



# Ewok Feltie

## Activity Kit



## Materials Included:

- Ewok pattern
- Brown felt
- Yellow felt
- Scrap felt
- Pin, Needles
- Yellow and brown embroidery floss
- Black seed beads
- Fiber fill
- Chalk

## Objective(s):

Use the craft supplies provided to learn and practice basic hand sewing.

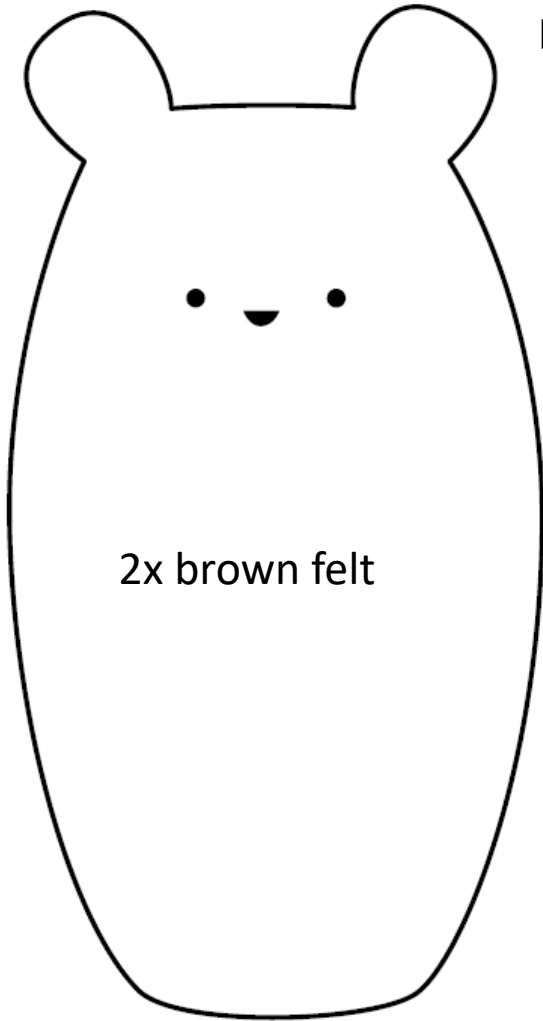
## Provide Your Own:

- Scissors\*
- Ruler or tape measure
- (Optional) Uncooked rice for filling instead of fiber fill



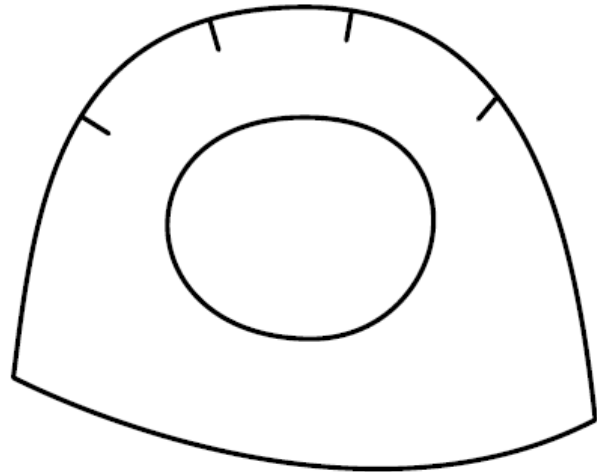
**\*Preferably a pair of scissors to cut your pattern and a separate pair of fabric scissors to cut felt and thread. Or at least a pair of sharp , non-plastic scissors to cut the pattern, felt, and thread.**

# Pattern for project



2x brown felt

Ewok pattern



2x yellow felt  
(1 piece with  
circle cut out)

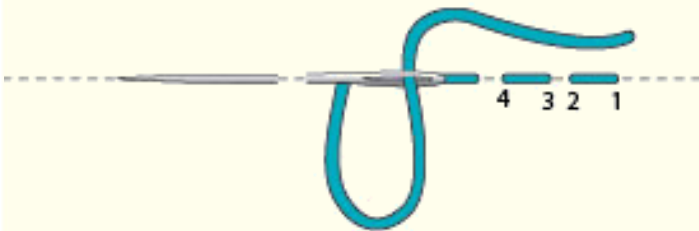


## Before you start

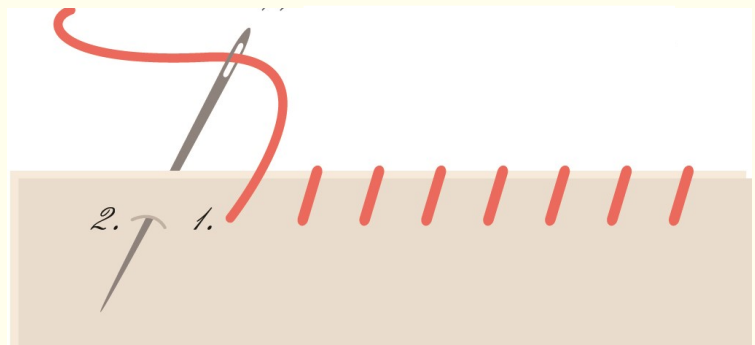
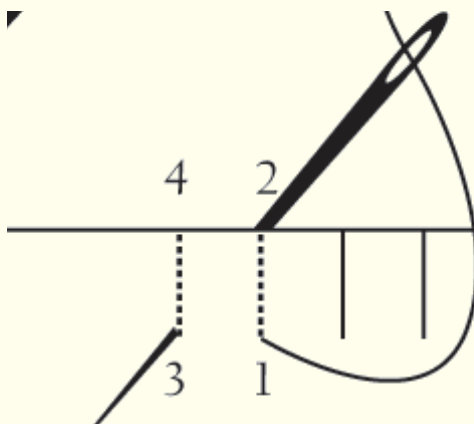
- Please take your time, and make your stitches carefully.
- Be patient with yourself.
- Be careful with the sewing needle and pins. They can be sharp!

**Stitches to know:** Practice on the felt scrap, if needed. Feel free to check YouTube videos for tutorials on either stitch.

### Running stitch



### Whip stitch



# Before you start

## Sewing basics

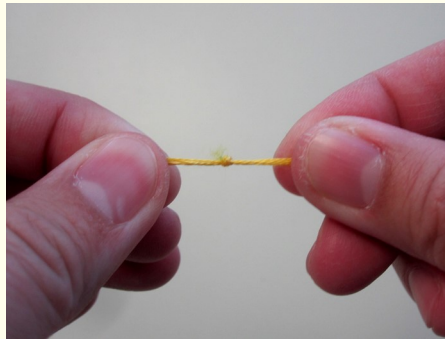
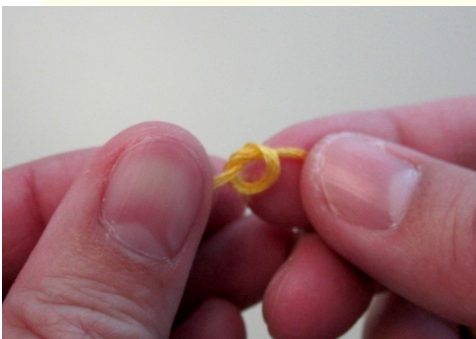
### Threading a needle:

- Use a little water to dampen one end of the thread, if needed, to make it easier to go through the eye of the needle (opening).
- Hold the dampened end of the thread in one hand between finger and thumb. Use the other hand to hold the needle.
- Put the whole dampened end of the thread carefully through the eye of the needle.
- Tie 2-3 simple knots on top of each other on the tail (other end of the thread).



### Tying a knot:

- Tie a simple knot on the tail of the thread after threading a needle or to finish a project
- It may require 2-3 knots over the same spot to make a bigger knot



# Before you start

## Sewing basics

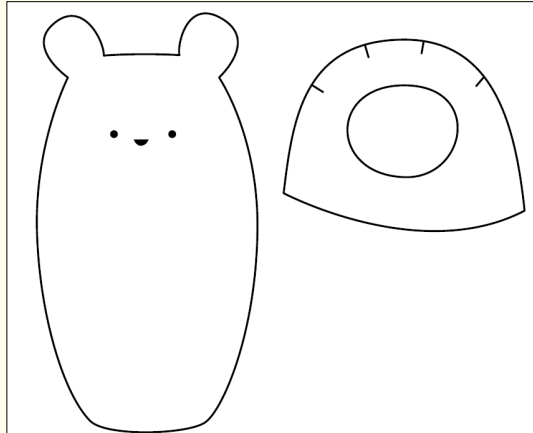
### Pinning pieces together:

- Some projects require pinning a paper pattern to fabric or 2 pieces of fabric together or pinning parts over the whole shape to hold the pieces together while you cut (for the pattern) or while you sew.
- For the paper pattern on fabric, make sure the pattern covers the whole piece of fabric.
- For 2 pieces of fabric, make sure both pieces are even. Also, depending on your project, pay attention to which piece is the front.
- Take a sewing pin, press the sharp end through the front layer and out the back layer, then bring the sharp end through the back to the front. Straighten out the fabric, so it is not bunched up around the pin.



# Directions:

**Step 1:** Use regular scissors to carefully cut out the paper pattern. Cut out the opening of the hood.



**Step 2:** Cut out 2 brown felt pieces for the Ewok.

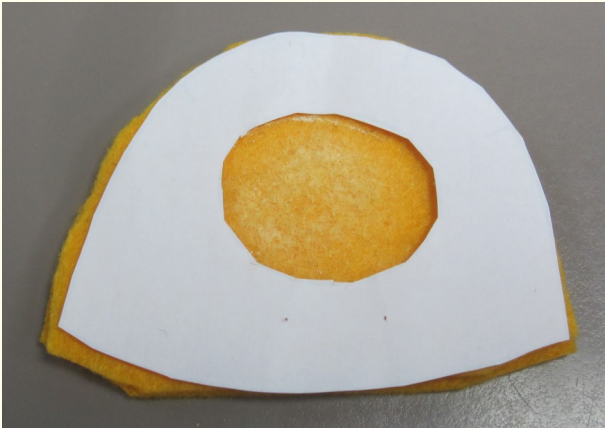
- Fold the brown felt in half, place the pattern over the felt (making sure the paper pattern covers the felt completely), and pin the pattern to the felt.
- Carefully cut out the felt pieces with fabric scissors, avoiding jagged edges.



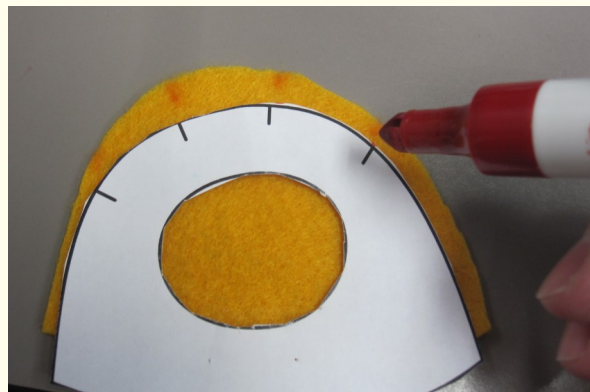
## Directions:

**Step 3:** Cut out 2 yellow felt pieces for the Ewok's hood.

- Fold the yellow felt in half, place the pattern over the felt (making sure the paper pattern covers the felt completely), and pin the pattern to the felt.
- Carefully cut out the felt pieces with fabric scissors, avoiding jagged edges.
- Use chalk to trace the opening, and neatly cut the opening out of one of the yellow pieces (this is the front piece)



**Step 4:** Using the pattern as a reference, use chalk to mark on the bottom hood piece (the piece without the opening) where the ear openings on the hood will be.

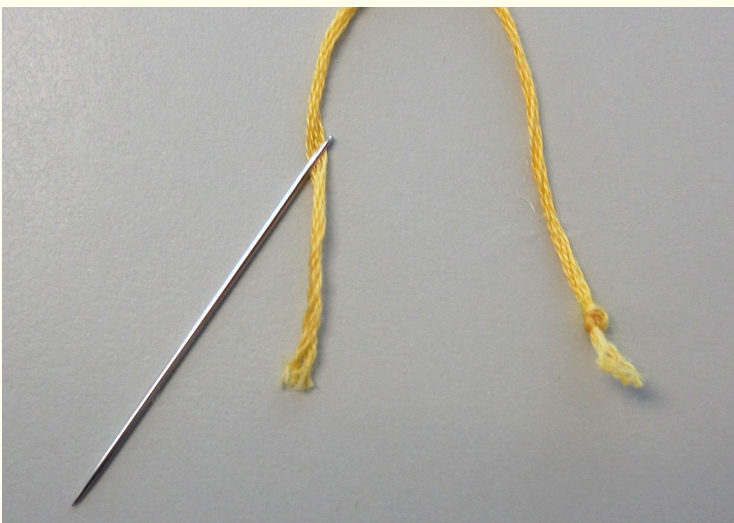




## Directions:

**Step 5:** Use the whip stitch to attach the yellow hood pieces together, leaving openings for the ears and at the bottom for the head to fit through.

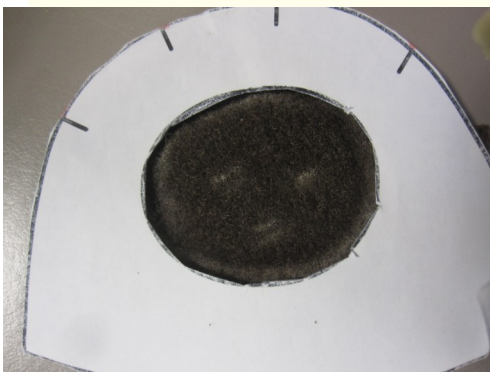
- Stack the hood pieces together first, and make sure they are even. Pin the pieces together.
- Thread the needle with 2 feet of brown thread.
- Start on one side of the hood, start the needle behind the front layer, so the knot is on the inside of the hood. Use a whip stitch, making small, even stitches towards the ear opening.
- For the ear openings, run the thread between the layers, position the needle on the other side of the opening, have the needle exit the front layer. Make a few more whip stitches to the second ear opening. Repeat for other ear. Continue with whip stitches to the end.
- To finish, tie 2-3 simple knots on top of each other on the back of the hood. Trim excess thread.



## Directions:

**Step 6:** Sew the black seed beads on the Ewok to make its face.

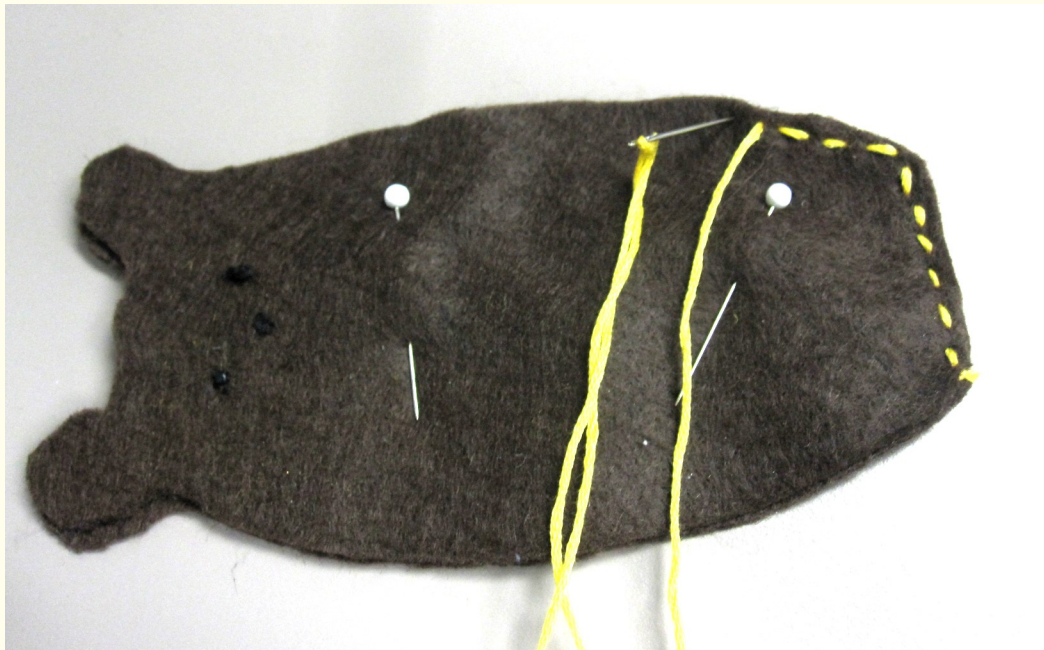
- Place the hood pattern over where the Ewok's face will be. Use chalk to trace the circle, and mark where the eyes and mouth will go.
- Thread the needle with 1 foot of brown thread.
- Run the needle behind the felt piece where you marked one of the eyes, so the knot is on the unchalked side.
- Once the needle and rest of the thread are through the felt, slip a black seed bead through the needle, and pull it all the way through until it rests on the felt.
- Poke the needle next to where the thread came out, and pull the needle and thread all the way through. This should secure the bead in place.
- Go to the next marked spot for the face, and repeat above for the remaining 2 beads.
- Once the last bead is secured, tie 2-3 simple knots on top of each other on the back of the felt piece, and trim off the excess thread. Dust off the chalk on the face.



## Directions:

**Step 7:** Place the two Ewok body pieces together (face on the outside), and sew together use a running stitch, leaving a 1-2 inch opening along the side.

- Stack the Ewok body pieces (face on the outside), and make sure they are even. Pin pieces together with a few pins.
- Thread the needle with 2 feet of yellow thread.
- Start at the bottom of the Ewok with the needle going from the back to the front layer (so the knot is on the back).
- Use a running stitch to sew around the body just inside the edge (about 0.25 inches in). Keep stitches small, even, and neat.
- Re-thread as necessary.
- Leave a 1-2 inch opening. Leave the thread and needle attached to close the opening after stuffing.



## Directions:

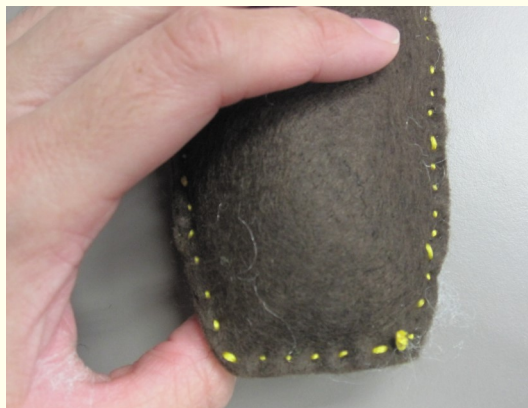
**Step 8:** Stuff the feltie through the opening you left with fiber fill. Use your scissors to poke in the fiber fill, if needed.

(optional) If you have uncooked rice, you can use that to fill your feltie for a different texture and to use as a hand warmer (just microwave completed feltie for about 15-20 seconds).



**Step 9:** Use a running stitch to close the opening with the remaining thread.

- Use the remaining thread, or rethread, if needed.
- Continue sewing running stitches from where you left off.
- When the opening is closed, tie 2-3 simple knots top of each other on the back of the feltie. Trim off excess thread.



## Directions:

**Step 10:** Pull the hood over the head. Congratulations on completing your feltie!



Adapted from

<http://wildolive.blogspot.co.uk/2012/05/may-4th-be-with-you.html>

## Additional Resources:

Find live programs, on-demand programs, and downloadable activity kits at [VBgov.com/library-programs](https://www.vbgov.com/library-programs).

Please share your photos of these activities with us on social media.



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