

Hug-o-saurus

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Supplies:

3 fat quarters of coordinating cotton fabric
4 - 1/2" buttons
Pair of plastic doll eyes with post, 9mm-12mm
Scrap of ultra-suede
Fun yarns or fibers, 2-3 yards
Store bought wings or make your own
1 - 12volt lightbulb, I used GE, comes in a package of two
Stuffing, matching thread, tacky glue

The heart that Huggie holds is optional. I just drew a simple heart pattern, stitched and stuffed it.

Use 1/4" seam allowances when sewing.

Directions:

* Trace the arm, leg and head templates to freezer paper, cut out, iron to wrong side of doubled fabric.

* Sew all around the arm templates, cut out leaving a small seam allowance. Cut a small slit on one side only for turning. Remember to have a right and left arm. Turn, stuff firmly. Set aside.

* Sew around foot template leaving open where indicated. Cut out leaving a small seam allowance. Bring the seams together at the open end and stitch a slight curve across the opening. Cut a small slit on one side only of each leg, remembering to have a right and left leg. Turn and stuff firmly.

* Thread a needle with strong thread and needle sculpt toes. I like four toes for Huggie. Set legs aside.

* Cut two body pieces from chosen fabric and one gusset from contrasting fabric. The gusset is cut on the bias.

* Starting at neck edge, sew the gusset to one side of the body. Repeat for other side of the body.

* Sew the body starting at the neck edge opposite the gusset and all around ending at where the gusset is joined at the bottom of the body. Turn through the neck and stuff the body firmly making sure to get the tummy rounded and full. Turn the neck edge under 1/4" and finger press. You'll notice he has a small hump on his back, this is where you will attach the wings later.

* Sew the front head from top of head to nose opening, and then bottom of face to nose opening. Cut out leaving a small seam allowance and right next to the side edge.

* Sew the head back, leaving open where indicated.

* Sew head front to head back. Turn through opening in the head back.

* Using a small safety pin, pin closed the nose opening while stuffing the rest of the head. Stuff firmly.

✿ Thread a sculpting needle with strong thread. I like upholstery thread. Insert at top of head and exit at mouth area, bring thread across the top of the face and reinsert on other side of mouth, exit at top of head. Repeat this one more time and pull on the thread to make the mouth indent into a lovely smile.

✿ With your sculpting needle and more thread enter at top head, exit at inner eye corner, take a small stitch and exit at top of head. Repeat this process again, pulling on thread to indent eye corner. Repeat process for other side.

✿ About 1/4"-1/2" over from eye corner, make a small hole to insert plastic eye. Put some glue into the hole and on the shaft of the eye. Push into the hole, hold for a bit, let dry.

✿ From the scrap of ultrasuede, cut two small half circles to fit over the eyes and extend a bit past. Apply a light layer of glue to the eyelids and press in place. Let dry thoroughly.

✿ Unpin the pin holding the nose closed. Turn edge under and apply glue to the inside. Insert your lightbulb into the nose, pulling up the fabric around the lightbulb.

a Using the buttons, attach the legs and arms to the

body. Make sure he stands by positioning the legs correctly. Button joint the arms and legs. Arms are attached where indicated by the X on the pattern.

✿ Ladder stitch the head to the neck.

✿ Gather some fun fibers or yarns into small bundles and attach around the head with glue or stitching in place.

✿ Attach wings to the back hump.

✿ Give him something to hold and stitch to his hands. I made a simple heart.

And now your Hug-o-saurus is ready to go out and make someone happy or sit contentedly with you and make YOU happy.

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