

Nessie the "Shaker-Ness" Infant Rattle Toy

A Hand Sewing Project

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Materials

1/8 of a yard washed cotton fabric (yields approximately 3 rattles)

2-3 felt pieces in coordinating colors (these can be scraps)

Matching thread

Needles and/or sewing machine

Straight pins

Stuffing

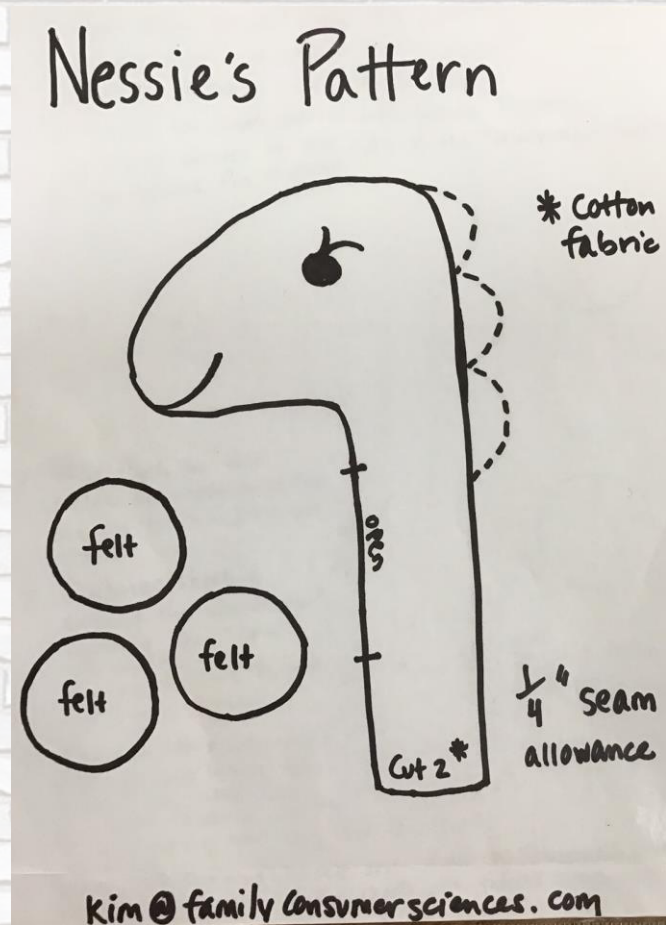
Rattle Inserts

Non-Toxic Fabric Markers (to mark opening & optional hand drawn eyes & mouth)



Directions

1. Cut the pattern pieces out with PAPER scissors, cutting on the edge of the solid outline (body & circles)

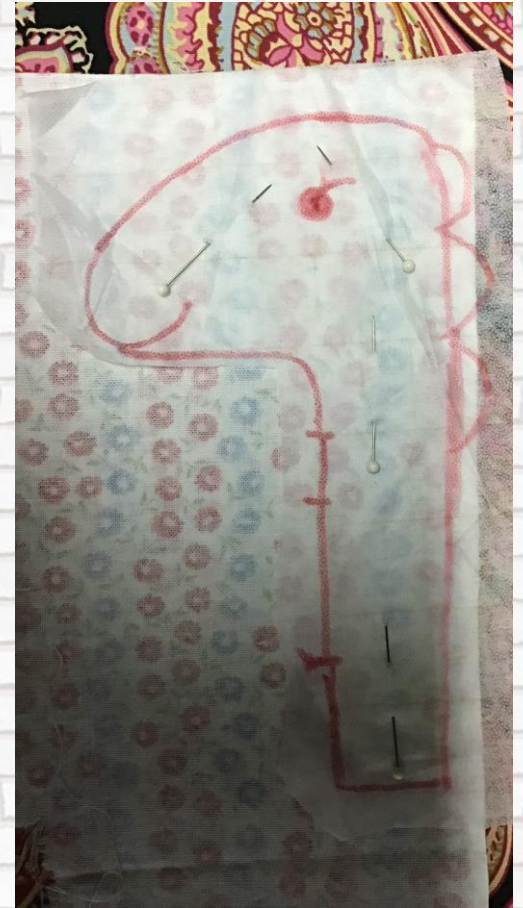


Directions

2. Lay fabric pieces "right" sides together.

3. Pin and secure the paper pattern to the fabric with straight pins.

Repeat with paper circles to the felt
(be sure the straight pins are inside the cutting edge)



Directions

4. Neatly and carefully cut around the paper pattern pieces with FABRIC scissors.

5. Remove the pins and paper patterns.

Be sure to mark the “open” section on your fabric pieces with a pencil or fabric marker that can be removed with water.



Directions

6. Separate the main body pieces and lay "ONE" of the fabric pieces "right" side up.

7. Lay the felt circles on the fabric at the upper portion of the head/neck, with felt sticking half in and half out.



Directions

8. Place the other body piece directly on top of the first one with "right" side of fabric facing down. Match up edges & pin in place. Remember to keep the "open" section unpinned.



Directions

9. Thread and knot your needle.
10. Hand-sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch "running straight" stitch all the way around the rattle. Start and stop at the open section. Be sure to secure with knots or back-stitching. Remove pins as you go.



Directions

11. Trim the felt circles down so they are even with the fabric.

12. Carefully, turn the rattle inside out, using the open section. You may need to use a dowel stick or the eraser end of a pencil to assist you.



Directions

13. Gently, poke out the head and neck curved and corner sections. (no need to clip)

14. Insert small wads of stuffing into the nose section and then when the head is about half full, add the rattle insert followed by more stuffing. Continue adding stuffing down through the neck.



Directions

15. Hand-stitch the opening closed with matching thread making sure to “hide your knot”.

16. If you want facial features on your rattle, draw on the eyes and mouth of “Nessie” with non-toxic fabric markers.

