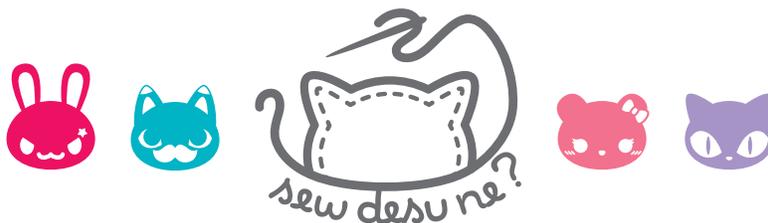




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A SEWING PATTERN BY



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These adorable little hair clips are a very simple project. It's easy to throw together a few for a craft night or several dozen for your next craft show. They're fun for kids as well as adults for the finishing touches on a costume.

DIFFICULTY:



The top stitching details are likely the hardest part of the project, but it's so short and sweet you hardly notice!

MAKES:

One pair of clips, each one about 2½" wide and 2" tall.

SKILLS USED:

- Curved sewing
- Tracing pattern markings
- Top stitching



materials & tools:

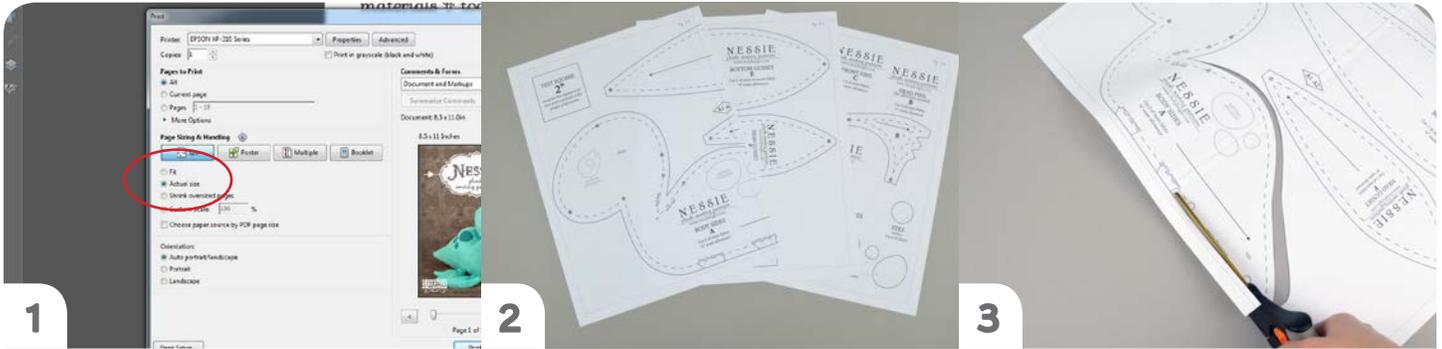
- 7" x 10" piece of fabric (or 1/8 yd.)
- two hair clips
- sewing thread to match fabric
- glue (preferably one that works on metal -- I like Liquid Fusion)
- basic sewing tools (sewing machine, scissors, iron, needles, pins, fabric marker, seam ripper)

SUGGESTED FABRICS:

The sample clips use fleece to attain a soft, rounded look. So other plush fabrics like it would work well for the same effect (such as terry cloth, minky, felt, and thick flannel). Thinner fabrics like cotton can be used for a crisp look.

printing the pattern:

To print the pattern, set your computer to print **PAGE 5**. If you're unfamiliar with printing and assembling a .pdf pattern, read the steps below.



1 At the print dialog box, check the box that says print at "Actual Size" or 100%. Any other selection (such as "Fit to page") will distort the pattern so it's slightly larger or smaller.

2 Print the pages needed for the file. Check to be sure you have the full collection by noting the page numbers in the corner.

3 You can trace the patterns onto a different paper, or you can also just cut them straight from the printer paper.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Briefly read the project instructions so you know what to expect.
- Lay your paper pattern pieces out onto your project fabric. Cut out the required pieces: 4 for a thinner wing, or 6 for a puffier wing.
- Note that the seam allowance used is $\frac{1}{4}$ " throughout the project.



1. STACK THE WING LAYERS

- Take two of your wing pieces and align them with right sides facing.
- To get the proper detail in the wing shape, I suggest trimming off the seam allowance from the paper pattern. Align it over the wing pieces, then use it to trace the stitching line on the wrong side of the fabric. This is important for the angel wing feathers, but not so crucial for the bat wing edges.
- If you want a puffier wing, stack a third wing piece below the pair you have so far. Which side is facing doesn't matter, as it will be inside the wing later.



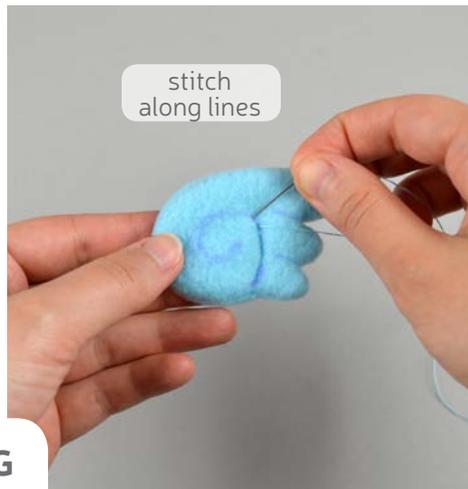
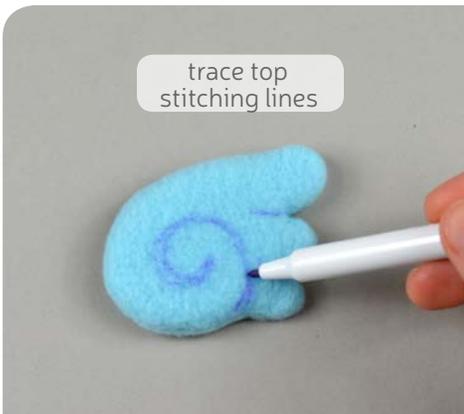
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2. SEW THE LAYERS

- Sew around the perimeter of the wing, following the traced lines as before.
- Trim away the excess seam allowance around the feathers and in the corners. Clip into the corners as close as you can without cutting the stitching.
- To turn the wing, clip into the first layer of fabric only around the middle. Turn the wing right side out and define the feathers with a chopstick or similar blunt tool.
- Repeat for the other wing pieces so you have two wings total. Be sure that the second wing is flipped during these steps for a mirrored right and left side.



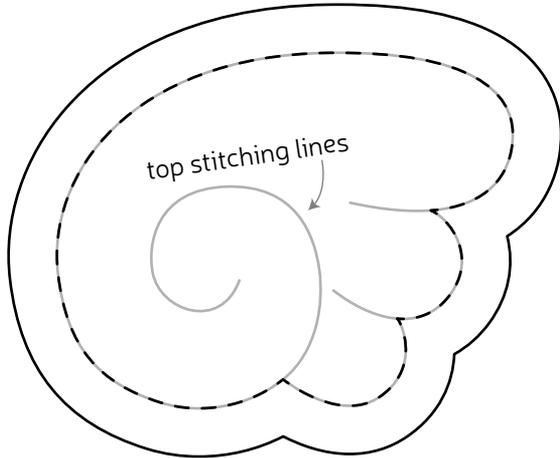
3. TOP STITCH THE WING

- Find the top stitching lines on the paper pattern and transfer them over to the wing with your fabric marker. You can freehand it or clip into the paper pattern and draw lines through the cuts.
- Top stitch over the lines you've just drawn to add the details to the wing. The areas are very small, so it can be easily done by hand as well. I prefer to use a back stitch over the lines.
- Once stitched, glue the back of the wing to the front of your hair clip. I prefer the feathers to point in the same direction as the open end of the clip. Repeat with the other wing for two wings total.
- Allow the clip to dry, then try them on!

back stitch:
A kind of straight stitch where the needle is brought forward about 1/4" then back 1/8" along a line. This is repeated, creating a dotted line on one side and a solid line of stitches on the other.

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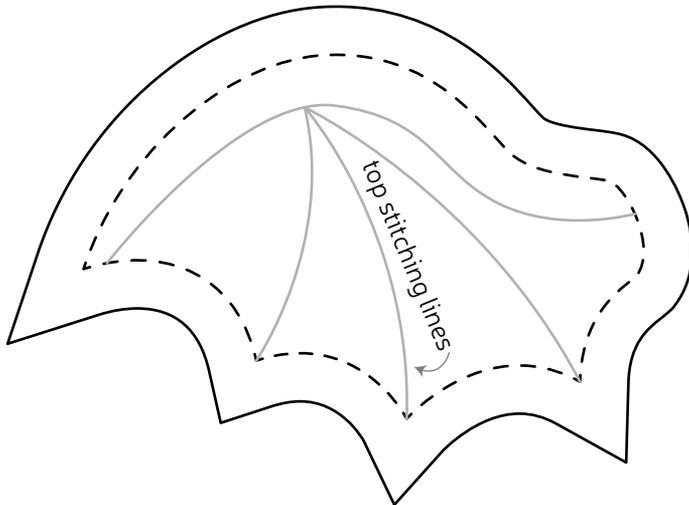
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ANGEL WING

Cut 4 or 6 from main fabric
(half of them reversed)
¼" seam allowance



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BAT WING

Cut 4 or 6 from main fabric
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