pots  
doll eyes or beads  
needle and thread  
embroidery thread  
toy stuffing  
glue gun

### Make Your Own Mini Stuffed Cactus!

A word about cutting felt:

There are a few ways in which you can choose to cut your felt pieces.

1. Lay the pattern pieces over your felt and trace the outline onto the felt with some fabric chalk, marker or disappearing ink.
2. Pin the pattern pieces to the felt and then cut around the paper pieces.
3. Use some wide clear packing tape to tape the pattern pieces to the felt, covering paper and felt adequately. Then, cut the pieces by cutting through the tape and paper. This works the best for smaller pieces and for gaining more precision with your trimming.

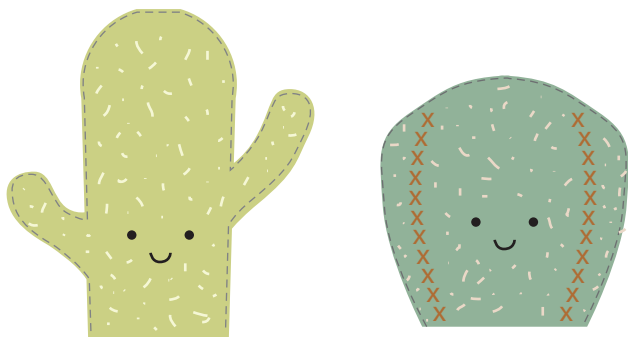
### Let's Get Started!

Cut all pieces of felt as instructed per the stuffed cactus pattern. Once the pieces are cut we will focus on giving these little cuties some character

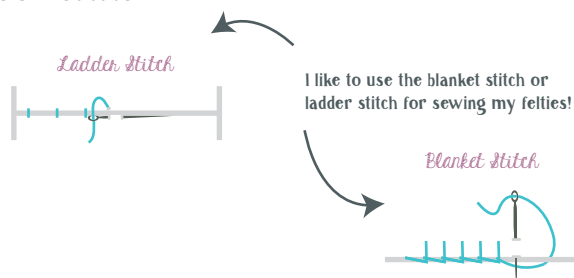
Begin by creating a face! In the photos above I've given my cactus some personality by installing plastic doll eyes, embroidered mouths, and even rosy cheeks. You can choose to install doll eyes as I have done above (those are 4mm btw!) or you could opt for using beads or buttons for eyes! You could even embroider some eyes into your cactus!

Next add some prickles to the cactus! is really no rhyme or reason to this step. It's easy! Just embroider very small little straight stitches going every which way all over the body of the cactus. For the prickly pear cactus (the shorter, squat cactus) you may want to embroider some very small x's in a vertical strip along the sides of the cactus (there is a guide on the pattern to use for placement).

Now to start sewing the cactus! Begin by matching the edges at the darts you cut out at the tops of each cactus. I like to sew these shut from the inside (wrong sides) of the cactus body, and then push the seam forward to turn right side out.



Match the front and back pieces together of each cactus and sew together at the outer edges using either a ladder or blanket stitch.



Next we'll begin creating the cactus blossoms! These are actually quite simple to make.

Cut the felt flower pieces and trim each kind of blossom according to the trimming guide on the pattern pieces.

On each piece you will create a loose basting stitch along the bottom edge of the felt.



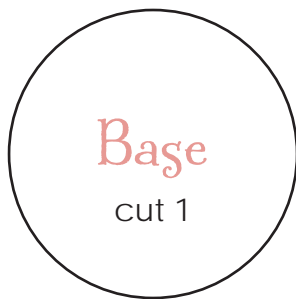
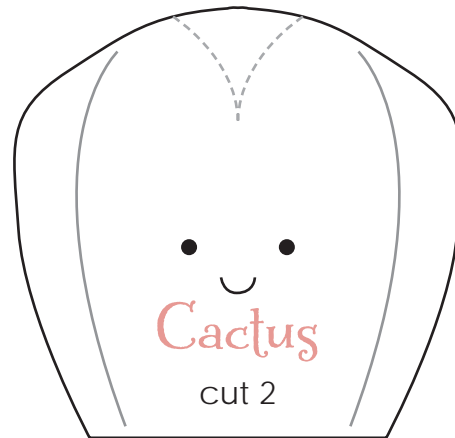
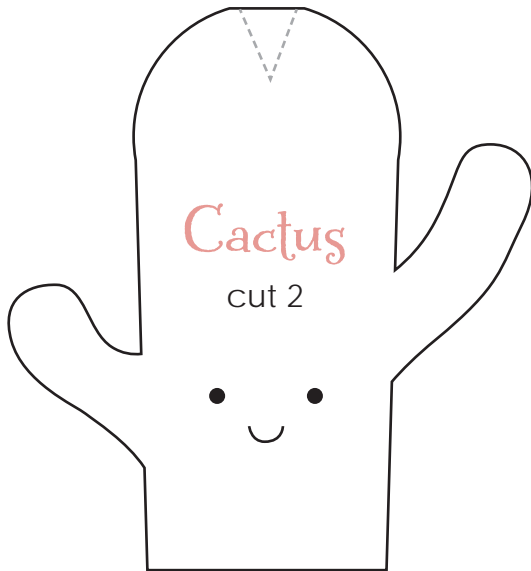
Pull the basting stitch just a tad bit tighter to create a bit of a ruffle ruche effect. Roll the felt at the base, creating a small blossom flower. Send a stitch or two through the base to hold the petals in place, then stitch to the cactus.

Stuff the insides of the cactus full of toy stuffing. Use a toothpick or chop stick to push the filling into smaller parts of the cactus. Pin the base of the bottom of the cactus, centering the cactus onto the circular shape. Stitch into place.

Begin heating up your glue gun.

Stuff the pot about halfway full. Test to see how far your cactus will fit into the pot, and make sure there is stuffing up to that point. Apply a line of hot glue to the inside of the pot just where the cactus will sit. Quickly push the cactus base into the pot sealing it into place with the hot glue. Viola! Admire your work!





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