



“Puppy Pinwheel Toy ”

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Description: This pattern was designed for a fabric toy shaped like a pinwheel that can be sewn utilizing 1/4 yard remnants. The toy would be excellent for any puppy but is especially loved by short snout dogs who have difficulty grabbing balls. The finished toy should measure 9 inches in diameter. It is soft enough to play fetch in the house and bounces well considering it is not round. Your dog will love it. Full size color pictures and instructions are included.



Finished Fabric Pinwheel “being guarded by Jean Luc”

Materials needed:

Roughly 1/4 yard flannel or felt. Example in pattern used 6” x 24”inch flannel and 6” x 24” felt remnants with a small amount of fabric left over

Matching Thread

Sewing machine

Pins, scissors or cutting wheel, heavy duty needle, pinking shears

Straight edge ruler to measure

Iron and pressing board or surface

Needle and thread

Polyfil Stuffing





Choose your fabrics for your puppy toy. Wash and dry before you begin sewing. Print off the template on the last page of these instructions and cut it out. Use the template, your straight edge and scissors or cutting wheel to cut 20 pieces of fabric. You can mix and match to make a more colorful wheel.

Once you get all of your pieces cut out they should look something like this.



If you are alternating fabrics you can separate them so it will be less confusing when you begin sewing.





Take your first two pieces and put them right sides together. Align them as closely to the edge as you can. This will make a much neater finished product. Pin them carefully.

Use a 1/4 inch seam allowance when sewing the pieces together. In the example, we used the edge of our foot and kept our fabric there as we sewed our seams



Here are the first two pieces sewn together. You can use your iron and press the seams apart to make each consecutive piece easier to manage.





Continue in this manner as you work your way around creating a circle.



When you get to your last piece it may look like it is too small but that will not be a problem once you pin the seams. Your fabric will stretch nicely.





Lay your last pieces facing together. Folding the whole item in half will make it easier.

When you finish the seam you may notice that your points do not line up exactly. That is no problem. You are going to need to reinforce that area anyway.



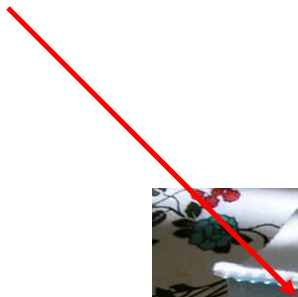
Fold the entire piece in half and lay it on the machine. It will have some bulk so you will need to sew slowly. Your seam will be a semi circle and when you finish it will help those ends stay together. You can trim the tip of the bulk away but be careful not to cut into the seam.





Turn your piece inside out and you will see that it really makes a difference in the strength of the piece. You have sewn half of the pinwheel! Now do the same for the other side.

With both pieces sewn you are ready to trim all of the seams with your pinking shears. This will remove some more of the bulk.



Very carefully use your pinking shears so you do not cut into your seams.





Iron both of your pieces so that when you pin them together, they will align.

Place your pieces right sides together and pin around the perimeter matching the seams and fabrics as closely as you can. You will leave an opening so you can turn it later and fill with stuffing.



Marking with two pins will remind you where to start and stop sewing.





Sew around the perimeter of the piece with a 1/2 inch seam



Use your pinking shears to trim around the seam you have just sewn



Turn your piece right side out.





Stuff the piece with the Polyfil. The fullness is up to your liking and according to the size of your puppy.



Use a needle and thread to close the opening.





Your Puppy Pinwheel is now complete! Get ready for some fun!



Enjoy!



Cut out triangle and use for fabric pieces

