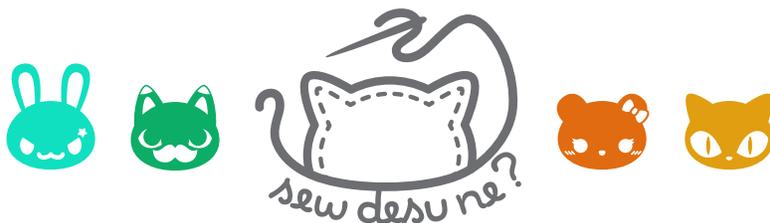


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This plush was of course inspired by the ? block from the various Super Mario games. It's a simple cube done up with the details to make it look like it came straight out of the game. Perfect for keeping on your desk or tossing around with your friends.

DIFFICULTY: 

Super simple to get through! The points of the cube are a little tricky, but using fleece makes it go like a breeze :)

MAKES:

one 4" x 4" x 4" plush

MATERIALS & TOOLS

- ¼ yd. or 12" x 12" scrap of gold fleece
- 6" x 12" scrap of cream fleece
- Batting
- Appliqué supplies:
 - 7" x 7" scrap of white appliqué fabric (cotton or felt) for question marks
 - 3" x 3" scrap of cream appliqué fabric (cotton or felt) for bolts
 - 7" x 7" scrap of light or heavy duty fusible web
- Matching sewing thread
- Basic sewing tools (sewing machine, scissors, iron, needles, pins, fabric marker, seam ripper)

BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

1. Print out the project pattern, page 7
2. Lay out the pattern pieces on your fabric and cut them out
3. Mark the fabric pieces with the guidelines from the pattern



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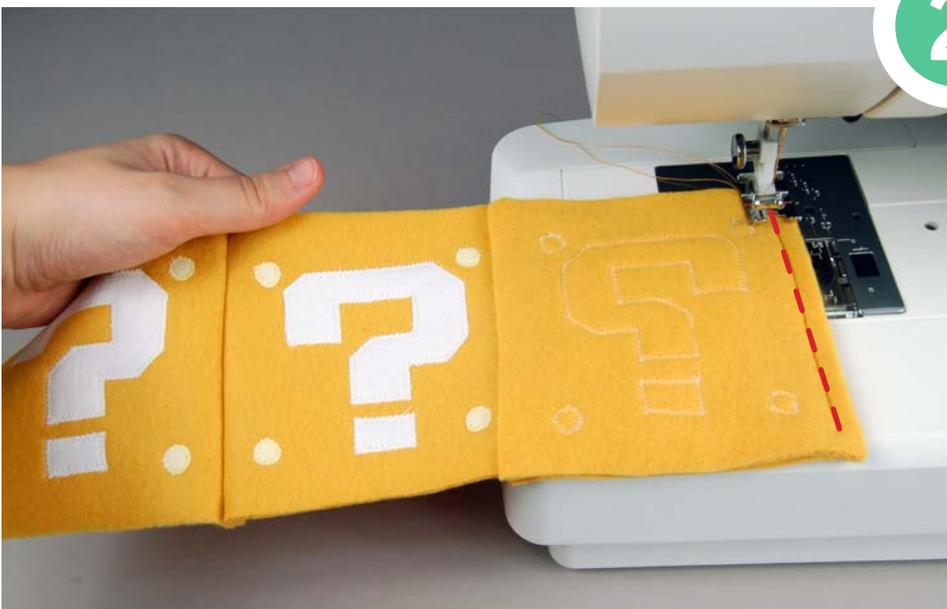
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Start by appliquéing the markings on your four gold square pieces. Follow the pattern guidelines to get the right placement. There are a number of ways you can apply these: you can use the pattern as a freezer paper template and apply fabric paint, you can use heavy fusible web to iron them on, or you can use light fusible web to sew them on with a straight or zigzag stitch. I used a zigzag stitch here. Do this with all 4 of your gold squares to get the complete Mario block look :D

TIP: To get the best looking cube, it's advisable to always sew seams together without sewing over the seam allowances. So for every seam you'll be instructed to sew between the X guidelines that are on the pattern. If this doesn't make a lot of sense to you now, just take my word for it and hopefully it will start to click as you go :D



2

To create the sides of your block, you'll need to chain your 4 gold squares in a row. Start by layering two of your squares with right sides together and the question marks both facing up, then sew the two together between the Xs indicated by the pattern.

Then continue the chain by sewing the next square to the other side of the previous one in the same manner until you have all four in a row.

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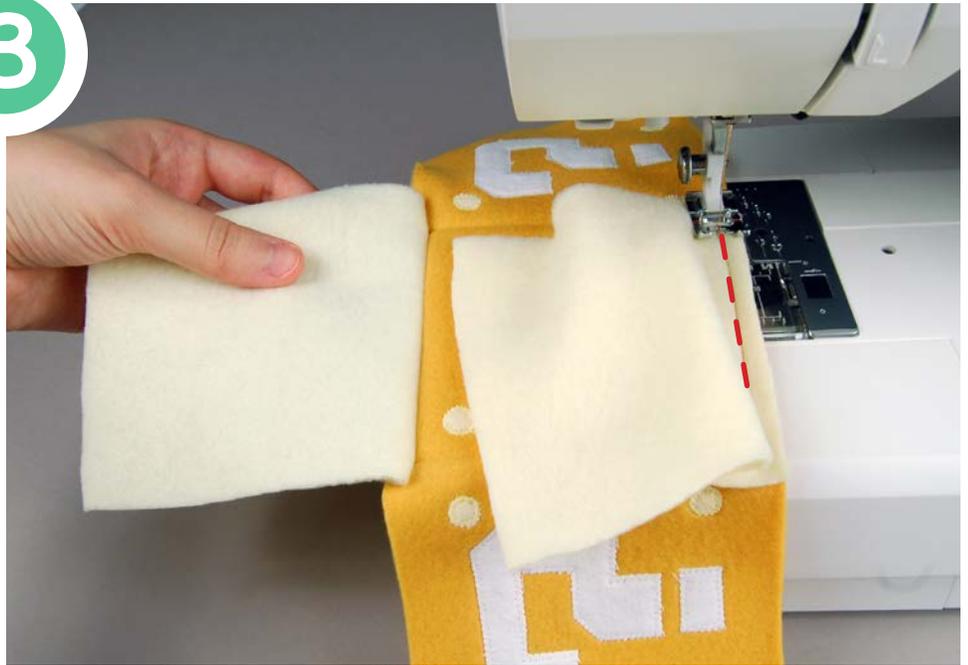
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Next we're attaching the top and bottom of the Mario block. Layer the one of your cream squares over the bottom edge of one of your middle gold squares. Sew along this edge, again, between the Xs. With some care, your seam should start and stop right at the crease of the seams between the gold squares. Repeat this with the top side of the same gold square and another cream square.

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Now we'll start sewing up the sides of your block. From your previous middle square, fold up the squares on each side to form a little box. We'll be sewing up those edges that meet up. Again, sew between the Xs, trying to start and stop your seam right at the crease of the previous seams. Do this with all four edges of your cube. If you have a hard time envisioning how this should go, check out the photo from step 5 to get a better idea.

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When you have all your side edges sewn up, they should look something like this.



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Now to top off your cube! Fold over the top square that you have left over and line it up along those top edges. Mark a 2"-3" line centered along the edge of one block to mark where your opening will be. Sew along the perimeter of the top of the cube, being sure to leave this space open for turning it right side out. Again, be sure you sew from X mark to X mark, and try to pivot your square exactly where the seams are at the edges for the best looking cube



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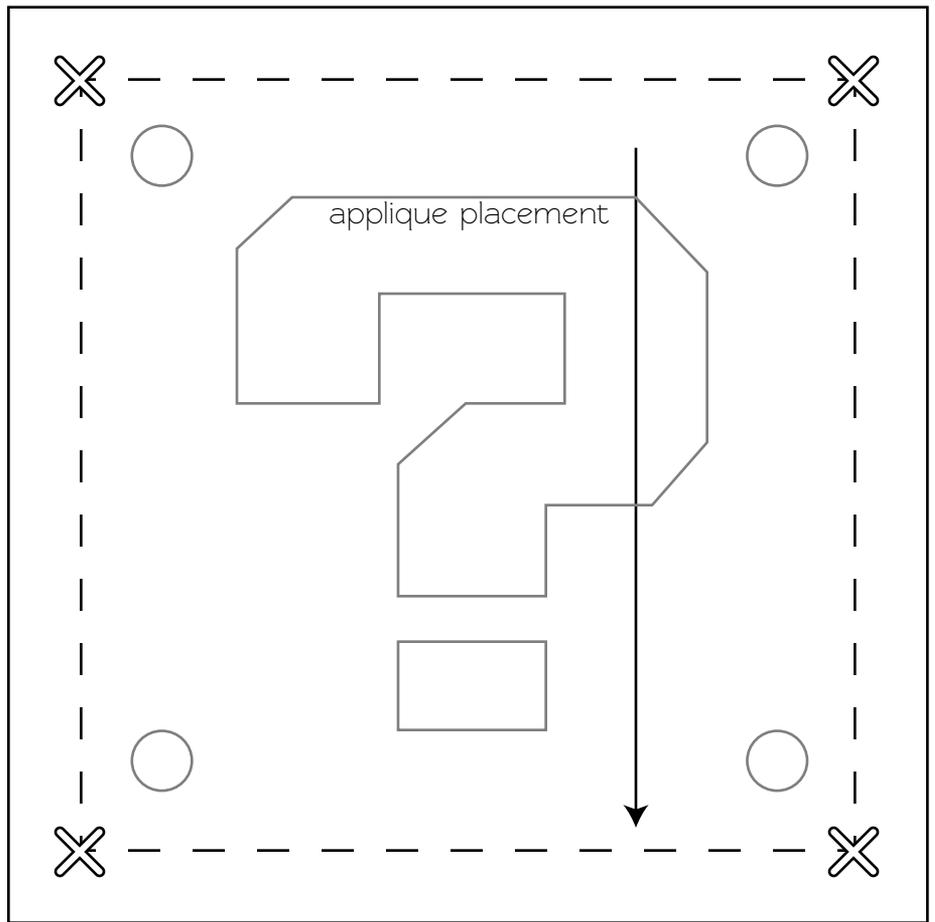
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Almost done! Trim the corner seam allowances of your cube and turn the whole deal right side out. Stuff it semi-firmly with batting, being sure to get the corners nice and full so they look defined. Then turn under the seam allowances in the opening that you left and hand sew it closed with a ladder stitch. Now toss that cube around like a madman because YOU'RE DONE!

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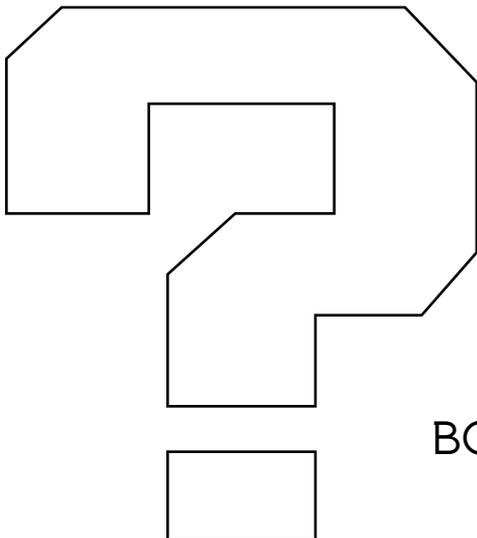
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BLOCK SIDES

Cut 4 of gold fleece
 Cut 2 of cream fleece
 3/8" seam allowance

QUESTION MARK APPLIQUE

Cut 4 of cream



BOLT APPLIQUE

Cut 16 of cream

