

WAMPA PLUSH



A SEWING PATTERN BY



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This project is an geeky Star Wars homage to the monster from the beginning of The Empire Strikes back. The creature features a detachable arm with a bloody socket so you can reenact your own lightsaber battles!

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The concepts are simple, but the shapes can be a little tricky to put together because of the stuffing and the flimsiness of the fabric.

MAKES:

one plush that is about 11" wide
(from arm to arm) and 9" tall
(from feet to head)

MATERIALS & TOOLS

- 1/3 yd. of medium weight knit fabric (fleece, minky, or even interlock knit would work great – I used a long-pile minky)
- 5" x 3" scrap of red fabric for arm socket (I used flannel)
- 10" x 10" scrap of dark gray fabric for horns (I used fleece)
- Appliqué supplies:
 - 5" x 5" scrap of white appliqué fabric (cotton or felt) for mouth & eyes
 - 2" x 2" scrap of black appliqué fabric (cotton or felt) for nose
 - 5" x 5" piece of light or heavy duty fusible web
- Batting
- 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, pages 9-10
2. Assemble the printed pattern pieces
3. Lay out the pattern pieces on your fabric and cut them out
4. Mark the fabric pieces with the guidelines from the pattern



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First we need to get a face on our Wampa! You can apply lightweight fusible web to your appliqué pieces and iron them on, then sew them with a straight or zigzag stitch, or you can iron them on with heavyweight fusible web and no sewing is necessary. Apply them following the placement guidelines from the pattern. No matter what, if you're using a long-pile like me, try to keep the sewing to a minimum as the long fur can easily trip you up :) I did a satin stitch to achieve the black borders I wanted, but you can get the same result with some fabric paint.



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Next we're assembling the bloody arm socket >3 Take one of your socket extension pieces and line it up on the side of your Wampa where the pattern guidelines indicate. Sew it in place using the regular ¼" seam allowance. Repeat this with the back side of your Wampa, but be sure it's sewn on the opposite side.

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Now onto the horns!
Take two of your horn pieces and align the edges together. Sew around the curved lines, but stop short of the straight line at the base of the horn. Leave that open for turning it right side out. Clip the curves from your seam allowances so the turning is easier, then turn the whole horn right side out. Stuff it lightly, then repeat this procedure with the other two horn pieces for the second horn.

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Next we're applying the horns to the plush. Take the raw edge and line it up across the top corner of the plush front, lining it up with the pattern guidelines. You might have to fight with it a bit, as the shape of the horn makes it difficult to line up perfectly, but stretch and bend it (especially if you're using fleece) to get it to do what you want. Repeat this with the other horn on the other side of the Wampa.

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Next is the arms! Take two arm pieces and layer them right sides together, lining up the edges. Sew around the curved edge, leaving the straight edge free for turning the arm right side out. Stuff it lightly, then repeat this with the other pair of arm pieces for the second arm.



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The last appendage to baste is the arms. Or should I say arm? Yep! In this case we're just basting one arm on the Wampa, the side without the socket extension. Line it up according to the pattern guidelines, then baste it in place the same as the horns.

Now we can finally start putting the body together. Layer the Wampa front and back with the right sides facing.

Make sure the appendages tucked into the middle of the plush (especially the horns). The socket extensions should be flipped outward. Match the two of those up so all the edges around the perimeter are aligned.

Sew around the edges of the Wampa, and, when you get to the extension, pivot and sew around those edges as if they were part of his body. You'll see in the next picture what this should look like.

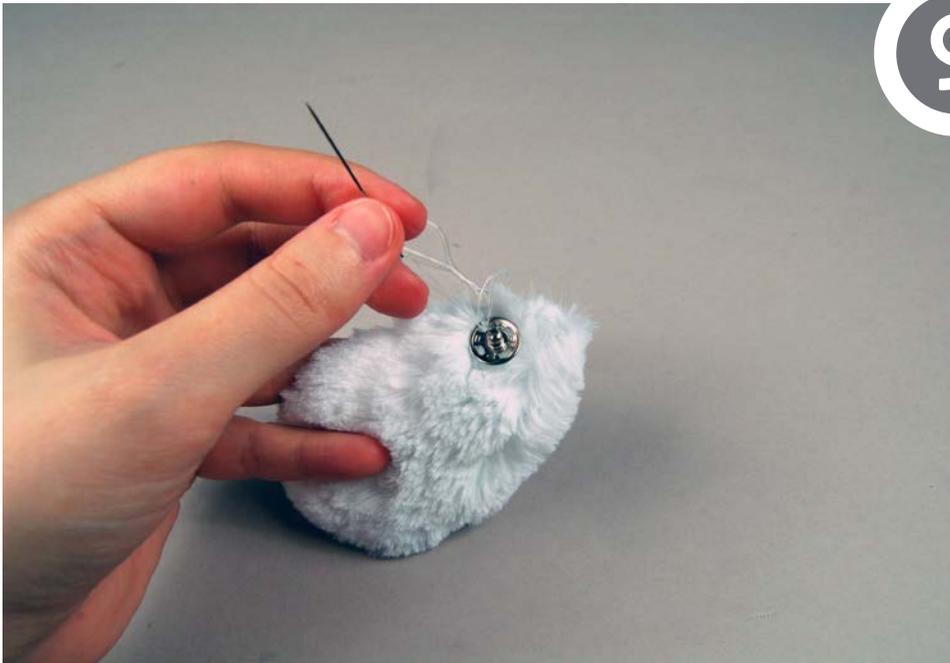
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You see how the seam line pivoted and sewed into the extension? Keep going around the Wampa body, making sure you sew through the layers of the horns and arms. The horns will be a little tricky because of their shape, but again, stretch and move them out of your way, and go a little bit at a time to make it over them. Be sure to stop where the pattern guidelines indicate for the opening so you can turn your Wampa right side out when you finish. Clip the seam allowances (especially between his legs), then turn the whole plush right side out.

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Now we attend to the other (disembodied) arm. Tuck under the opening left in the arm and sew it closed with a ladder stitch. Then apply the prong end of a sew-in snap to the end of the arm.

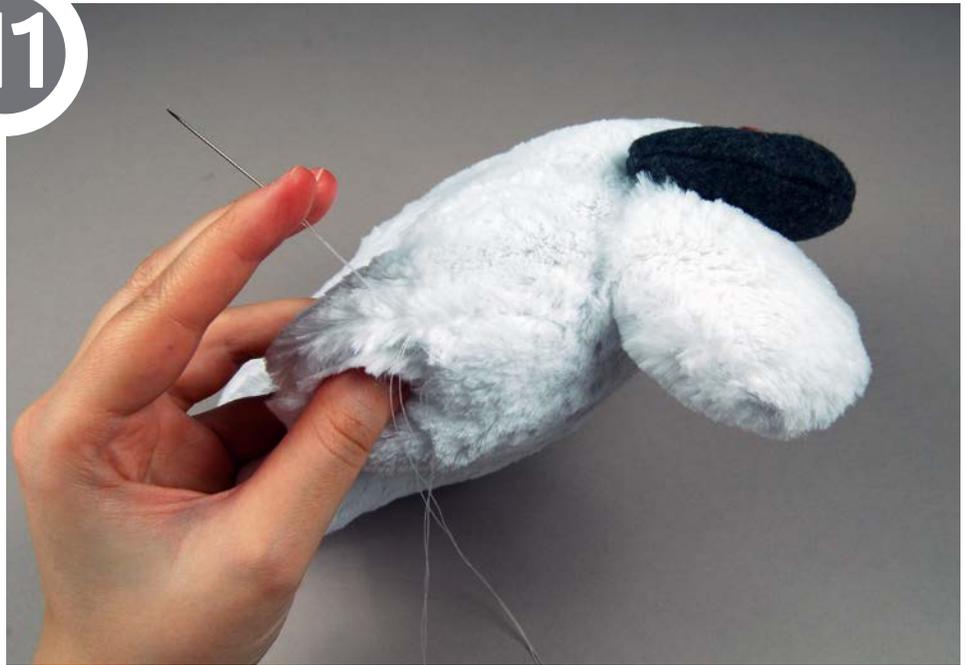


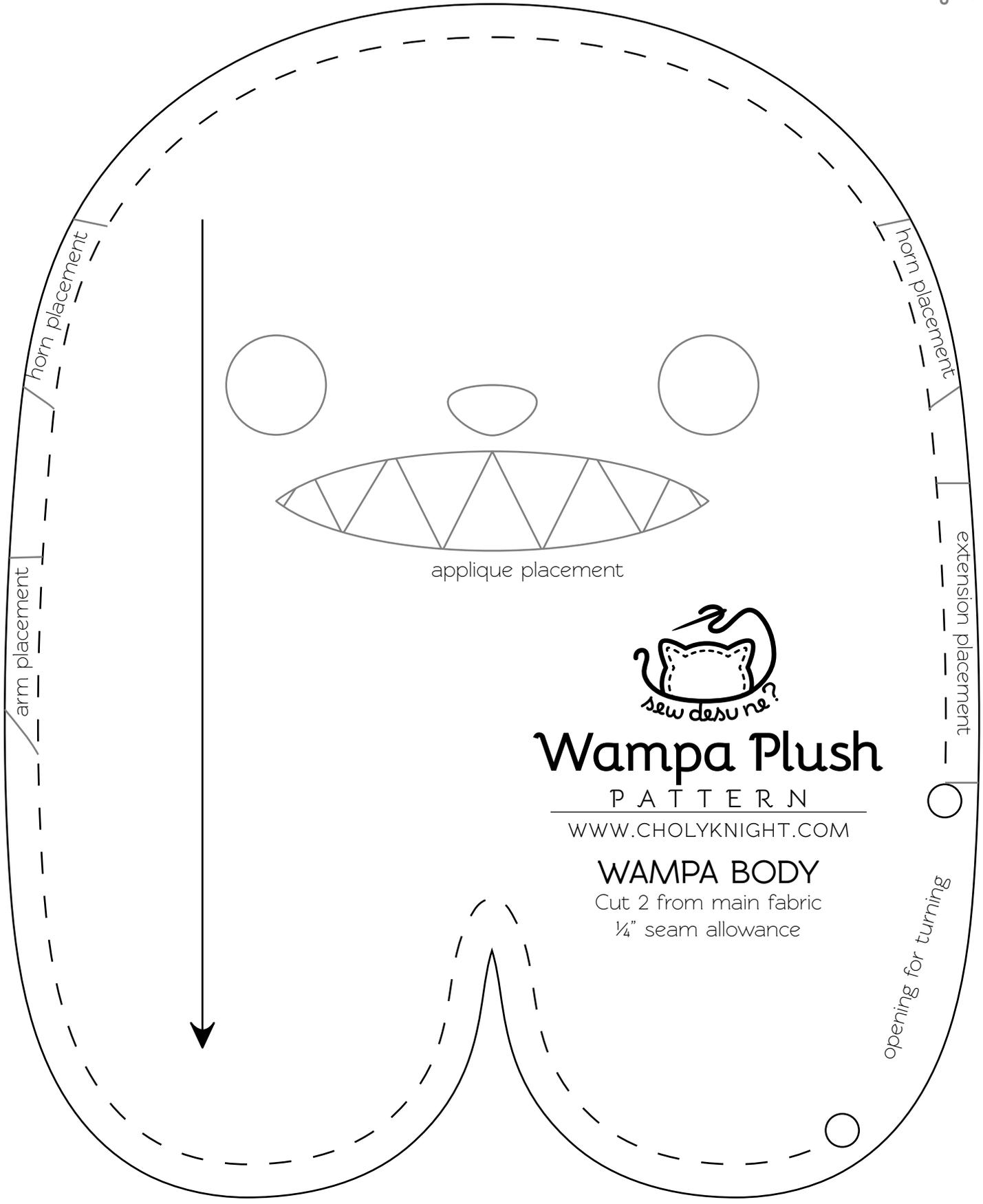
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With your deflated Wampa body, reach in and poke out the red extension piece. Centered on the right side, sew in the socket portion of your snap. Pop the extension back in when you finish, and you'll see that little red bit will look just like an arm socket!

Stuff your Wampa body with batting firmly, but go easy on the part with the socket extension, too much batting there will make the red bit stick out, and we don't want that. When your Wampa is properly stuffed, turn under the seam allowances in the opening on his side, then sew it closed with a ladder stitch. Now enjoy removing and reattaching his arm, because YOU'RE DONE!

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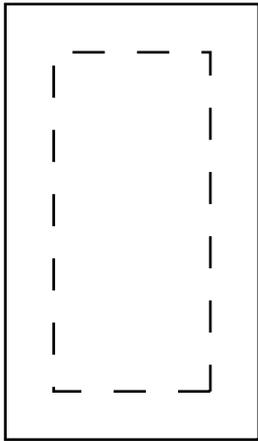
PATTERN

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WAMPA BODY

Cut 2 from main fabric
1/4" seam allowance

opening for turning

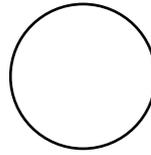


ARMS SOCKET EXTENSION

Cut 2 from gray fabric
1/4" seam allowance

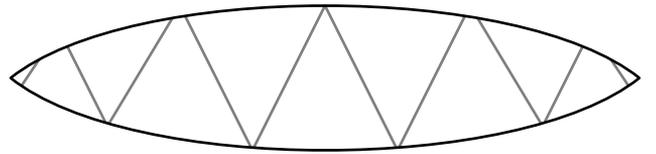
EYE APPLIQUE

Cut 2 of white



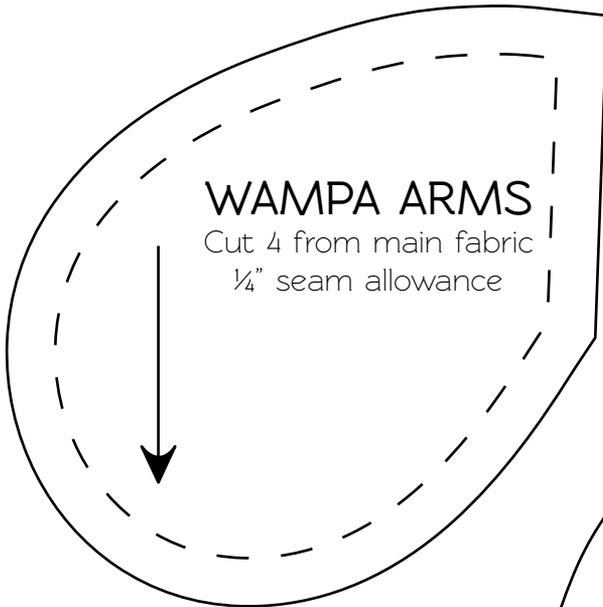
NOSE APPLIQUE

Cut 1 of black



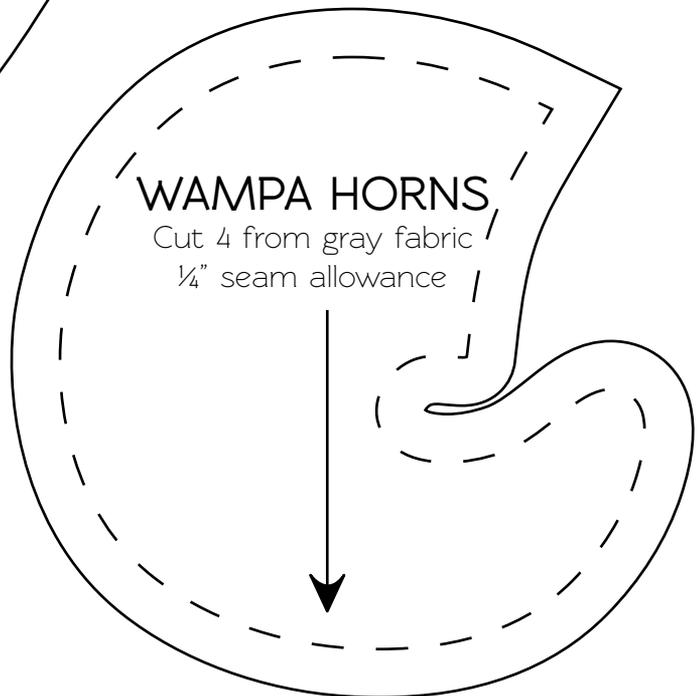
MOUTH APPLIQUE

Cut 1 of white



WAMPA ARMS

Cut 4 from main fabric
1/4" seam allowance



WAMPA HORNS

Cut 4 from gray fabric
1/4" seam allowance