



LEARNING TO SEW FOR BEGINNERS

# *Friendly Ghost*



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*Hi there!*



Welcome. Thank you for purchasing my **Friendly Ghost** pattern.

I'm Maja Lapajne and I have designed this ghost to be as **EASY** to make as possible, so don't worry, even if you are a total beginner. The friendly ghosts was inspired by my older son, who is still a little bit afraid of the dark, although he is too old to admit it.

While making this cute, little ghosts you will learn the basics of how to make your own simple soft toys and you will pick up a few **tips & tricks** on the way.

It is great to have you on board. I wish you lots of fun sewing & learning.

Maja

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SMALL GHOST WITH A BIG HEART.

## STEP 1: Prepare all materials

### Prepare the materials:

- A soft white anti-pill fleece fabric for body and hands (you can also use soft fabrics like flannel): 60cm x 20cm (24" x 8")
- White wool felt for opened eyes: 8 cm x 5 cm (3" x 2")
- Black wool felt for opened eyes and mouth: 12 cm x 6 cm (5" x 2 1/2")
- Red wool felt for the heart: 4 cm x 4 cm (1 1/2" x 1 1/2")
- Pink wool felt for the cheeks: 8 cm x 5 cm (3" x 2")
- Black embroidery thread
- Toy or pillow stuffing

### Prepare the templates:

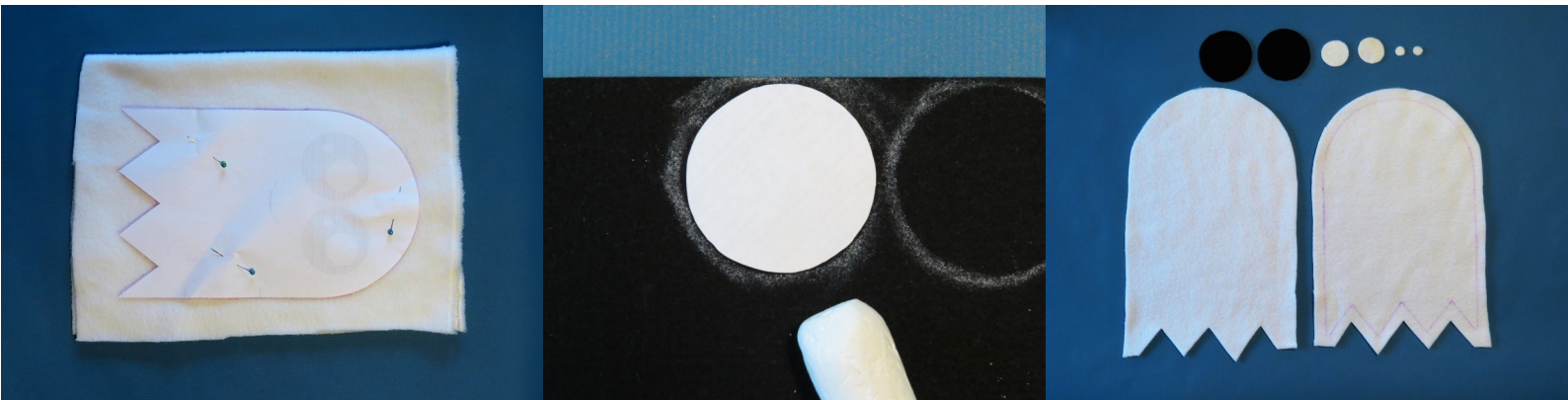
- Print out the pattern at the end of this tutorial (page 9).
- Cut out the pieces of paper – these are your templates now. If you plan to use the templates more often, glue the pattern first on the cardboard or thick paper and then cut them out.





## STEP 2: Cut out your fabric

- Fold the fleece fabric in half so that the wrong side is on the outside. Position the template on top, leave enough space for seam allowance. Trace the template with the trick marker or chalk.
- Cut the piece, while the fleece fabric is still pinned together, from the fabrics **adding 5 mm ( ¼ inch) for seam allowance**. Unpin. You should have two pieces now.
- Cut the eyes parts from the white felt: two medium and two small circles (see the pattern).
- Cut the eyes parts from the black felt—two big circles. To transfer the circles on the black felt use white chalk)



## STEP 3: Create opened eyes, closed mouth and heart

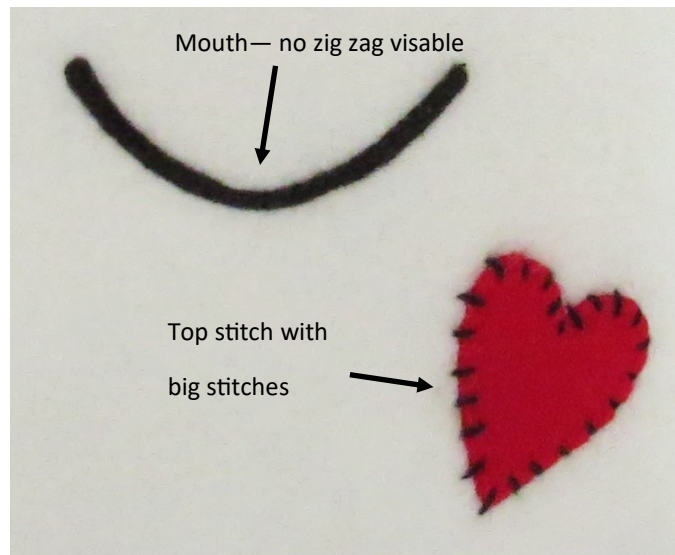
### OPENED EYES

- First, pin the white circles on the big black circle (see the template for the positioning). Next, sew the white circles on the black circle with white thread using the regular stitch on your machine — use a very short stitch setting and very low speed, this will make sewing easier for you. If you find it too difficult, you can hand-sew with ordinary running stitch.
- Position the finished eyes on the front body piece on the right side of the fabric. Pin and then sew using a regular stitch.



## MOUTH

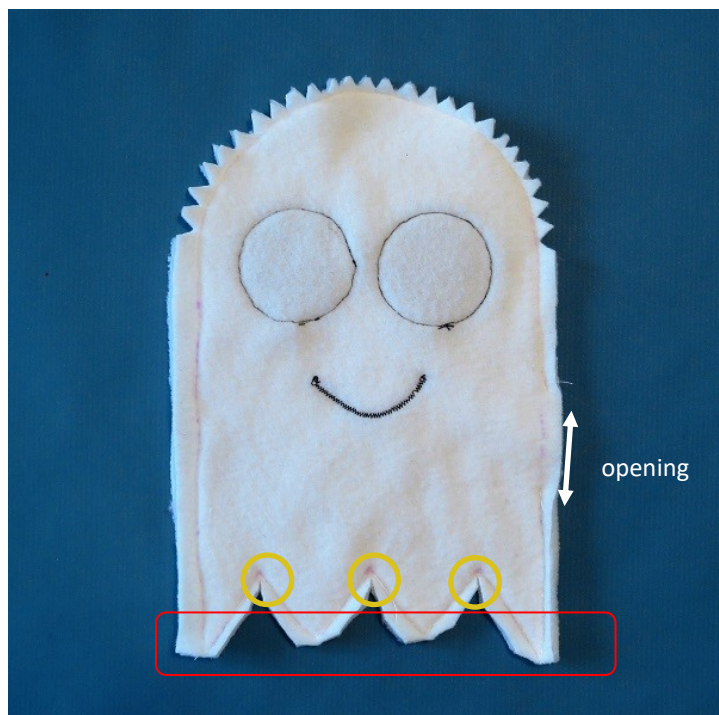
- Put the template under the front body part and you will be able to see through where the mouth is positioned. Mark the mouth on the fleece using the trick marker.
- Cut from the black felt a very narrow stripe as long as mouth are — this is your mouth. Position on the front body piece, pin and then sew it on using the zig zag stitch on your machine — make the zig zag a bit smaller than the width of the mouth is, so that the stitch will not be visible at the end.



## HEART

- Cut the heart from the red wool felt using the template.
- Hand-sew the heart on the front body with black embroidery thread. Make big stitches.

## STEP 4: Sew the ghost together



- Place the ghost front and back body part on top of each other **right sides together**. Pin.
- Sew together leaving the **opening** on one side, as marked on the template.

Before turning the ghost around through the opening:

1. Make him a funny haircut like the one in the picture - cut all the way to the seam, just be careful not to cut it through.
2. At the bottom cut off the ends (marked red in the picture).
3. Make small cuts all the way to the seam (see the yellow circles in the picture).

### TIP: NO WRINKLES

If you want your toy to have a nice shape at the end, no wrinkles and nicely pointy ends, you must cut off the excessive fabric on curves and make cuttings at pointed parts.

### TIP: SEAM ALLOWANCE

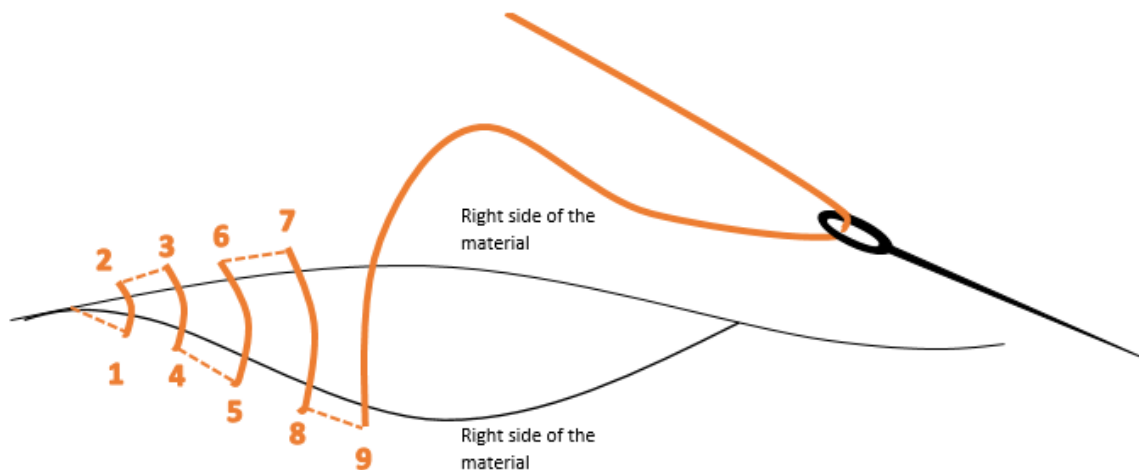
Always sew fabric pieces with right sides together. Use a 5mm (¼ inch) seam unless stated otherwise.

## STEP 5: Stuffing & closing the opening

Turn the ghost around through the opening. Position all edges nicely using your fingers and non-sharp pointy object for the points. Stuff the ghost with a toy stuffing. Close the opening with the **ladder stitch**.

### TIP: LADDER STITCH

Ladder stitch is the best way to close the openings when sewing toys. Done nicely, nobody will know where the opening was.







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