



CUTE LIL' CACTUS SEWING PATTERN



Recommended Tools 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 Potted Cactus

A word about cutting felt: There are more than one way to choose to cut your felt pieces.

1. Lay the pattern pieces over the felt and trace the outline of the pattern onto the felt with fabric chalk or disappearing ink.
2. Pin the pattern pieces to the felt and cut around the paper pattern pieces.
3. Use wide clear packing tape to tape the pattern pieces to the felt, covering paper and felt entirely. Trim around the pieces by cutting through the tape. This works the best for small pieces and allows for better precision.

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

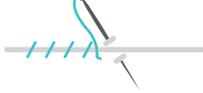
Begin by creating a face! In the photos above I've given my cactus some personality by installing plastic doll eyes, embroidered mouths, and even rosy cheeks. You can choose to install doll eyes as I have done above (those are 4mm btw!) or you could opt for using beads or buttons for eyes! You could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



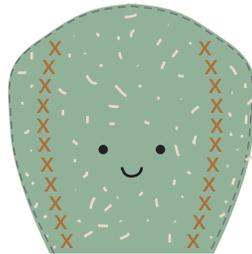
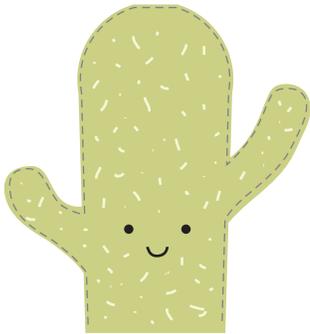
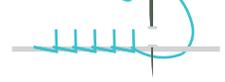
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Whip Stitch



I like to use the blanket stitch or ladder stitch for sewing my felties!

Blanket Stitch



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.



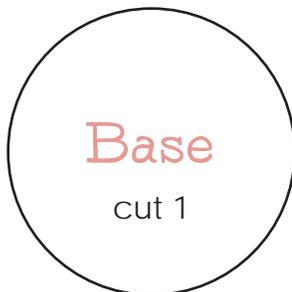
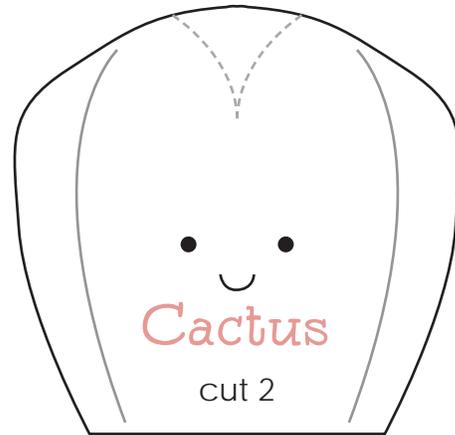
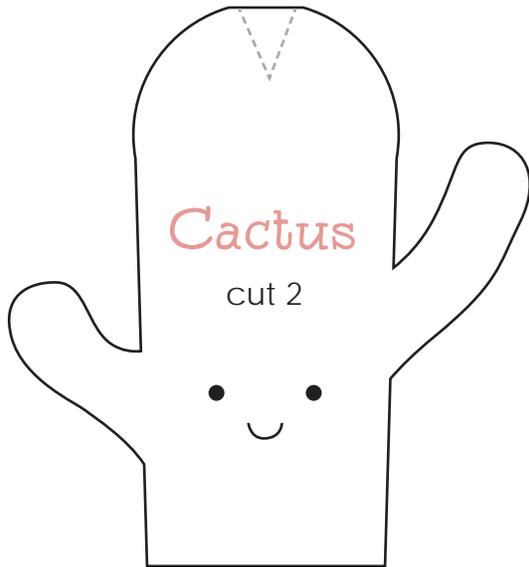
Pull the basting stitch just a tad bit tighter to create a bit of a ruffle ruche effect. Roll the felt at the base, creating a small blossom flower. Send a stitch or two through the base to hold the petals in place, then stitch to the cactus.

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.

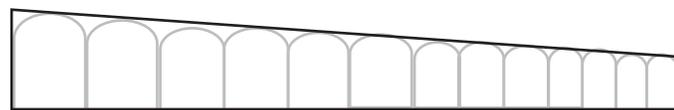
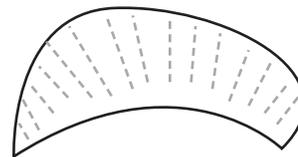
Begin heating up your glue gun.

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!





Cactus Blossom 1
cut 1



Cactus Blossom 2
cut 1

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