

HALLOWEEN CAT PATTERN

INSTRUCTIONS (TEXT ONLY)

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You will need:

- approx 24 x 42cm knit fabric
- toy stuffing
- small amount of rice

The pieces you need to cut out are:

- 2 body pieces
- 2 tail pieces
- 3 gussets

1. With right sides together stitch the 2 body pieces together, leaving the bottom between the notches unsewn. Use a 1cm seam allowance. ****Leave the body inside out.****
2. Sew 2 gusset pieces together with a 1cm seam allowance, leaving a gap in the stitching (for stuffing).
3. Stuff some rice into the gusset pieces. This will act as a weight in the bottom of the cat. This is quite fiddley - if you have a little funnel, it would be very helpful here!
4. Being careful to make sure no rice goes under your needle, sew the gap shut.
5. Baste the third gusset to the pouch of rice, stitching 0.5cm away from the edge.
6. With right sides together, stitch the 2 tails together with a 1cm seam allowance. Leave the straight edge open (for stuffing).
7. Turn the tail the right way around (this is very fiddley, sorry!). If you have a loop turner, this will be very useful. Stuff the tail with toy stuffing. Leave 1cm at the open end unstuffed.
8. Place the tail inside the body of the cat, with the tip of the tail going into the head and the open end being lined up to the notch on the back of the cat. You may have to slightly curl the tail up to get it to fit.
9. Pin the gusset/bottom to the bottom of the cat, with the plain side (the third piece you attached) on the inside. Sew with a 0.5cm seam allowance, leaving one side open for stuffing.
10. Turn the cat the right way around, stuff and hand sew the gap closed.
11. Admire your new familiar!

Note that I used the same pattern for both cats but due to the different amount of stretch in the jerseys, they ended up a slightly different size.