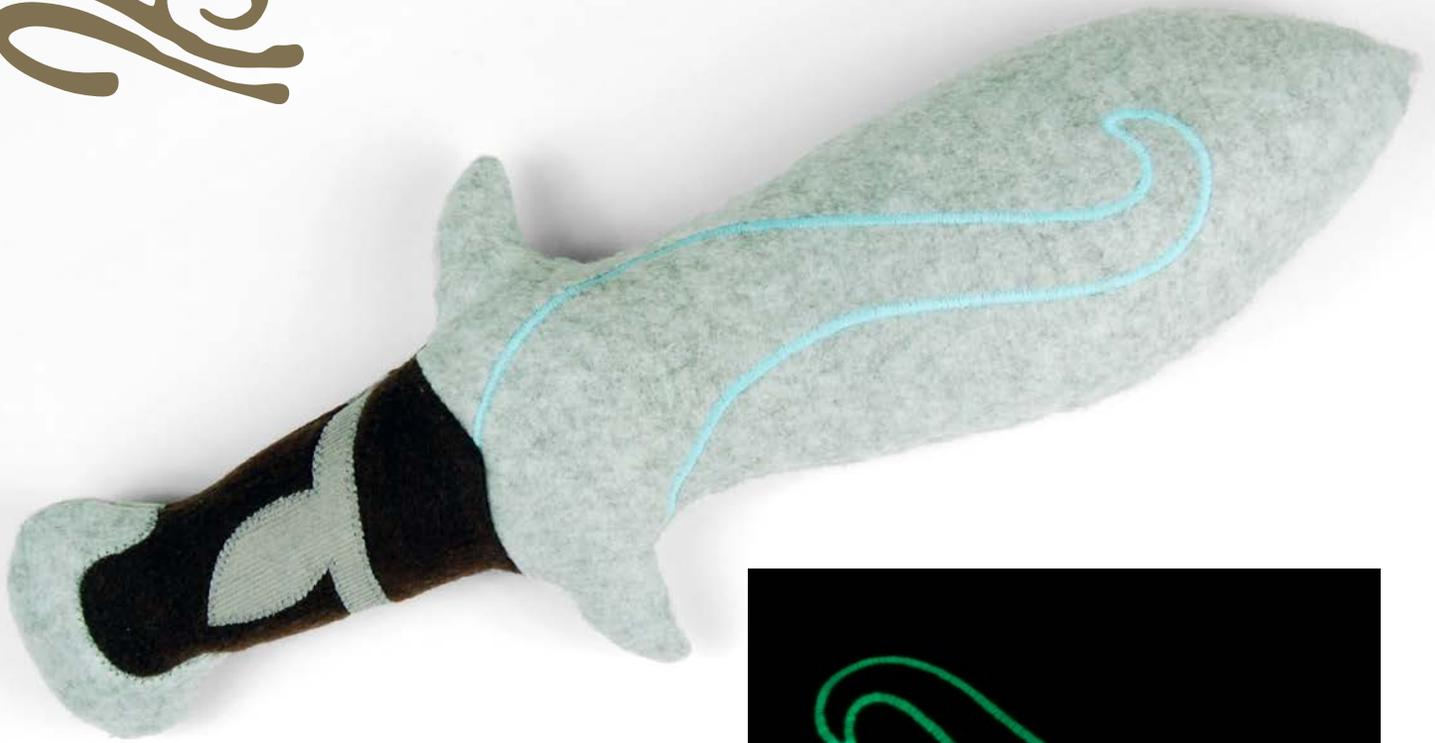
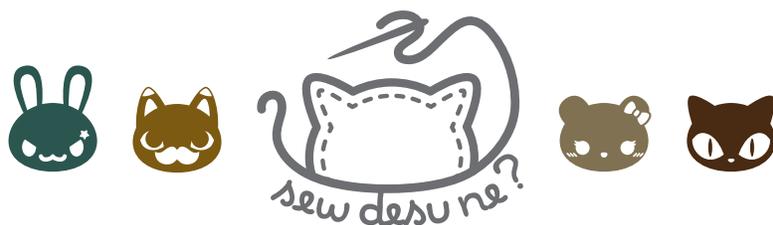


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A SEWING PATTERN BY



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This plush is of course inspired by the weapon used by Bilbo and Frodo in *The Hobbit & The Lord of the Rings* books and movies. It features a filigree detail that can be done in glow-in-the-dark thread to keep with the theme of the sword.

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Really easy to put together if you don't mind a bit of appliqué and hand-sewing :D

MAKES:

one plush that is about 14" long

MATERIALS & TOOLS

- 1/3 yd. or a 12" x 12" scrap of gray fleece
- 1/4 yd. or an 8" x 8" scrap of brown fleece
- Batting
- 10" thin wooden dowel (optional)
- Blue glow-in-the-dark thread (mine was from Sulky)
- 8" x 8" scrap of tear-away stabilizer (optional - see step 1)
- Appliqué supplies:
 - 8" x 8" scrap of gray appliqué fabric (cotton, felt, or flannel would work fine)
 - 8" x 8" scrap of light or heavy-weight 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, pages 6-7
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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The first thing you'll want to take care of is the filigree embellishment on the blade of the sword itself. I used a blue glow-in-the-dark thread to satin stitch along the pattern guideline that formed the filigree. You could also use glow in the dark paint to paint the line, or sew a simple straight stitch or zigzag stitch along the line. But if you do a satin stitch like me, you'll want to use a piece of tear-away stabilizer beneath your stitching so the dense satin stitches don't warp your fabric. Repeat this with your other blade piece so the whole plush will be double-sided :D



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After that is the bit of appliqué you'll need to do on the grip. There's no need to get fancy with this part. Simply use your fusible web to apply the pieces to your grip following the pattern guidelines, and, if you used lightweight fusible web, you'll want to sew it down with a straight stitch or (as I've done) a zigzag stitch. If you used heavyweight fusible web, all you need to do is iron the pieces on :D the adhesive in the heavyweight stuff is meant to be strong enough that you don't have to sew it down. However you apply the appliqué, repeat this with the other side of the grip.

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Now you'll want to sew your sword grip to the blade. You should see how the sword grip has a point that matches up with the notch at the bottom of the sword blade. You'll have stretch the fabric in the grip to make them line up along that edge, but when you do so you should be able to sew them together ^-^ Repeat this with the remaining sword blade and grip pieces, then press the seam allowance towards the grip.

3



Now you're ready to put together the whole sword :D Simply layer the two sword halves with right sides facing together and sew around the perimeter of the sword, leaving an opening in the side of the blade as the pattern guidelines indicate. When you finish, trim your seam allowances and turn the whole sword right side out.

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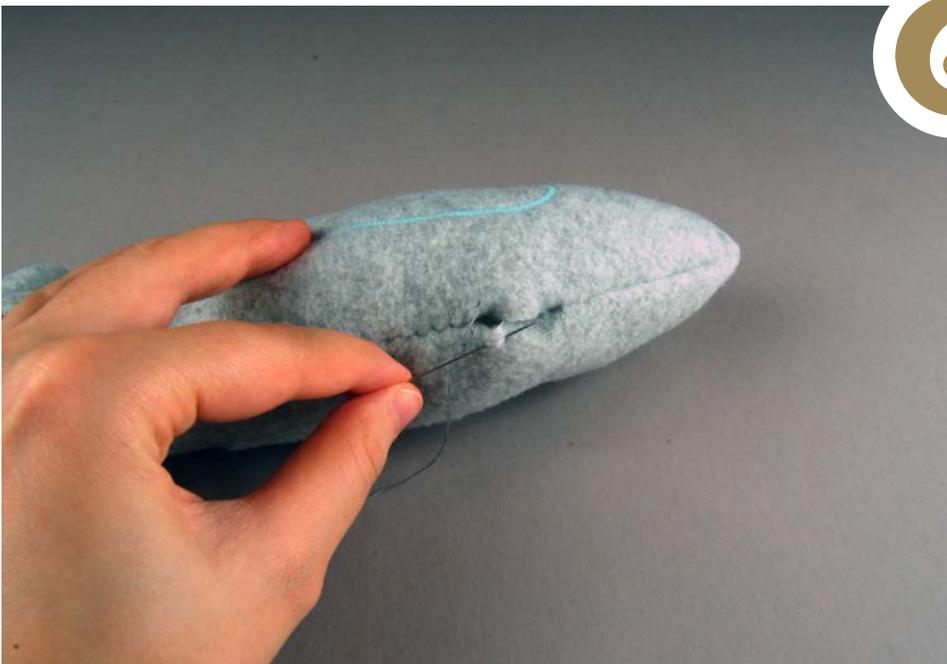
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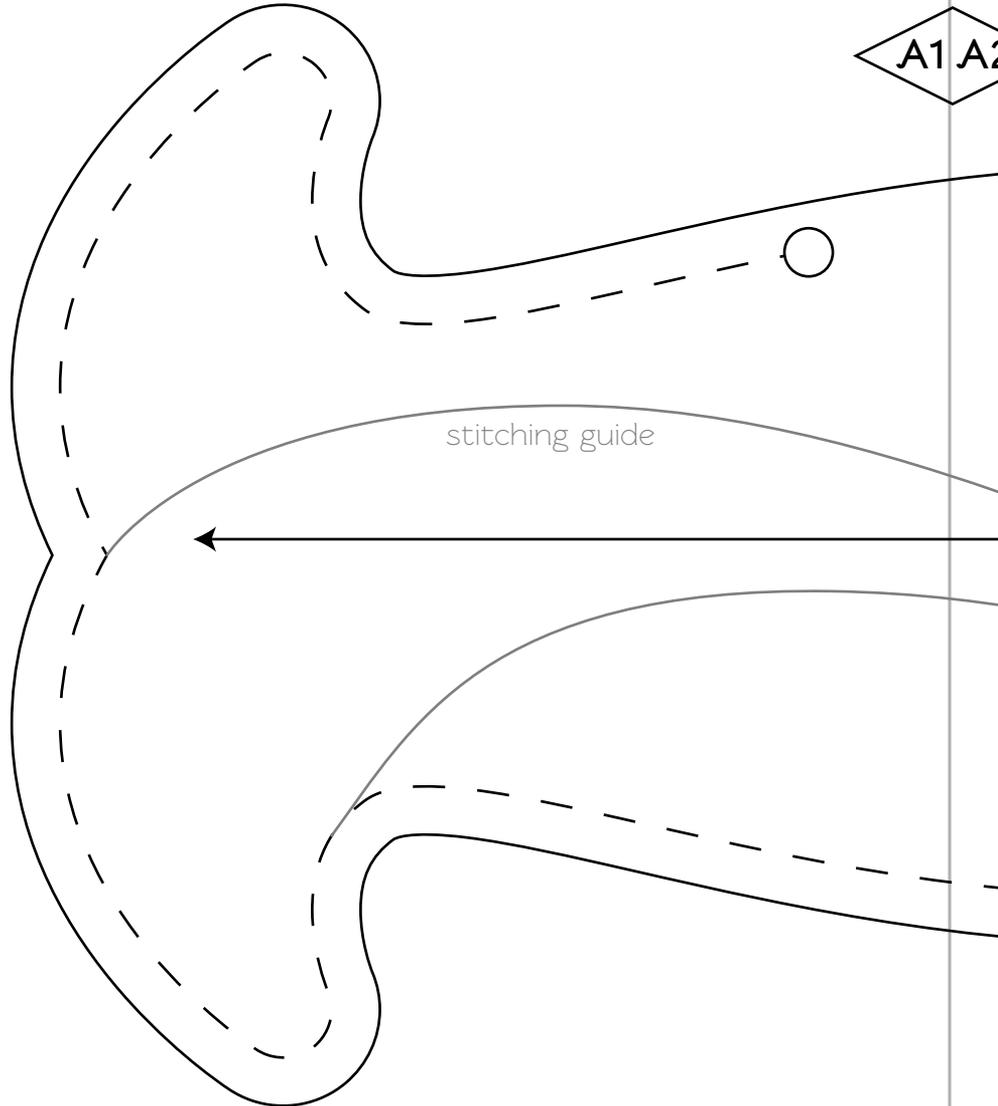
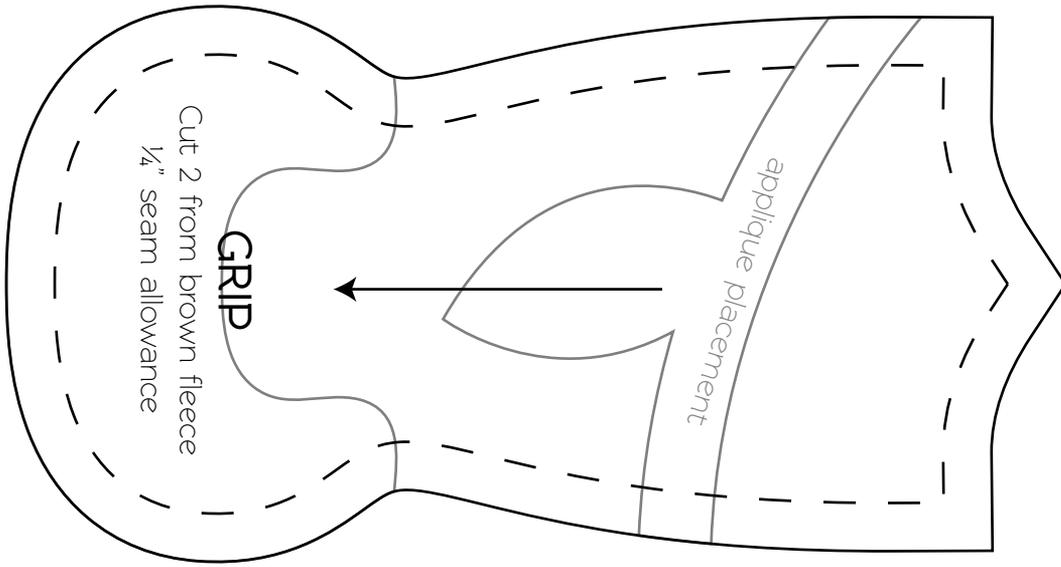
Now you'll want to stuff Sting with your batting. Stuff all the pointy bits like the tip of the sword, the pommel, and the cross guards nice and full so they stay looking pointy. But for the rest of Sting you just need to stuff enough so that it's semi-full.

Also, this is where you'll want to add in your dowel. It's completely optional, as the sword stands up just fine without it, but I opted to add some extra support to Sting. I used a thin wooden dowel, trimmed off the sharp parts, then stuffed it in the middle of Sting, going down the length.



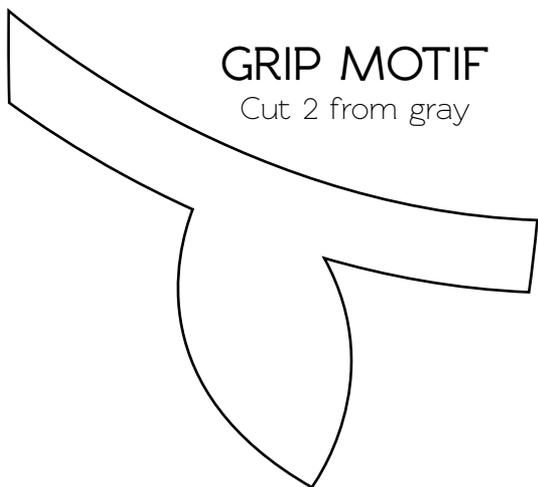
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With the sword all filled and ready to go, all that's left is to sew closed the opening in the side of the blade! Simply turn under the seam allowances left in the opening and sew it closed with a ladder stitch. Now go on some spider-stabbing adventures because YOU'RE DONE!



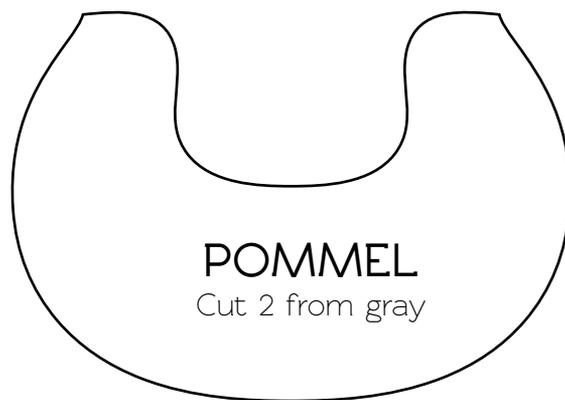
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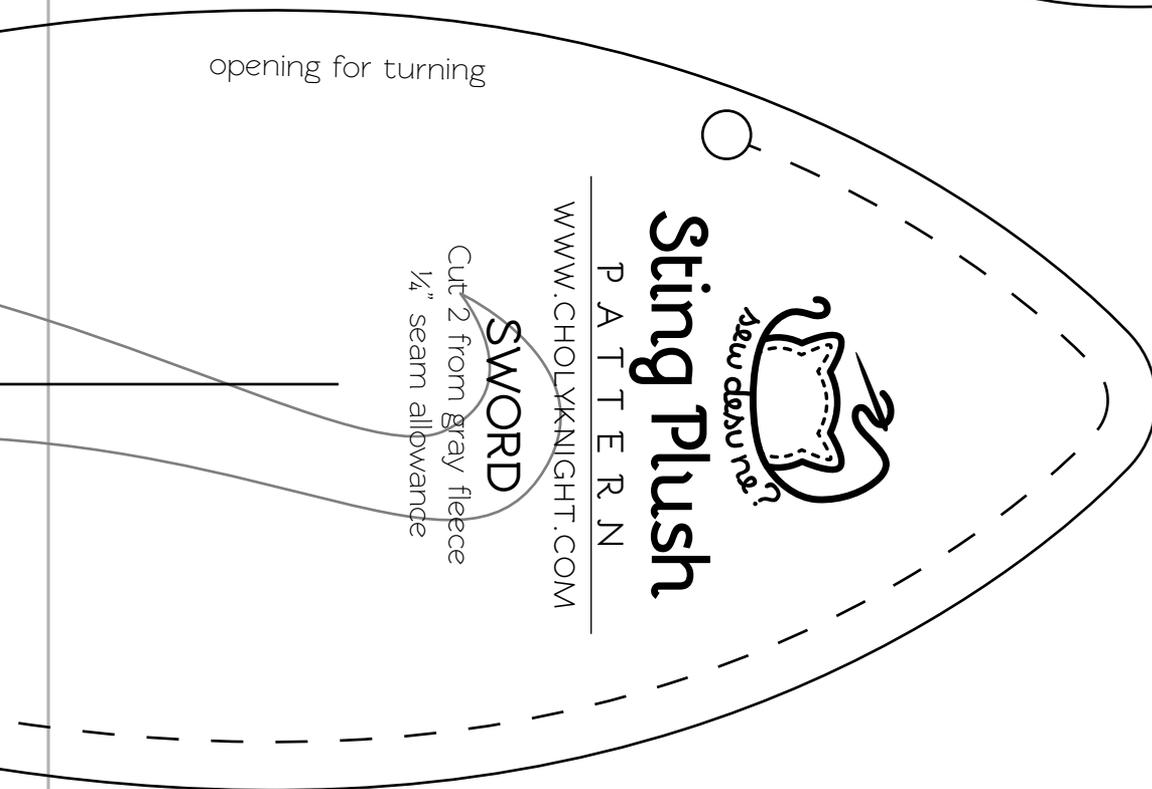
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Cut 2 from gray



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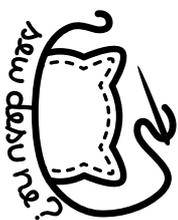
opening for turning



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SWORD

Cut 2 from gray fleece
1/4" seam allowance