

PDF Pattern and Instructions



Sloth Felt Hand Puppet Pattern

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Material List for Sloth

- Felt
 - one 9" by 12" black felt sheet or scraps
 - one 9" by 12" white felt sheet or scraps
 - one 9" by 12" dark brown felt sheet or scraps
 - one 9" by 12" cream felt sheet
 - two 9" by 12" tan felt sheets

Tool List

- Scissors
- Pins
- Washable Crayons
- Glue (Hot glue, Fabric Tac or any glue that works with felt)

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"Gingerbread Man" Body

Most of our felt puppet patterns are designed with the same "gingerbread man" body shape. This way you can make blank body puppets in multiple colors and all that needs to be added are the features.

Ears - All our ear patterns are designed to be added to the gingerbread man body. There's two reasons for this. The first reason is creating a blank puppet that can become anything as mentioned above. The second is the size of pre-cut felt is often too small to fit the body and ears together.

If you prefer the look of ears as part of the body, then you can add the ears to the body pattern before cutting the felt. Just make sure you have a larger sheet of felt or felt by the yard, so your pattern fits.

Sewing Option - Body

Our instructions have you glue the two felt body pieces together with glue. You can also sew the body together with a sewing machine. This is extremely useful if you're making a lot of puppets and end up buying felt by the yard instead of by the sheet. You can trace multiple body patterns onto the larger felt and sew them all at once before cutting them out.

- Step 1: Pin together two felt sheets in the body color of your puppet.
- Step 2: Trace the body pattern in crayon on the top layer of felt. Remember to leave the bottom open for your hand.
- Step 3: Machine sew on the traced line. Double stitch the top shoulder curve, since it gets more pressure from your fingers in the puppet and might pop the stitch with use.
- Step 4: Cut out near the seam leaving about 1/8" seam allowance, but be careful not to cut the stitches. Don't turn the puppet inside out, because that will make the puppet smaller than the designed features.
- Step 5: The blank body is done and ready for the features to be glued onto the puppet.

Making the Sloth Puppet



Making the Body

Step 1: Print and cut out pattern pieces.

Step 2: Trace the body pattern on top tan felt sheet using crayons.

Note: Washable crayons work great for marking felt and the lighter colors show up on dark felt better than most pens. The crayon will eventually rub off.



Step 3: Pin the top tan felt sheet to bottom tan felt sheet so they stay together when you cut.



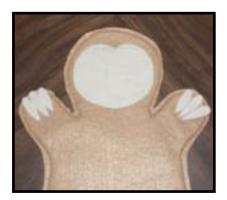
Step 4: Cut the felt along the traced body line. Be sure to cut both the top and bottom layers.



Step 5: Fold back the top layer of felt from the edge. Add a dab of glue to the bottom felt. Press and bond the top layer to the bottom. Continue around the edges of the body until the two layers are glued together. Remember to keep the bottom open for your hand.



Cut Out and Glue Felt Features
Step 1: Trace and cut out the felt features.
Cream Felt - Claws and Face
Black Felt - Pupils, Nose and Mouth
Dark Brown Felt - Patches
White Felt - Eyes



Step 2: Glue the face and claws into place.



Step 3: Glue the patches onto the face.



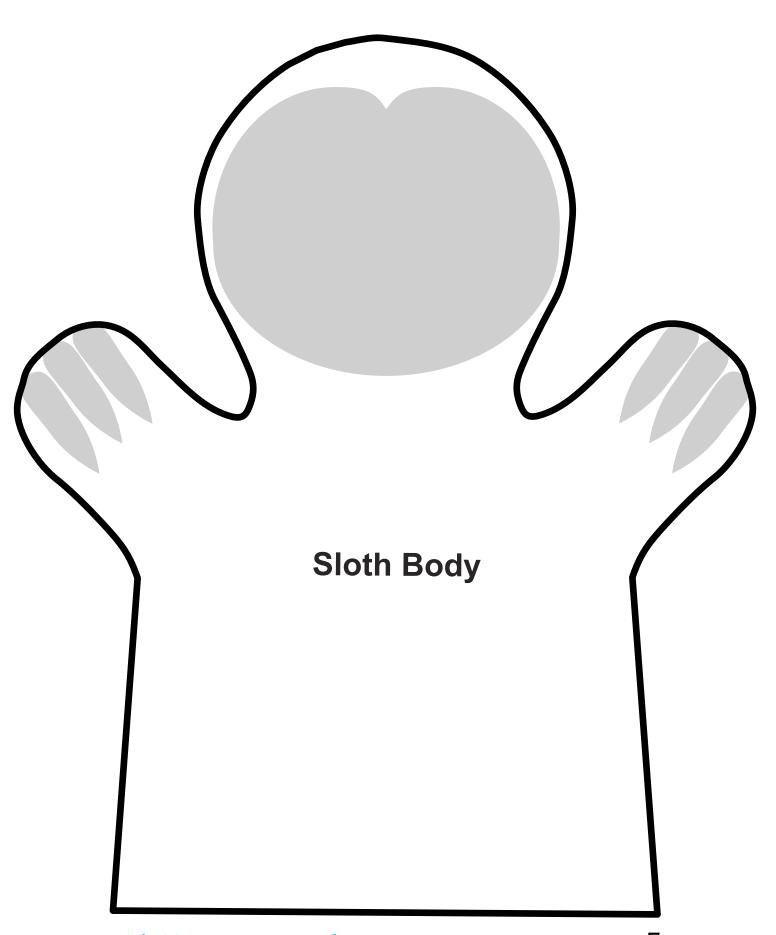
Step 4: Glue the eyes into place.



Step 5: Glue the nose and mouth into place.



Step 6: Glue the pupils into place.



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