

make it monday

Humpty Dumpty Toy



Difficulty Level: ✂✂ ✂ ✂ (out of 5)

Time Commitment: ⌚ approximately 3-4 hours

Supplies:

- Fabric (scraps or ¼ yd each canvas and ticking stripe)
- Matching thread
- Fabric pen
- Buttons for eyes
- Red embroidery thread
- Embroidery needle
- Pipe Cleaners (two 6" pieces and two 7" pieces)
- Velcro, sewable (6")
- Sewing Needle
- Safety pin or bodkin for turning fabric tubes
- Thin cardboard
- Stuffing (polyfill, buckwheat hulls, etc.)

Note: All seams should be ¼ inch (except on hands as noted). I think this pattern would be really cute in patchwork. If you do not want to make this as a detachable toy, you can omit the circles and just sew the top and bottom together.

Step 1: CUT FABRIC

Cut fabric and cardboard according to template. To make striped fabric aligned, fold over fabric and cut two pieces at a time, then cut next two pieces with matching stripe alignment (pictured below). Cut pipe cleaners to size specified in supplies list. Cut velcro in 3" strips.



Step 2: HEAD

Sew head pieces along side seam right sides together with 1/4" seam. Be sure to mark 1/4" from the tip of the triangle and stop there (picture below). Sew two together, then add next piece, and so on. I reinforced all of my seams on this project with an overcasting stitch.



Step 3: FACE

Mark face with fabric pen. Sew buttons for eyes and sew mouth with embroidery thread. I used a variation of a chain stitch for the mouth.

Step 4: ARMS & LEGS

Sew hands and feet. Sew two pieces, right sides together to form each hand and foot. I simply used an overcasting stitch which gave me less than a 1/4" seam. Turn them right side out by squeezing the fabric tube open and pushing the tip down inside itself (see photo). I used tweezers to pull out fabric and a closed pen to push.



Sew legs and arms. Fold over fabric and sew right sides together. Pull fabric tubes right side out by attaching a safety pin to one end, pushing it down and feeding it through the tube. Alternately, you could use a bodkin or string sewn into the end. There are many methods for doing this so find the one that works for you.

Insert pipe cleaner into a hand. Sew in place. Then fold down end of the arm and insert pipe cleaner through it (see photo). Then fold hand until it fits into arm sleeve. Sew in place (you may have to push this through your machine). Repeat with other arm and legs.



Note: If you don't feel comfortable sewing over the pipe cleaners, then just place the pipe cleaners through to the end of the arm.

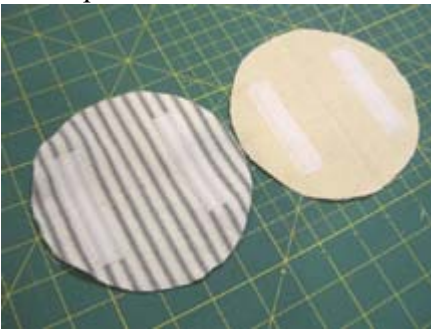
Step 5: SEW BODY TOGETHER

Place leg and arm in position as pictured below with fabric right sides together. Pin in place and sew. Sew other leg and arm on the other side of the main body piece. Then sew back piece in place.



Step 6: CIRCLES

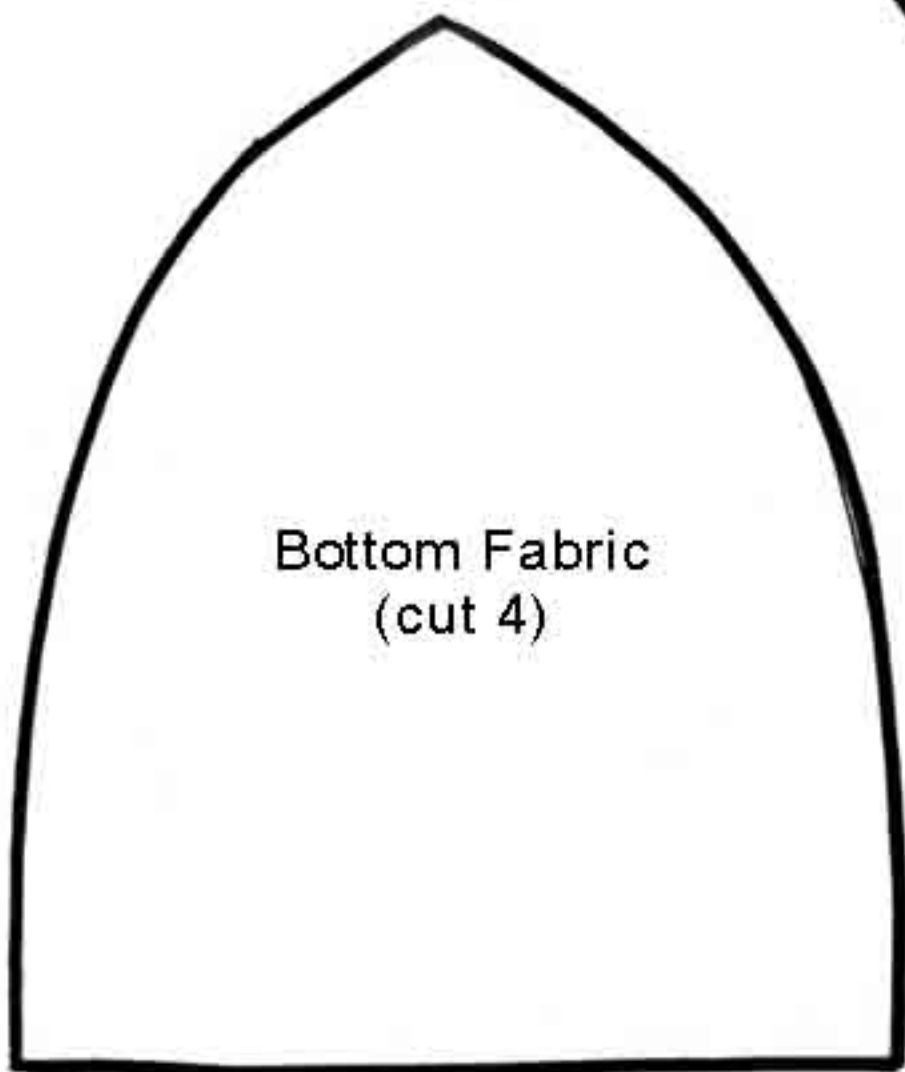
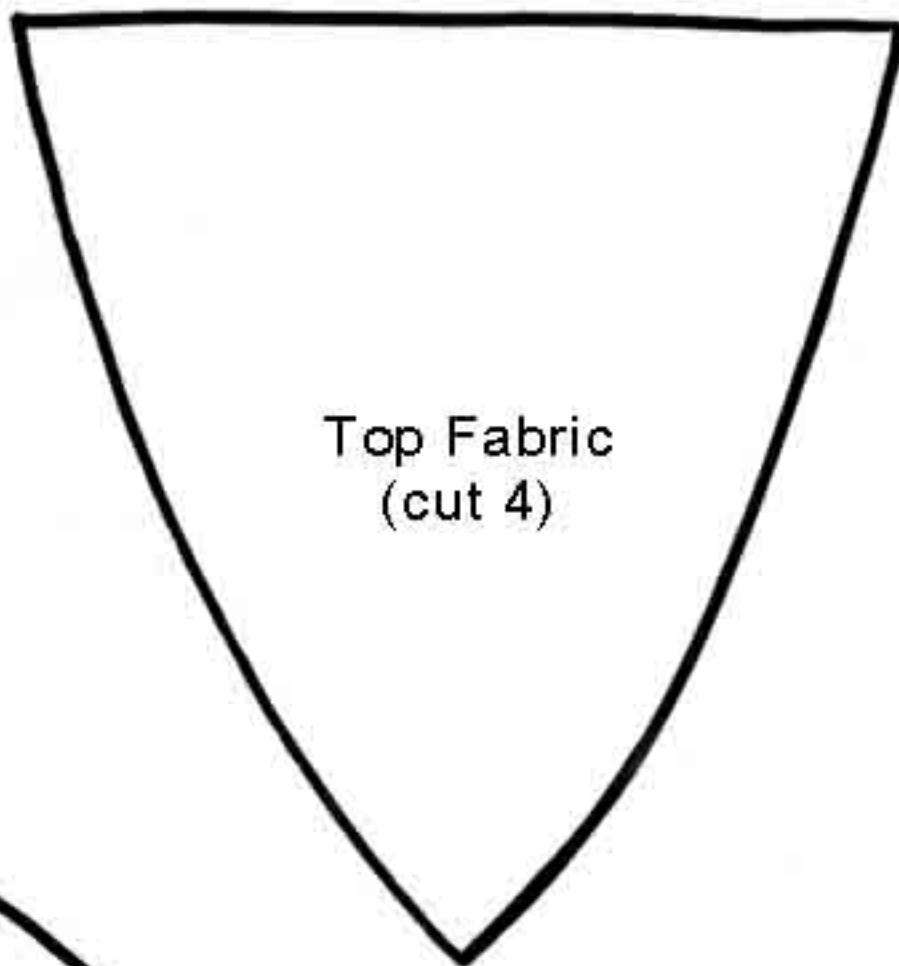
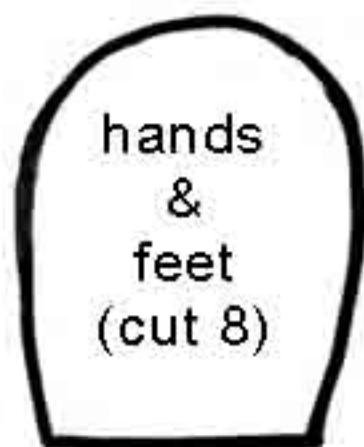
Mark the center of each of your fabric circles, then measure two inches and mark on either side. This should be where you place the inner side of your Velcro strips. Sew two 3" strips of velcro (loop side) onto striped fabric. Make sure that your stripes will be aligned with your velcro and body piece. Sew two 3" strips of velcro (hook side) onto the plain fabric.



Turn head inside out and pin circle to the underside and sew slowly, leaving back section open for stuffing. Repeat with the striped fabric circle for the body.

Step 7: STUFF AND FINISH

Carefully fold cardboard circles and insert into each piece. Fill with stuffing of your choice. I used buckwheat hulls for the bottom and polyfill for the top. Fold over seam, pin and hand sew in place.



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