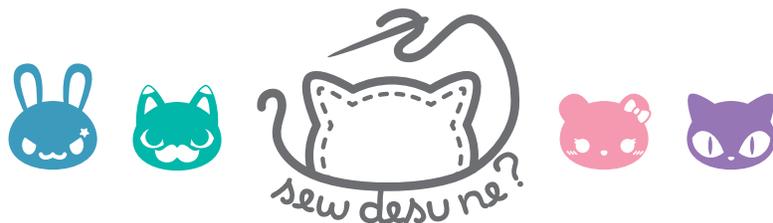


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A FREE SEWING PATTERN BY



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If you're reading this, then you likely purchased some of my Cut & Sew Kitty Bean Plush fabric from Spoonflower. So thank you!

This cute and simple plush is a variation on a tsum-tsum in that it has a long round body that's perfect for stacking! This design will take you through making a cute kitty with tiny little front and foot paws that peek out from under the body.

MAKES:

One plush: 6" long (not including tail), 4½" wide (not including feet), and 4" tall (not including ears)

DIFFICULTY:



The hardest part of this plush is likely placing all the little feet just right. But if you double check yourself against the pattern markings it should be easier.

SKILLS USED:

- Basting
- Darts
- Sewing small pieces
- Gathering stitch, gathering
- Ladder stitch
- Sewing curves



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materials & tools:

- your pre-printed Cut & Sew Kitty Bean 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



- a. Grab your printed Spoon-flower 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 19 pieces included: **FACE (1), BACK (2), EARS (4), BOTTOM (1), BOTTOM FRONT (1), TAIL (2), AND LEGS (8).**

- b. 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 FACE DART

- a. Cut out your **FACE** piece. Locate the open wedge found at the top of the face -- this is a dart. To sew it, start by folding the face in half along the point of the dart and match up the slanted lines that make the wedge shape.
- b. Sew the dart 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.
- c. Once complete, the dart should blend nicely into the rest of the plush.

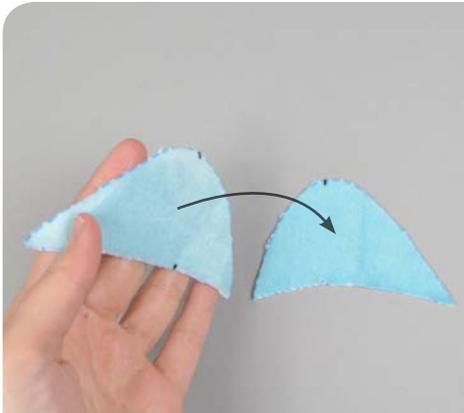


darts:

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.

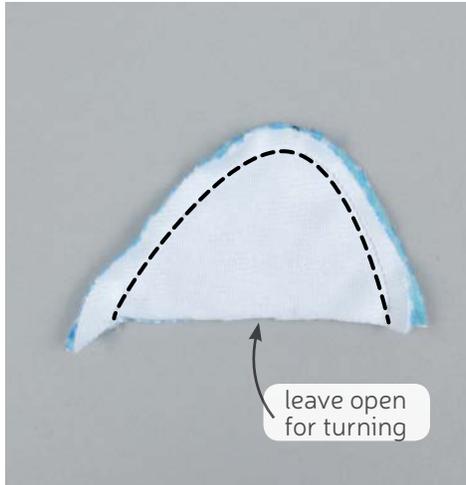
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3. SEW THE EARS

- Cut out your **EAR** pieces. Take two of them; one in inner ear fabric and one in outer ear fabric. Align them with right sides facing and raw edges matching up.
- Sew them together along the long curved edge. Leave the short straight-ish edge free for turning right side out.
- Repeat with the remaining two ear pieces for two complete ears total.

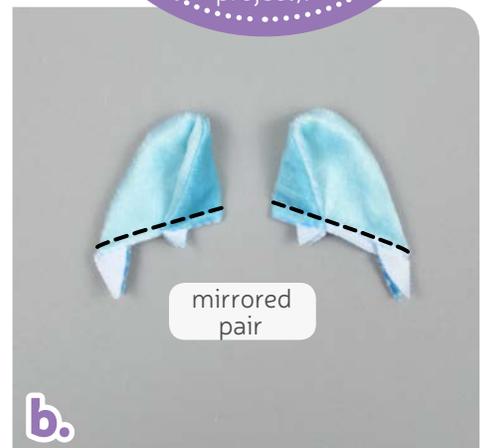


basting:

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).

- Refer to the guidelines printed on the fabric to find the fold markings for the ears. Use this as a guide to fold the ear with inner fabrics facing. Pin the ear together.
- Baste the ear along the bottom edge to hold the fold in place. Repeat with the remaining ear so you have a mirrored pair.
- If you haven't already, locate the **ear placement colored bands** printed on the **FACE** fabric. Place the open end of the ear within these placement bands. Be sure that the fold is pointing toward the middle of the face. Pin the ears in place.
- Baste the ears to the face within the seam allowances to hold them in place for future steps.

4. BASTE THE EARS



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5. SEW THE BACK

- Cut out your two **BACK** pieces. Align them together with right sides facing and edges matching up.
- Sew the back pieces together along the long curved edge, leave the other edges free.
- Turn the back right side out when complete.



6. SEW THE BACK TO THE FACE

- Take your sewn **BACK** pieces and align the shorter of the two edges along the curved edge of the **FACE**. Match up the **center seam** of the back with the **center dart** of the face. Bend the back piece to make the rest of the edges fit.
- Sew the back to the face along this curve.
- Once complete, you should have a long dome shape for your kitty body -- the top is complete! Set it aside while we work on the bottom.

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7. SEW THE FEET

- Cut out your **FEET** pieces. Take two of them and align them with right sides facing and raw edges matching up.
- Sew the feet together along the long curved edge, leaving the short straight edge free for turning right side out.
- Turn the foot right side out. Repeat with the remaining six feet pieces for four complete feet total.



8. BASTE THE FRONT FEET

- Stuff each foot with just a little bit of stuffing.
- Cut out your **BOTTOM** piece. If you haven't already, locate the **front foot placement colored bands** printed on the fabric. Align the open end of the feet within these bands. You should have two that are pointing toward each other.
- Baste the feet in place by sewing them within the seam allowance.

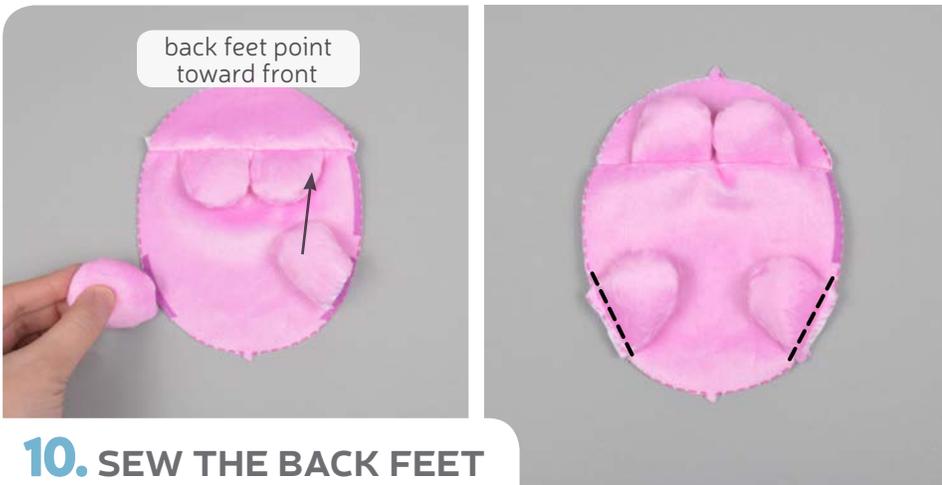
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9. SEW THE BOTTOM FRONT

- Grab your **BOTTOM FRONT** piece. Align the straight edge of the piece along the straight edge of the **BOTTOM**, sandwiching the feet in between. Pin the layers together.
- Sew the bottom front to the bottom with the feet in between.
- Open up the piece to complete.



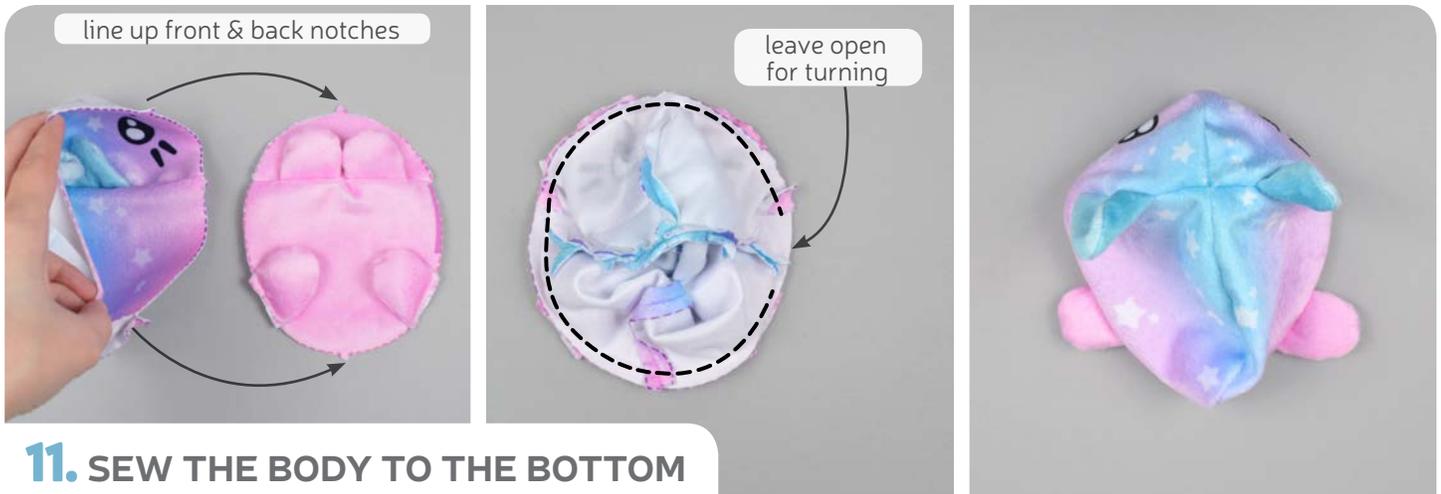
- Now retrieve your last 2 sewn feet. If you haven't already, locate the **colored placement bands** printed on the **BOTTOM** fabric for the back feet. Align the open end of the feet within the placement lines so they point toward the front feet. Pin the feet in place.
- Baste the back feet the same as you did the front feet.

10. SEW THE BACK FEET



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11. SEW THE BODY TO THE BOTTOM

- Take the top of your kitty bean that you have so far and align the open end with the bottom. There's a **notch** found on the **FACE** piece that should align with the **notch** on the **BOTTOM FRONT** (near the front feet). The **notch** near the back feet should align with the **back seam**. Pin the top all the way around the bottom, matching these notches.
- If you haven't already, locate the **opening for turning colored band** printed on the **BOTTOM** piece. Sew the top to the bottom all the way around except for this opening that's marked.
- Turn the plush right side out.



12. TURN AND STUFF THE PLUSH

- Stuff the body firmly with stuffing, pushing the stuffing towards the face until it gets completely full.
- Once the face is stuffed, then focus on the front area until it fills out. Finally work on the sides, back and center until they're full.
- 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.

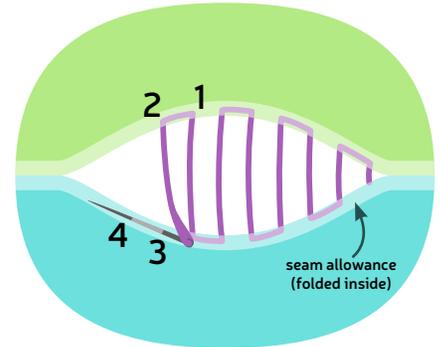
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13. SEW CLOSED

- a. 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.



14. TRIM THE THREAD



- a. 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.
- b. Pull the thread through and hold it taut while snipping the thread. The excess thread should sink back inside the plush -- all hidden!



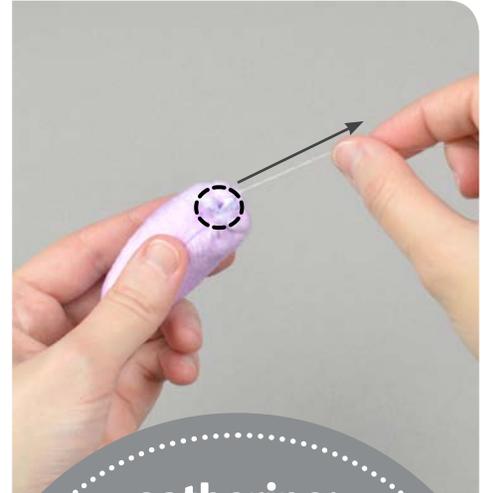
15. SEW THE TAIL



- a. Cut out your **TAIL** pieces. Align them with right sides facing and raw edges matching up.
- b. Sew them together along the long curved edge, leaving the short straight edge free for turning right side out.
- c. Turn the tail right side out.

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16. CINCH UP THE TAIL

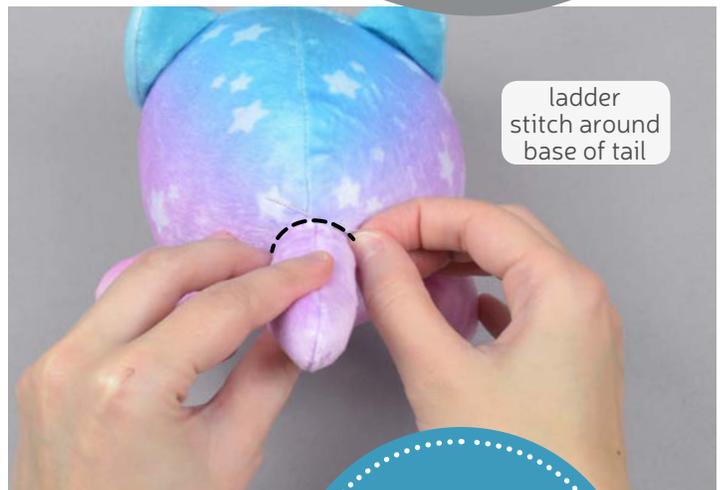
- Stuff the tail lightly with stuffing; enough so it takes shape.
- Thread a hand sewing needle with thread and knot the end. Sew a long gathering stitch around the opening of the tail, about $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the edge.
- Once finished, pull at the thread to gather the fabric and cinch up the opening. Sew a few knots at this opening to hold it closed. If you have a lot of thread left, consider leaving it attached for adding to the back.

gathering:

The process of shortening the length of a piece of fabric by sewing long stitches through it. When the thread is pulled, it forms small folds that ruffle the fabric.

gathering stitch:

A long version of the running stitch, which is a stitch done by weaving the needle in and out of a length of fabric going along a line. The long stitches (about $\frac{1}{4}$ "- $\frac{1}{2}$ " long) gather the fabric when pulled later.



17. ATTACH THE TAIL

- Align the tail along the back bottom of the kitty so far. Make sure it's centered along the body, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ -2" above the bottom seam. Also be sure the tip of the tail is pointing up.
- Stitch the tail in place along the base of the tail with a ladder stitch similar to back in step 13.

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

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