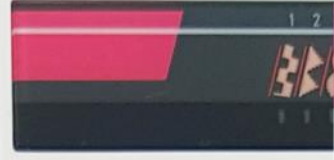


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LEARNING TO SEW FOR BEGINNERS

The Happy Sun

AN ORIGINAL DESIGN

CREATED BY SEWTOY, 2020

Hi there!

Welcome. Thank you for purchasing the Sun tutorial & pattern.

This pattern is one of my easiest ones, and if you have a sewing machine and know how to sew a regular seam, you are ready to go!

Step by step. :)

While making the sun, you will learn the basics of how to make your own simple stuffed toys, and you will pick up a few tips & tricks on the way too.

I hope you will enjoy sewing this jolly sun as much as I enjoyed making it.

Maja

p.s. As SewToy customer, you have my full support. If you get stuck for any reason, message me on Etsy, and we'll find the solution together.



Finished size

Aproximately 19 cm x 19 cm / 7.5 in x 7.5 in

STEP 1: Prepare all materials

- Yellow wool felt (21 cm x 42 cm / 8.5 in x 17 in)
- Light pink wool felt for the cheeks
- Embroidery thread: dark pink, blue, green, orange, white (choose vibrant color shades)
- 2 small blue/black buttons or 2 small circles of black felt for eyes
- Yellow sewing thread
- Toy or pillow stuffing
- Dark transfer paper
- Pattern (pages 8 and 9)

General requirements:

sewing machine, pins, needle, scissors, trick marker, or chalk.

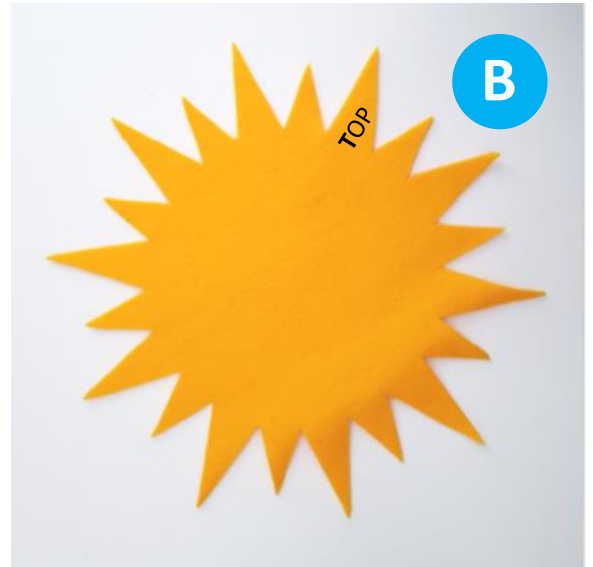


WHY I RECOMEND USING WOOL AND NOT ACRYLIC (CRAFT) FELT?

Wool felt is the most durable type of felt, has less fuzz than other felts, and it will not pill. Under the fingers has soft, luxurious fill. It is thicker, has a slight elasticity, so it can be manipulated and shaped. 100% natural wool is stain and water-resistant, flame resistant and self-extinguishing, anti-bacterial, anti-bacterial, ecologically and animal friendly. Although it is more expensive than acrylic (craft) felt, in my opinion, wool felt is in a long run totally worth a bit higher investment, especially if you are making toys, pillow, or other stuff for kids with it.

STEP 2: The body

- A. Print the sun pattern (pages 8 and 9) and cut the sun out from the paper. Position the sun on the felt and pin it. Use trick pen or chalk to mark the sun on the felt. Repeat twice, for the front and back.
- B. Cut the sun's front and back from the felt. Mark the top ray on both.



- C. Pin the template back to the sun, but only on the top (see picture C). Put the transfer paper between the felt and paper (transfer side facing down). Go along the lines for eyes and mouth with a sharp pen. Because felt is soft, you will have to press a pen hard (not too hard). Before you remove the pin, make sure the lines are visible on the felt. After you remove it, go through all transferred lines on the fabric with the trick pen, so that you will be able to see the lines better.



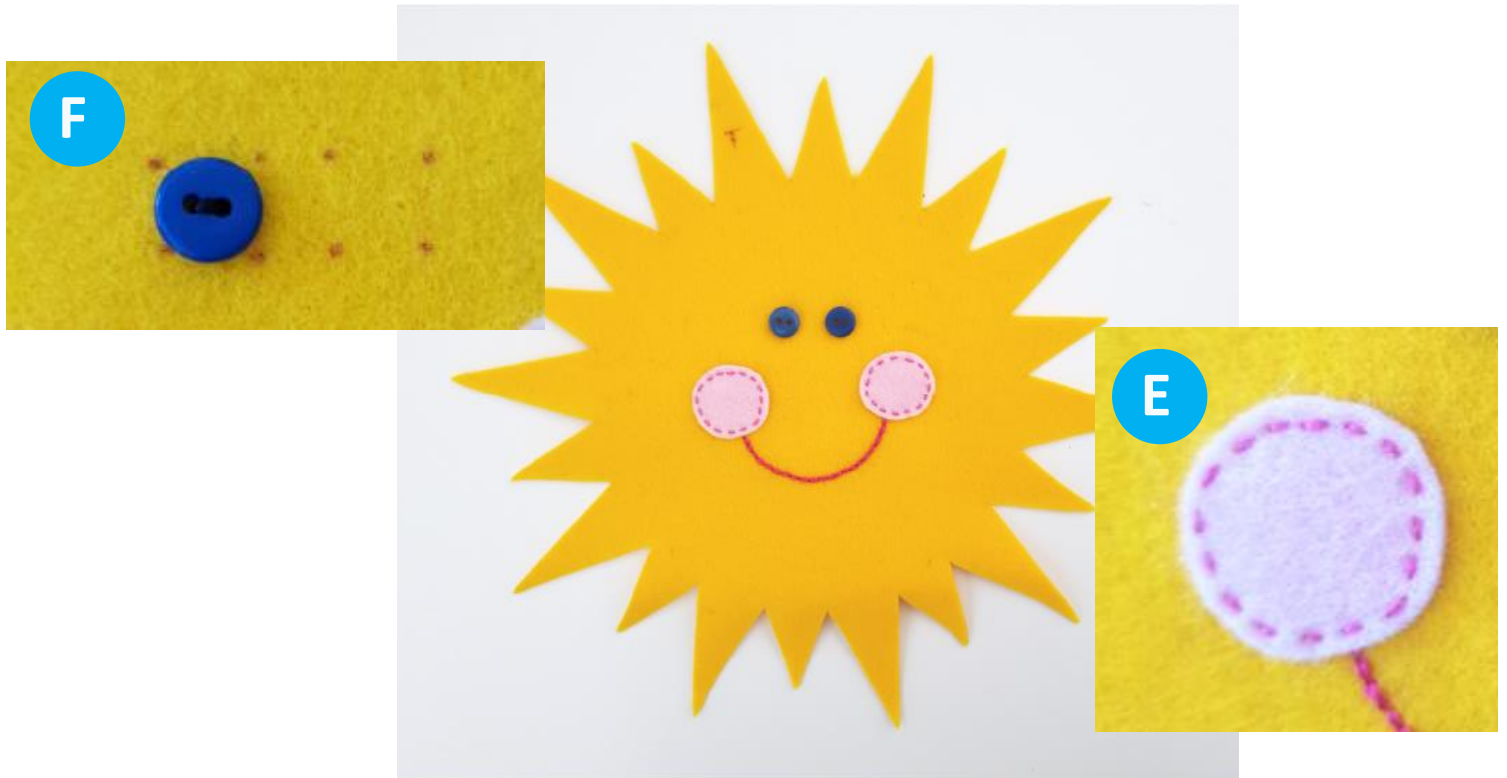
TRANSFERRING PAPER

You can use transfer paper for transferring to different materials like paper, fabric, canvas, even wood. It is universally applicable in craft projects and reusable. I still use the one my mom used for the typewriter in the old days. :)

If you are transferring to darker fabrics, look for transfer paper with the white transfer.

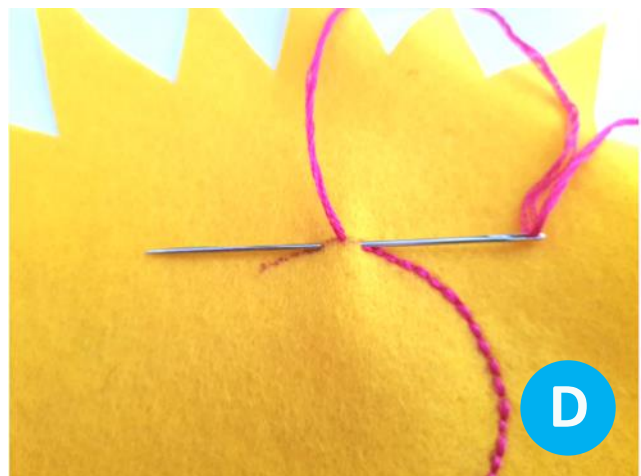
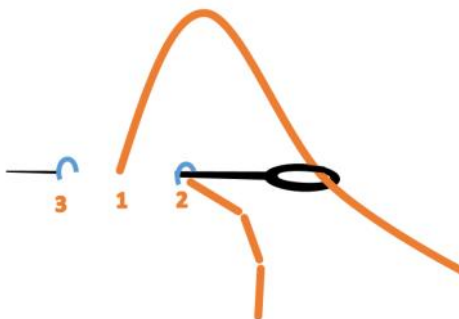
STEP 3: The face

- C. First, do the mouth using the backstitch (see below how).
- D. Pin both cheeks to the right position. Sew them on the fabric with dark pink embroidery thread using the regular running stitch. Hide all the ends on the backside.
- E. F. Sew the eyes, buttons or felt ones. First, position the eyes so that it looks good. Then mark four points around them with the trick pen. That will help you sew the eyes into the right place.



THE BACKSTITCH

The backstitch is an embroidery stitch where individual stitches are made backward to the general direction of sewing.



To start embroidery, make a knot on the embroidery thread. When you finish embroidery make a knot on the back side.

STEP 4: The back embroidery

- G. Using the transfer paper, you have already transferred the embroidery to the felt in step 2. Now, you will do the embroidery of them, using the backstitch (page 4).
- H. Three little stars - make three small stitches crossing each other to create a star.



STEP 5: Sewing the sun together

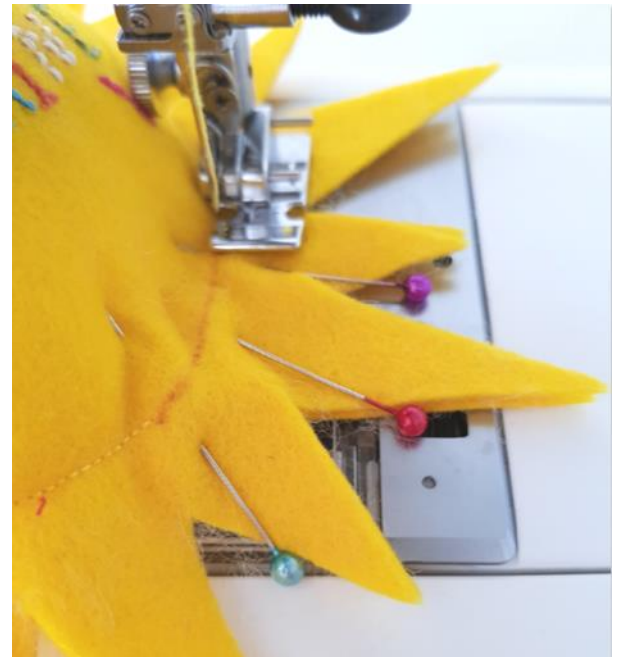
- I. Put the front and the backside of the sun with the back sides together.
- J. Position the pattern on the top. Pin everything together.
- K. Sew the sun together with regular seam on your sewing machine, leaving the opening at the bottom as marked. Just follow the line on the paper. Remove the paper gently. Draw a line with a trick marker on felt where seam for sewing the opening will go.



- L. Stuff the sun through the opening at the bottom. Use small pieces of stuffing and distribute them evenly. Massage the sun to get everything into the place. How much stuffing is enough? You can't overdo it. :)



- M. Pin the opening together as shown on the picture and sew it with a sewing machine using a regular stitch with the **zipper foot**.



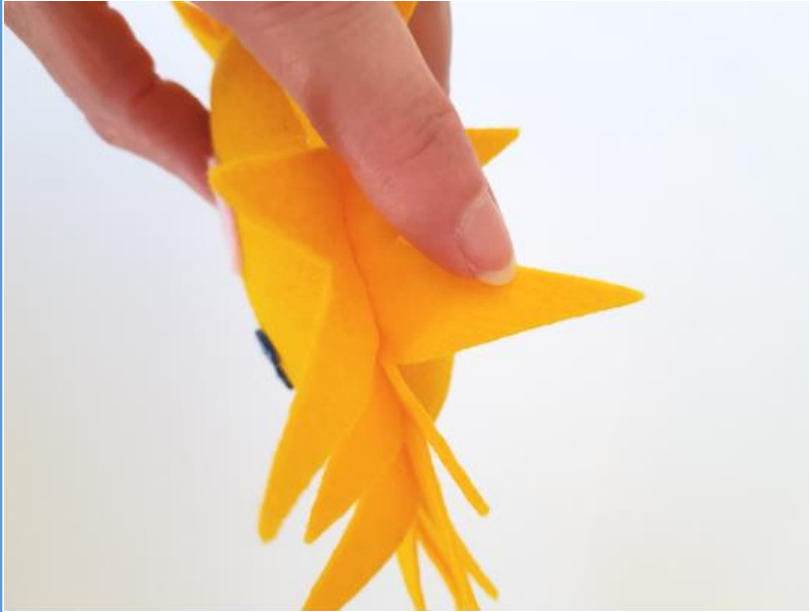
Congratulations!

You have made your very first joyful, smiling sun. Do you like it?

I would LOVE to see how it turned out.

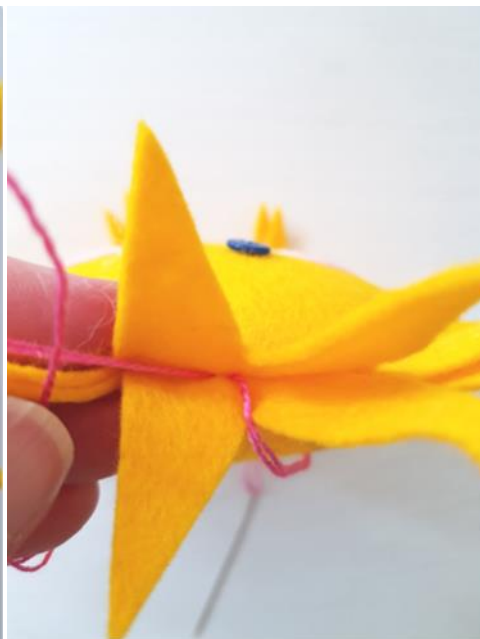


HOW TO MAKE THE SUN LOOK EVEN MORE FABULOUS?



Put the rays apart, because this sun likes the messy look!

Add the string with little pom-poms and hang the sun on the wall or ceiling.





Happy Sun

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