



Seaside Bag
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You will need

- Fabric & paper scissors
- Bondaweb -paper backed webbing used to stick fabric
- Cream fabric (35 x 70 cms)
- Orange or yellow fabric for crab.
- Ribbon or tape for handles (2 pieces, each 50cm long)
- Cream, black & orange sewing thread
- Pins and a needle
- Stencil [crab - at end of this document]
- Buttons for eyes
- 3 small pipe cleaners for legs. [you can choose to make a crab with no legs or draw them on with permanent marker]
- Permanent marker pen
- Iron and sewing machine

**this project involves using an iron - check with an adult before you start

TO MAKE

1. Cut cream fabric into a rectangle about 35cms X 70cms
2. Fold it in half into the bag shape and iron the fold. The fold will be at the bottom of the bag
3. Draw round the crab stencil onto the paper side of the bondaweb.
4. Cut out the bondaweb crab shape.
5. Place the bondaweb [rough side down] onto the orange fabric. IRON over the paper.



6. Cut out the fabric round the bondaweb shape. Cut the fabric shape a little larger than the paper. It will be easier to sew later.
6. Peel the paper off of the fabric shapes.
7. Lay the crab on one side of the calico.
Remember the fold will be the bottom of the bag.
8. Make sure the crab does not touch the edges of the calico,
9. Bend the pipe cleaners in half and pin into place under the crab shape



10. Carefully, taking out the pins as you go, iron it into place, iron the bondaweb between the 'legs' this will hold them in place.
12. Thread your needle with cotton thread and do a running stitch round the edge of the shapes.
11. Stitch over the ends of the legs twice as you go round the shape. You can also stitch down the legs to stop them catching on things.
12. Sew on buttons for eyes.



13. Fold the material in half, bag on the fold. This time the picture must be inside.
14. Pin the sides together on each side of the rectangle.
15. Machine or hand sew, up each side about 1 cm in from the edge with straight or running stitch.
[You might want to zigzag stitch over the edges to make them stronger.]
16. Fold the edges of the open end over twice, about 1 cm each time. and pin in place.
17. Machine or hand sew down the turned edge round the open end of the bag

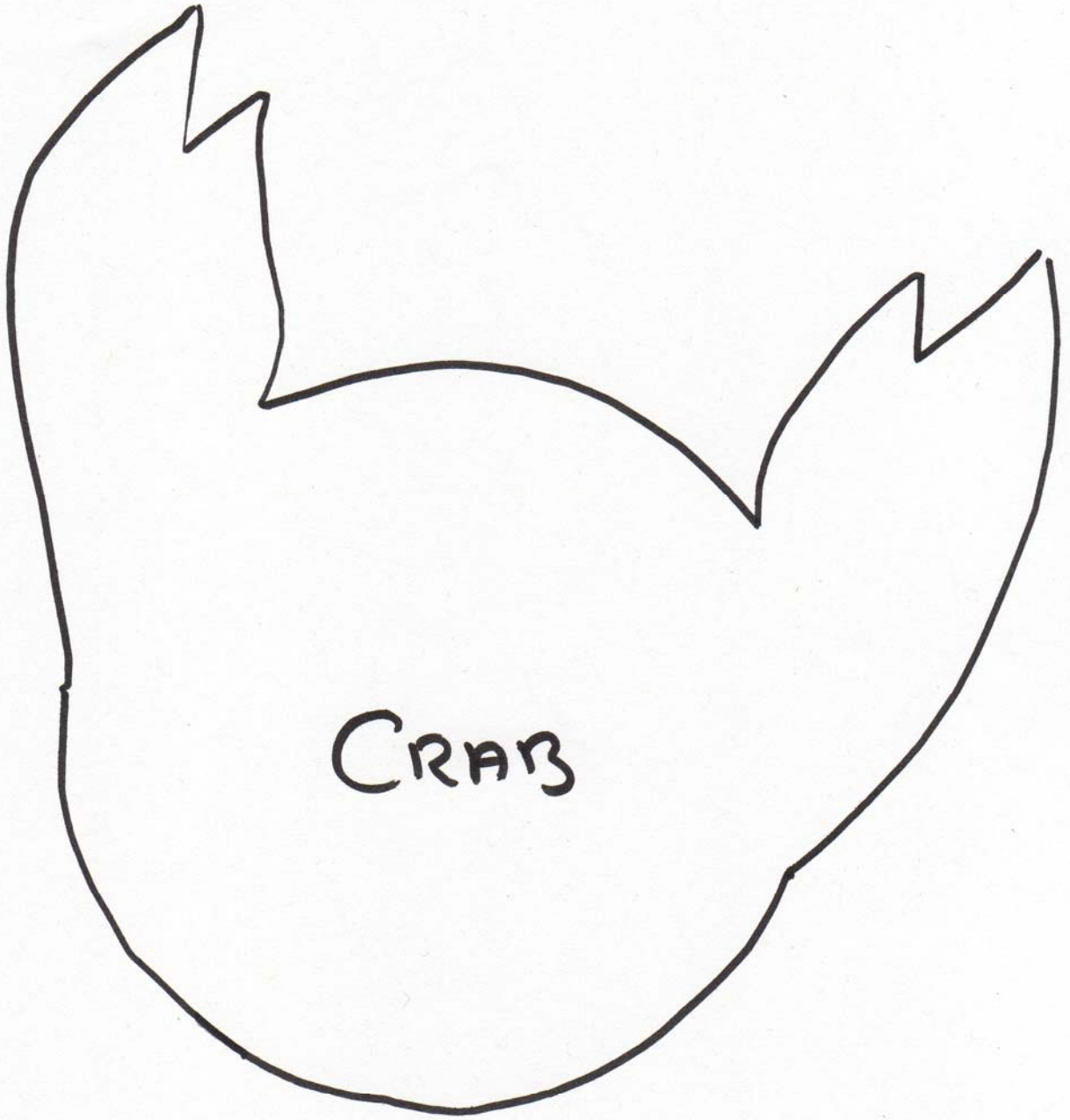


18. Fold up the cut end of the ribbon or tape and pin it in place. Make sure the cut end is hidden.

19. Place one piece of tape on each side of the bag to be the handles.

20. Machine or hand stitch the handles into place.

Now you are ready for the beach! You could put a crab like this on your T shirt too.



CRAB