

Hand Puppets

Supplies you will need:

Felt in following colors-

tan

brown

white

gray

yellow

blue

cream

black

pink

orange

Coordinating thread

Old MacDonald Patterns

Basic Instructions:

You will cut out each pattern piece in the color of felt depicted in the pictures of the whole set of puppets. I would have both the picture of the front of the puppets and the back of the puppets in front of you as reference.

The hardest part really will be cutting out all of the pieces. Once you have done so, group all the pieces for each animal together. I recommend putting each animal kit in a separate plastic bag.

I will be showing how I sewed the horse, but the same basic instructions apply to all the animals, with just a few variations, which I will specify.

First:

Lay out pieces that go on to the front of the puppet with 1 piece of the hand puppet, and then pieces that go on the back with the back piece of the puppet.



Second:

Prepare all the individual pieces.

-sew the **EARS** by laying two pieces on top of each other and sewing around the edge. Repeat with the other ear.

-sew all pieces on individually, layering appropriately...*ie the white part of the horse's nose goes first and then the brown nose part goes on top.*

-sew all the pieces onto the back.

-do not sew the hooves or ears on yet



Third:

Once all the pieces are sewn on, except the ears and hooves, pin the front and back pieces together right sides facing. Make sure the ear pieces are pinned in place on the inside. With the horse you will also pin the top hairs into place...**HORSE HAIRS**-take each strip and fold in half to make...folded edge will be pinned on inside. Sew together with a 1/4 inch seam allowance.



Fourth:

Turn out. For all the animals but the ones with hooves, you are done.

Fifth:

For animals with hooves...

Sew two pieces of the hooves together, just on the top and side edges.

Place hoof opening over the very top of puppet arm. Pin in place.

Finish sewing around the bottom edge to secure hoof onto arm.

Repeat for the other arm.



Now you have a set of completely ADORABLE puppets that your little ones will LOVE to play with.



I know this was a VERY basic how-to. I hope that you were able to follow it. Basically making these comes down to some simple steps--

1. Cut out
2. Lay out
3. Sew on all pieces on front and back
4. Sew front and back together
5. Turn out

The only variations were really in the shape of the sheep's head and the chicken and duck arms, both which were labeled in the pattern.

HAVE FUN with this. I would love to see how they turn out for you.

THANK YOU for giving these OH-SO-Cute puppets so much love.

Found on : <http://zitzmanfam.blogspot.co.uk/2010/09/old-macdonald-puppet-tutorial-and.html>