

How To

Make a Sock Monkey

By Coleen Simpson



Equipment Needed

- * Pair of socks, if using a pattern choose it carefully
- * Pen
- * Thread to match the colour of sock fabric
- * Needle
- * Buttons for eyes
- * Stuffing
- * Strand of embroidery thread, red or black
- * Korbond 10" Dressmaking Scissors

Step One



Turn one sock inside out and lay it on its front so the heel piece is facing you and the open end of the sock is closest to you. Draw a line from about 2cm below the heel piece down towards the open end, then draw a curved line to create the monkey's foot shape. Using a 3mm margin allowance each time, sew down each side of the line and around your curved feet. Use dressmaking shears to cut **along** the straight part of your drawn line. Trim any large pieces around feet and then turn inside out using the hole created at the top of your drawn line. You have the body shape for your monkey.

Step Two

Lay the other sock flat on its side. Starting halfway across the ankle end, draw a line all the way to the toe, making sure draw about 3mm away from the heel piece which needs to remain intact. Cut all the way along this line. The long, non-heel piece will become your monkey's tail. Take the other piece of the sock and cut around the heel piece leaving about 3mm of the main sock fabric attached. Use shears to cut one of these longer pieces in half lengthwise and the other width wise. The longer pieces will become arms, the wider pieces will become ears and the heel will become the mouth. The toe piece will not be needed.



Step Three

Take the long, tail piece and fold so that the right sides are facing and the raw edges are together. Starting at the top (ankle end) sew along the length of the fabric leaving a 3mm seam allowance until about 1-1.5cm from the end. Continue sewing towards the fold in the fabric to create a rounded end to your tail. Turn inside out.

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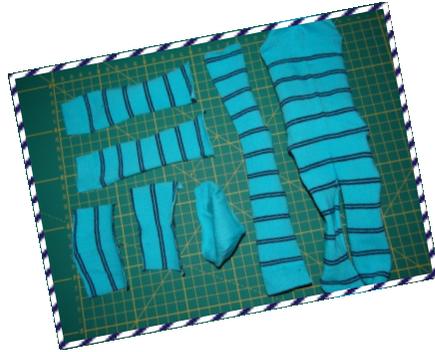
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Step Four

Using small amounts of stuffing at a time to avoid a lumpy finish, stuff your monkey body until you are happy with the finish. Sew closed. Sew the two longer arm pieces as you did with the tail and then stuff the tail and arms, pin in correct position (seam inwards) on the monkey and then hand stitch in place using a needle and thread.

Step Five

Take the two ear pieces and sew in a 'U' shape around the edges leaving a 3mm seam allowance. Turn them so that the right way is inside, tuck the raw edges in and sew as with arms and tail. Do not stuff the ears, though you could place some crinkly sounding fabric inside if wished.

Step Six

Position the heel piece in the desired position on the monkey's face. Turn the raw edges under. Starting from one corner, hand stitch neatly from the underside so the stitches will not be visible. Continue until you only have a small gap left near where you started. Stuff the mouth piece, adjusting so that it is symmetrical, and then close the hole with small stitches. Use several strands of embroidery thread in black or red to sew across the front to create the mouth.

Step Seven

Use a needle and thread to hand sew the buttons in place for eyes. If the monkey is intended for a young child, use embroidery thread to sew large X's for eyes instead of buttons. Voila!

