

## Tutorial: How to make a simple fabric soft toy

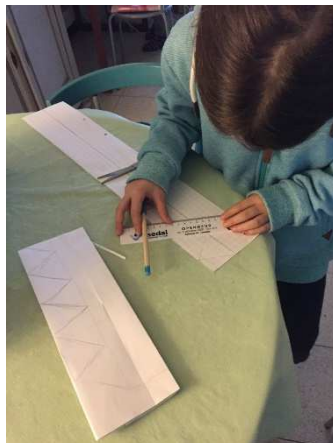
### Supplies:

- Fabrics (different colours)
- Needle and thread (or a sewing machine)
- Stuffing (e.g. polyester fibres)
- Scissors (also for left-handed people)
- Pencil or chalk (for drawing patterns)
- Safety eyes (optional)
- Ribbon, buttons or other embellishments (optional)

### Steps:

#### 1. Choose a design:

- Think about what kind of soft toy you want to make. Maybe a bear, a rabbit or a fantasy animal?
- Draw the design on paper. Keep it simple, especially if this is your first soft toy project.



#### 2. Cut the fabric: lay the fabric folded in half with right sides together.

3. Use your pattern to cut out the shape of your soft toy. Make sure you have two identical pieces.



4. Sew the soft toy:

- Sew the pieces of fabric along the edges, using a sewing machine or by hand. Leave an opening at the bottom to stuff the soft toy.
- Turn the fabric inside out so the right side is visible.



5. Stuff the soft toy:

- Fill your soft toy with the polyester fibres. Don't stuff too much or your soft toy will be too firm.
- Sew the opening closed.

6. Add details:

- Sew your soft toy's eyes and mouth. You can also add a nose with a small piece of fabric.
- Decorate your soft toy with ribbon, buttons or other accessories.



7. Cuddle! Your new fabric soft toy is ready!