

**SKILL LEVEL**: Some experience using a sewing machine.

**SUPPLIES**: 7 ounces Poly-fil stuffing

**TOOLS & NOTIONS**: Pins, needle, shears, thread

**EQUIPMENT**: Sewing machine, iron

### **GET READY...**



#### **PURCHASE CUT-AND-SEW PANELS**

Order and receive cut-and-sew fabric panel from spoonflower.com

Order one fat quarter of fleece or minky to make one animal. Order one yard to make 4 animals.

Download pdf instructions from <u>elaineheigldesigns.com</u> website.

## **GET SET... SEW!**



#### **GENERAL NOTES**

Stitch 1/4" seams Stitch setting: 2.5

#### **SEWING TIP**

Hold thread ends whenever starting to stitch a seam.

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# **HEAD**

- FRONT HEAD:
   Stitch neck and top head darts.
- 2) BACK HEAD: stitch two back pieces together at center back, leaving open below notches, as shown.
- 3) **Stitch** FRONT HEAD to BACK HEAD.
- 4) Clip into corners. Clip curves. Be careful not to clip stitches.
- 5) **Turn** head right side out. Stitch ears, as shown.











# **BODY**

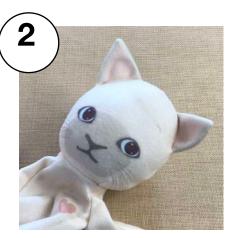
- Stitch BACK BODY darts at sides.
- 2) **Stitch** FRONT to BACK, as shown.
- 3) To reinforce crotch, **stitch** again.
- 4) **Stitch** ARMS to body at armholes.
- 5) **Stitch** arm seams.
- 6) Insert HEAD into body, as shown. **Stitch** neck seam.
- 7) **Stitch** center back seam, leaving a 3" opening for turning and stuffing body.
- 8) Clip curves at crotch and paws, being careful not to clip stitches.



# STUFF AND FINISH

- 1) **Turn** bear right side out.
- 2) **Stuff** head very firmly, shaping head by turning and studying shape as you add stuffing.
- 3) **Stuff** arms and legs firmly, ending stuffing at torso so that legs and arms will move freely when torso is stuffed.
- 4) Stuff torso, shaping rounded belly, making sure a space remains between limbs and torso. Test that arms and legs move freely, adjust stuffing if needed.
- 5) Securely hand **stitch** back opening closed, using ladder stitch.











## **TAIL OPTION**

- Stitch tail.
   Trim and clip corners and curves.
- 2) Turn, stuff and slipstitch opening
- Tack tail to back of cat.

