

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING SALTY SAM TOYS

GENERAL NOTES

Read carefully before commencing

1. When using fur fabric or fleece, ensure the pile is lying downwards on all pieces.
2. When cutting fur fabric or fleece, make sure you push the point of your scissors through the bottom of the pile to cut only the base fabric and not the fur.
3. When a pattern piece says 'cut 2', you need to flip the pattern over to cut the second piece as a mirror image.
4. A seam of 4mm is included on the pattern pieces for the smaller toys and a seam of 6mm is included on the pattern pieces for Sam and Sam's clothes.
5. You will need one bag of stuffing to make one of each character. (250g bags)
6. Don't use stick on eyes if the toys are for very small children. Use felt that is sewn on instead.
7. Use felt for Sam's eyes and embroider on the pupils using black embroidery thread and satin stitch, then using white embroidery thread add a French knot to each pupil to create the shine in his eyes. Sam's irises are pale blue.
8. The seahorse made up in different colours could be used to make a mobile for above a baby's cot. Don't use stick on eyes.
9. Clip all curved edges carefully before turning the toys the right way out for stuffing.
10. Use a pencil to help ease points out and get the stuffing into hard to reach extremities.
11. Push the stuffing into the toys in small amounts otherwise it will lump up.
12. You will need 1 metre of pink flannelette to make Sam, the jellyfish and the starfish.
13. You will need 20cm of white fur fabric for Sam's hair, beard and eyebrows and after cutting it, wipe it over with a damp cloth or piece of kitchen paper to remove loose fibres.
14. You will need 20cm of light blue or grey fleece or fur fabric for the mouse.
15. Otherwise the toys can be made from remnants.
16. If you are short of any fabric, most shops will sell 20cm of fabric from a roll.
17. Sam's trousers will need slightly more than 20cm of fabric and a 52cm length of ½cm wide elastic.
18. All yarn used is double knitting. 100g of each colour should be sufficient.
19. You won't need more than one small sheet of felt in each colour you choose to use, and you can now buy washable felt.
20. Remember to sew all fabric pieces right sides together.
21. You must stick the three sheets of paper that contain each part of Sam's body front and body back together before you cut them out. (They are butted together with no overlap.) When you have a complete front and a complete back they can be laid on your fabric. Don't cut pieces of fabric out separately! Do the same with the pattern for the trousers.
22. The jellyfish body and collar patterns are placed on folded fabric so complete circles are cut out.

These toys are not suitable for babies to play with.

Please make sure that all parts of the toys are securely fitted together.

Your use of the toys is at your own risk.

Knitting Abbreviations

k = knit p = purl st(s) = stitch(es)

st st = stocking stitch = one row knit, one row purl

garter stitch = knit every row

sl = slip = slip stitch over without knitting it

dk = double knitting

tog = together

inc = increase

dec = decrease