



cut & sew tiny dino plush

A SEWING PATTERN BY



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If you're reading this, then you likely purchased some of my Cut & Sew Tiny Dino Plush fabric from Spoonflower. So thank you! These instructions will go over how to sew up your fabric to make an adorable dino plush. It looks both cute and goofy as it's mostly head and tail with four itty-bitty legs. As if it's just been hatched and ready to waddle around. Any dinosaur lover is sure to be happy to see it!

DIFFICULTY:



The hardest part of this plush is likely sewing all the very tiny pieces, including the four legs and several tiny spikes. So it might be closer to a 3 out of 10 depending on what you're comfortable with. Aside from that, there are some darts and curved sewing to contend with.

SKILLS USED:

- Ladder stitch
- Sewing curves
- Sewing tiny pieces
- Basting

MAKES:

One plush, about 5" wide, 5" tall, and 7" long



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materials & tools:

- your pre-printed cut & sew narwhal plush fabric from Spoonflower (at least one fat quarter)
- sewing thread to match fabrics
- poly-fil stuffing
- basic sewing tools (sewing machine, scissors, needles, pins, seam ripper, etc.)



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Briefly read the project instructions so you know what to expect.
- Note that a ¼" seam allowance is used throughout the project -- already included in the fabric.

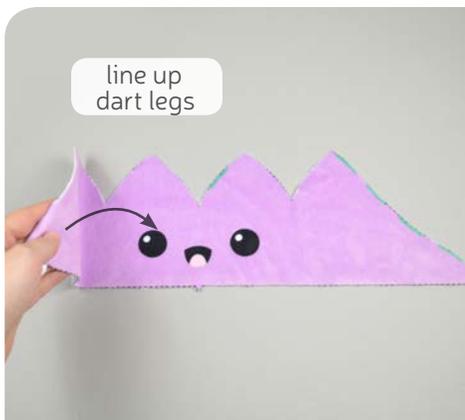
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1. ASSESS YOUR FABRIC

- Grab your printed Spoonflower cut & sew fabric. If you ordered $\frac{1}{4}$ yd. of minky or fleece, it should include all the pieces needed (surrounded by a border). There should be 20 pieces included: **BOTTOM**, **BODY**, **FEET** (8), and **SPIKES** (10).
- If you're new to sewing, you might want to wait until the applicable step before cutting your fabric so you can refer to the notes and labels. Once you need a piece, cut it out along the dotted lines outside the shape.



2. SEW THE SIDE DARTS

- Cut out your **BODY** piece. The open wedges found along the top (and labeled on the fabric) are the **darts**. Sew these by folding over the left-most side of the body piece with right sides facing. Match up the diagonal edges that form the 'legs' of these darts.
- Sew the darts by starting at the opening and moving down to the point.
- When sewing the point, try to blend the seam in with the fold so it makes a smooth transition and a rounder finished plush. Repeat with the right side of the plush for two finished darts.

darts:

A wedge-shaped gap found in a pattern. When sewn in fabric, it creates a tuck in the fabric and develops a 3D shape. The diagonal sides of the wedge are the **LEGS**; these are matched up and sewn to the **POINT** of the dart.

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3. SEW THE SPIKES

- Cut out all of your **SPIKE** pieces. Take two of them and align them with right sides facing and raw edges lining up.
- Sew them together along the curved edge, leaving the straight edge free for turning right side out.
- Trim the excess seam allowance along the curve at the tip. Turn the spike right side out through the opening in the bottom. Repeat this with the remaining 8 spike pieces so you have 5 completed spikes total.



4. BASTE THE SPIKES

- Locate the **spike placement areas** printed on the **BODY** piece. They're the contrast color bands going down the length of the body. Align the open end of the spike within the placement lines so the tip of the spike is pointing inward.
- Repeat this with all 5 spikes along one half of the body as shown. Baste the spikes in place within the seam allowance.

basting:

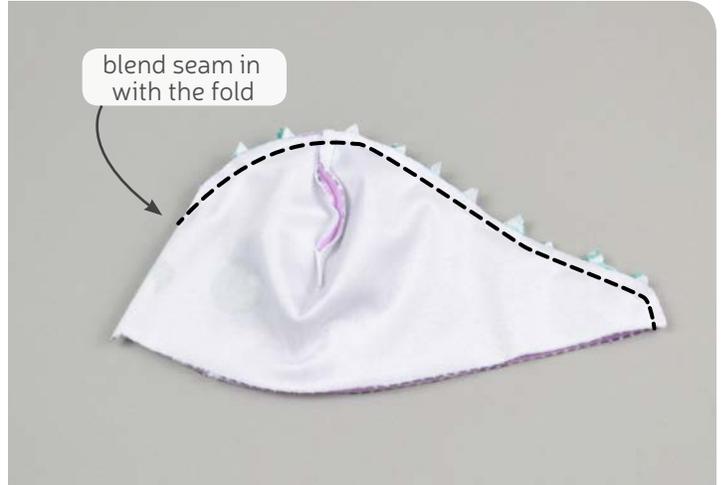
A form of temporary sewing meant to hold pieces in place. A long stitch length is often used for this reason. The finished result is not meant to be seen and sometimes is even removed later (depending on your project).

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5. SEW THE BACK SEAM



- Fold the entire **BODY** piece in half width-wise. The face should be folded along the center and the spikes should be sandwiched between the two halves as shown.
- Sew from the tail end down to the center front. Treat the end of the center front like a dart, blending your seam in with the fold of the body.



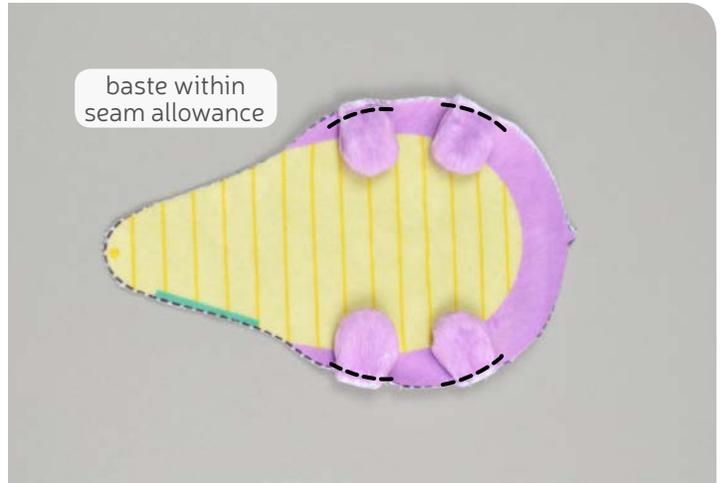
6. SEW THE FEET



- Cut out all eight of your **FEET** pieces. Take two of them and align them with right sides facing and raw edges matching up.
- Sew them together along the curved edge, leaving the straight edge free for turning right side out.
- Repeat with the remaining 6 feet pieces for 4 completed feet total as shown. Turn all of the feet right side out.

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7. BASTE THE FEET

- Cut out your **BOTTOM** piece. Locate the foot placement areas indicated in contrasting colored bands along the edge of the piece. Align the open end of your foot pieces inside these colored bands.
- Baste the foot pieces in place within the seam allowances.

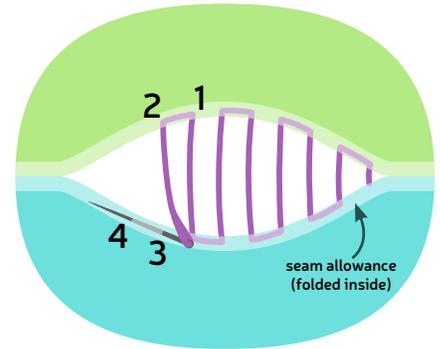


8. SEW THE BODY TO THE BOTTOM

- Grab your body piece from earlier. Align it with the bottom piece by matching the **front notch** on the **BODY** with the **front notch** on the **BOTTOM**. Match up the **tail seam** on the **BODY** with the **circle marking** on the **BOTTOM**. Note where the **opening for turning** area is near the tail (the colored band on the **BOTTOM** piece). Pin the body to the bottom all around the perimeter except for this area.
- Sew around the perimeter of the body, being sure to leave an opening for turning near the tail as marked.

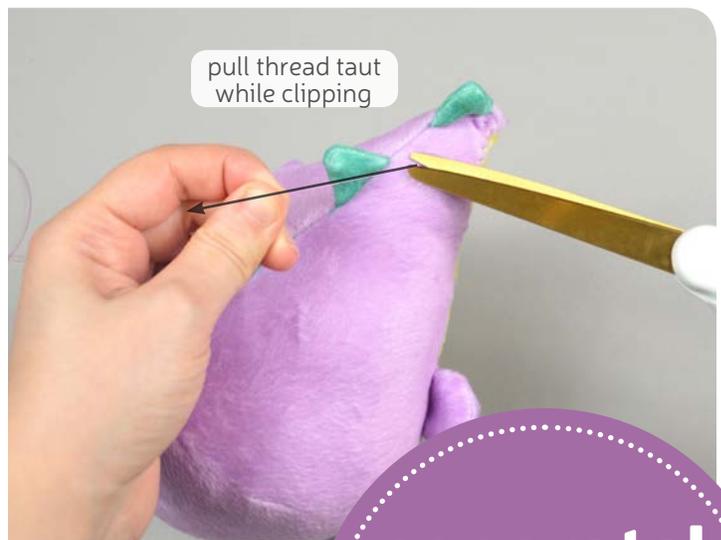
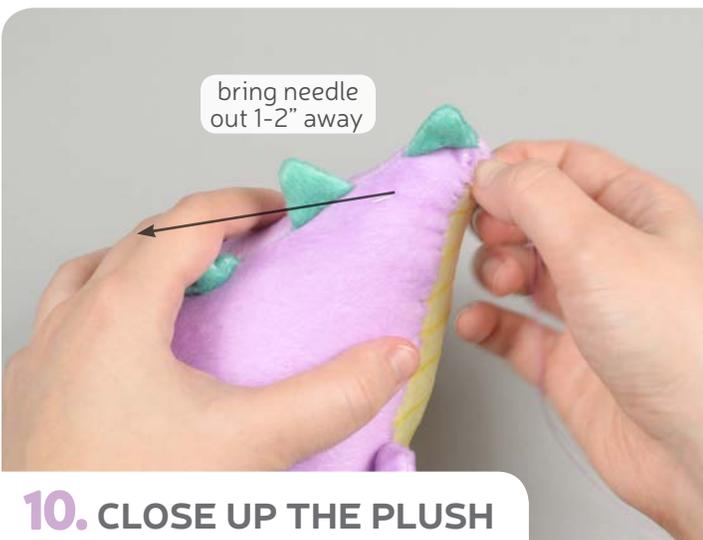
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9. STUFF AND CLOSE THE PLUSH

- Turn the dino right side out through the opening for turning. Stuff it relatively firmly with stuffing. First stuff the tail tip, then stuff the face nice and full so it takes shape. Finally work your way up and towards the opening.
- Once the plush is stuffed, make sure the seam allowances in the opening are tucked inside and prepare to ladder stitch it closed. Thread a hand-sewing needle and knot it at the end. Insert the needle from the inside of the opening and out of the plush near one edge of the opening. This will leave the knot inside the plush.
- Continue from here doing a ladder stitch. Take a 1/8" stitch into the fold of one side of the opening, then go across and take another. Keep going down the opening until you reach the end.



10. CLOSE UP THE PLUSH

- When you're finished, stitch a knot into the end of the seam. Then insert the needle near the finished knot and out of the plush about 1-2" away.
- Pull the thread through and hold it taut while snipping the thread. The excess thread should sink back inside the plush -- all hidden!

congrats!
this completes
your plush! Now
give it a big hug!

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