

Koggies[©]

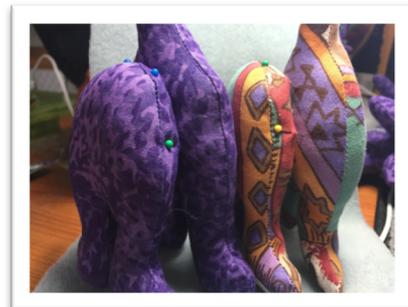
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Please read all instructions before you begin. This pattern consists of different options to make your Koggie[©] original and totally perfect. Your first choice is with the rear body. You can make a short tailed Koggie[©] or a long tailed Koggie[©]. Your next choice in the pattern is the shape of the face. You can choose between the round face and the elongated face. Another choice is the cheek area. Here, I called the elongated shape, the cheek, and the more rounded shape the jowl. Finally the last choice is the shape of ears. There is the pointy ear, round ear, or the elongated floppy ear. So many choices to make your own perfect pet. I recommend that you trace all pattern pieces onto card stock and make a whole pack of Koggies[©]

With fabric right side together, outline the pattern onto the back of the fabric. All these pieces are template pattern pieces so do not cut out any piece until after sewn. Sew pieces leaving open where indicated on the pattern. Cut out all pieces leaving one quarter to one half-inch edge from the seam. For pieces with openings indicated (ears) turn fabric to right side and lay aside. All other pattern pieces need to have the openings clipped using sharp scissors through only one layer of the doubled fabric. Use the “X” placement on the pattern for the opening. Stuff all pieces with polyester filling of your choice. All pieces should be stuffed slightly firm having the feel of a hard boiled egg. Do not stuff too hard as the pieces will become distorted.

The Body

Stitch openings closed to keep the stuffing from leaking out. Pin the front of the body to the rear of the body making sure the sewn closed openings are facing each other on the inside of the body. You do not want the sewn closed openings to be viewed on the outside of the body. Before sewing the two pieces together make sure your Koggie[©] can actually stand. Readjust the pins until the body stands firm without leaning to one side or the other. Sew the front to the back/rear of the body using small stitches. For extra stability and sturdiness, sew your joining stitches at least



one or two more times until there is no gaps or wiggles in the body. Knot the thread, secure and cut off.

The Head

Stuff firm, but not hard, as the muzzle will be needle sculpted, and you will need a little give. Sew closed the opening used to turn the piece to make sure the stuffing does not leak out. To get an idea of what the muzzle of your Koggie[®] will look like, think about how it looks on a real dog or cat. Notice that their muzzle starts as a narrow band just above the eye area

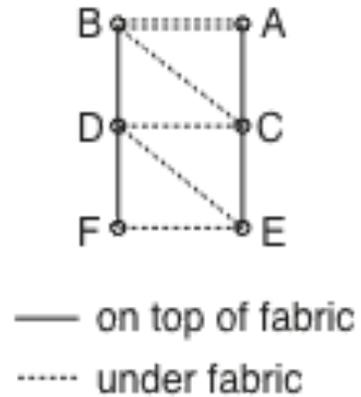


and gradually widens into a funnel shape at the beginning of the nose. Using your fingers, squeeze the stuffed head to see where you want the muzzle to be placed. Remember that you do not need to needle sculpt all the way to the bottom of the head as the nose and cheeks/jowls will be placed at the lower portion of the head. Using four straight pins, line the pins up to align the placement of the muzzle. Use two for the top and two for the bottom making sure the bottom two are farther apart to give the muzzle a funnel shape. Depending on which face you chose the muzzle would be 1 to 2 inches long. This is your judgment call on how long you want the muzzle to be. With an air erase pen, mark the two vertical lines from the top straight pin to the bottom.

Needle Sculpting the Muzzle

Use a heavy gauge thread that matches the color of your fabric or a clear polyester thread such as Spiderline 6 pound or Crystal Fireline 6 pound. Cut off approximately one half yard of thread to work with. Knot the thread and anchor into the back of the head. With the needle and thread, sew out to the front of the head coming close to the top straight pin. It doesn't matter which you use (left or right). I am right handed so I always begin my needle sculpting on the right side. Make a very small stitch as close as you can to the top pin (A) and then cross over to the top straight pin on the opposite side (B) making sure you scoop up some of the stuffing. Come out at B, take a small stitch as close to B as possible and cross back over to A making sure to scoop up the stuffing. Do not pull the thread at this point. To stabilize the stitching at the bridge of the muzzle repeat above steps from A to B and back again from B to A making sure you are scooping up the stuffing. Coming out at A and using the drawn lines as a visual aid, make a small vertical stitch to C. Cross back to B on the opposite side making sure you scoop up stuffing. Come out at B and again using the drawn lines as a

visual aid, make a small vertical stitch to D. Cross back over to the opposite side to C making sure to scoop up stuffing. Now you can pull on the thread with a gentle pull and notice the bridge of the muzzle taking shape. Do not pull too hard or else you can actually break the thread. Coming out at C and again using the drawn lines as a visual aid, make a small vertical stitch to E. Cross back over to the other side to D scooping up stuffing. Coming up at D and using the drawn lines as a visual aid, make a small vertical stitch to F. Cross back over to the opposite side to E making sure to scoop up stuffing. Pull thread seeing the muzzle develop. Repeat making small vertical stitches and crossing over to the opposite side using the instructions above to the desired length. How many vertical stitches you make will depend on the size of your stitches and how long you desire the muzzle to be. Just a reminder, you do not have to needle sculpt all the way to the bottom portion of the head as this is where the nose and cheek will be added. At the desired length of the muzzle coming out on the same as you began make one more small vertical stitch and cross back over to the bottom of the other vertical stitch on the opposite side making sure you scoop up stuffing. Cross back over to the other side. Repeat this once more or until the muzzle remains secure. Go back through the back of the head and secure your thread with an anchor stitch. Cut the thread.



Adding the Eyes

You can either choose glass eyes, in an appropriate size, or use plastic eyes that are easy to find at craft stores. Using two straight pins, determine the placement of the eyes. They should be a little lower than the top of the muzzle bridge. Hold the head out at arm length to see if the placement looks okay. Make sure the eyes are horizontally even or the Koggie[®] will look a little off kilter. Mark the two spots. Take an awl or a sharp tool and pierce the fabric making a hole. Twist down through the fabric making a channel for the shank of the eye to fit into. Take your eyes and place into the hole you just made. If it is too tight a fit, then with small sharp scissors make cuts to the opening you made with the awl large enough for the eye shank to fit. The shank might be too long so here is where you can adjust it by clipping off a portion of the shank.

Optional: At this point you can give the eyes a little more pop appeal by using a small piece of felt in different color. Cut the felt in any shape

making sure it is larger than the eye. Using the awl, once again make a hole in the piece of felt. Check fitting of the eye by inserting the shank of the eye through the felt and into the hole. The felt will be sandwiched between the eye and the fabric of the sewn and stuffed head.

Once the placement of the eye is flush with the head, add glue to the shank and the back rim of the eye making sure to not get glue on the exposed eye. Push into the channel you made with the awl. Leave to dry. I use E6000 that dries fast, but you can use any type of glue you feel comfortable with. If the fit of the eye was snug, then you do not need to stabilize the eye flush to the body until it dries. If it is wobbly, then you need to use straight pins or sew over the eye with temporary stitches to keep in place until the glue has dried.

Adding the Cheeks/Jowls

The cheeks and jowls can be sewn using a different type of fabric to give your Koggie[®] a more interesting look. The cheek pattern is oval making the cheeks look droopy like that of a hound dog. The jowls are more round making them look more like the cheeks of a cat. Using the cheek or the jowl, stuff lightly as you want these to have a floppy flat appearance. Sew closed the opening used to turn the fabric. Do not cut off the thread, as it will be used to sew the cheek/jowls onto the head. Pin onto head directly under the needle sculpted muzzle. Check placement making sure they are even. Sew onto head using the thread you used closing the back opening.



Optional: There are other items you can use to make the cheeks or muzzle of the Koggie[®]. One option is to use one wool felt ball that has been cut in half. The exposed flat back of the wool felt ball that has been cut should be coated with glue and then pinned into place to dry. You can then sew the edges onto the lower portion of the head for more stability. The second option is to use wool felt balls for the cheek areas. Another option is to use premade pompoms. These can be sewn onto the lower portion of the head. The pompoms give a shaggy look to your Koggie[®].

Adding the Nose

The next item is the nose. I used vintage black shaped glass nail heads. These can be found on Etsy shops. If you cannot find these, then I have also used premade black pompoms. Choose ones that aren't as fuzzy to give the



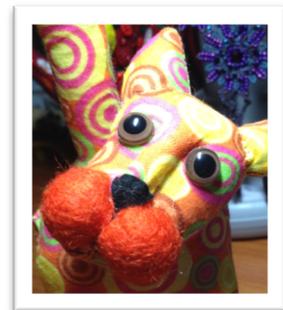
nose a softer look. Whole small wool felt balls could also be used for a rounder looking nose. You can either glue or sew these down. The placement of the nose is at the end of the muzzle and slightly above the cheek/jowls. The premade pompoms fit right between the upper swell of the cheek/ jowls. The vintage nail

heads need to be sewn down in the same general area, but you will have to align them to make sure they are horizontally resting on the top of the upper swell of the cheek/jowls. The vintage nail heads, because of their nature, need to be glued and sewn down. Make sure the openings of the nail heads aren't sharp or they will cut your thread. You can use double thread or a fishing line such as Fireline or Spiderline to sew the nose onto the head.

Optional: If you would like to add a pink tongue, then cut out a small piece of pink felt as a horizontal piece with one rounded end and the one flat end. Glue the flat end and place flush under the cheek/jowl. Pin in place until it has dried. This gives the Koggie[®] another cute appearance.

Adding the Ears

Last to be added to the head is the ears that have been turned. You have a choice of ear styles. There is the pointy ear, the rounded ear, and the elongated ear to choose from. Each will give your Koggie[®] a different look. Stuff firm, as you want them to stand out from the head. Pin onto the top the head to check placement. Sew the ears onto the head with small stitches making sure they are secure. Go back to the rear of the head and secure with an anchor stitch. Or you can sew the ears to the upper side of the head for another droopy ear look. Do not cut thread, as this will be used to sew the head onto the body



Optional: If you want a smaller ear on your Koggie[®], you can use the cheek or jowl pattern pieces. These also give a different look.

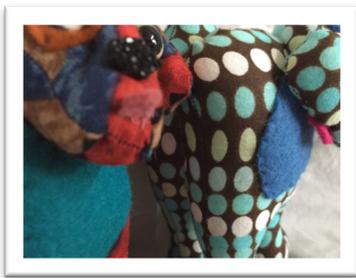
Finishing

Now complete the construction of the Koggie[®] by sewing the head onto the front of the body. Pin the head in place. I actually like to place the head at a small angle instead of straight forward.

Think of the image of asking your pet if they'd like a treat or a walk and see how they cocked their head to the side. Make sure you Koggie[®] can still stand. If not, then realign the head until it can stand steadily. Sew the head onto the body with small stitches making sure it is secure. Anchor you thread and tie off.



Your Koggie[®] should now be able to stand on its' own. If it does not, then knead the body expanding the four legs outward. There are a few more things you can do to give you Koggie[®] a distinct look. Have you seen a dog



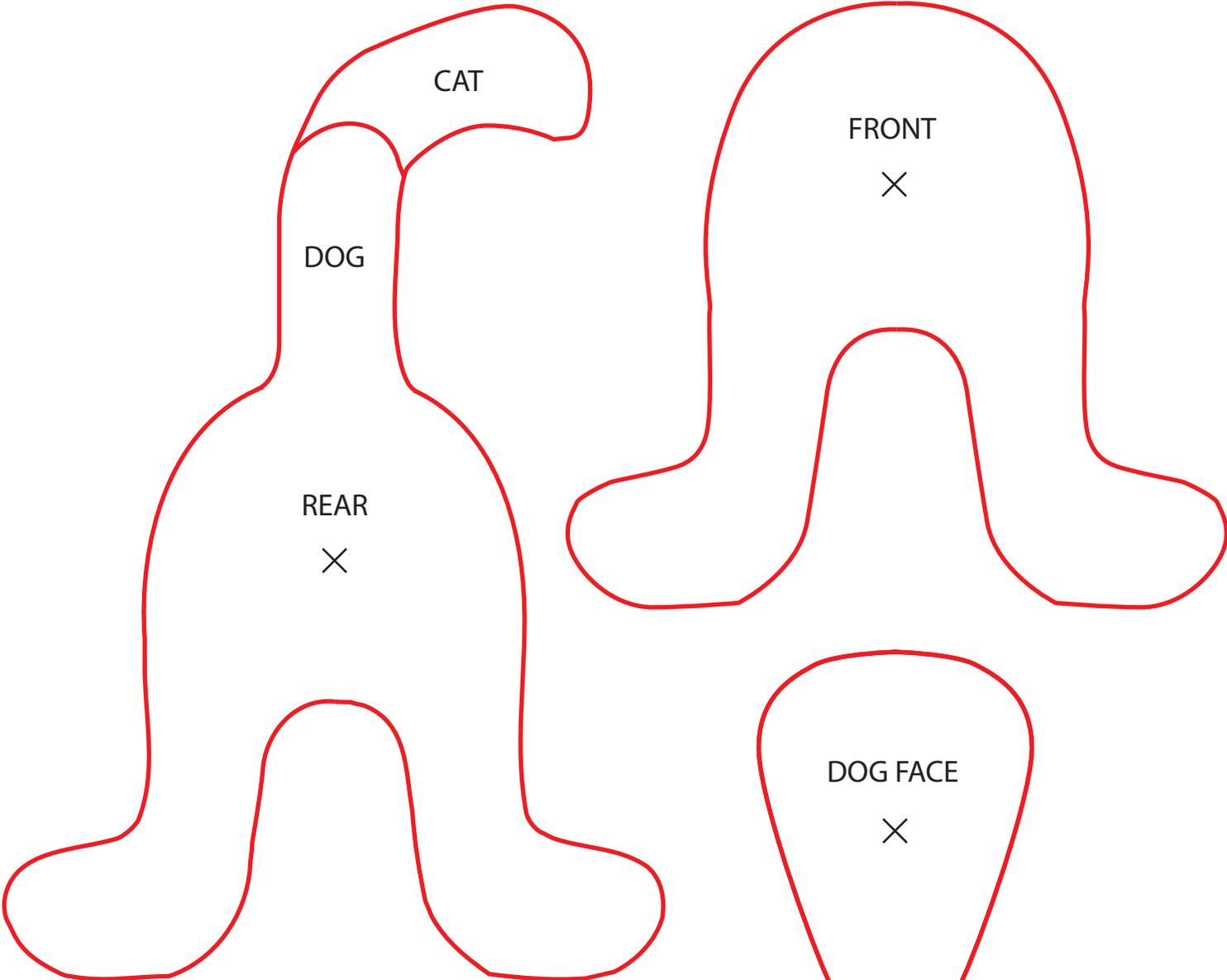
or cat that seems to have furry chest? You can do this by using a piece of wool felt cut in an oblong shape. Sew it down just below the head. You can also sew little pre-made ribbons onto the head of your Koggie[®]. Let your imagination go in creating your own perfect pet.

You have my permission to make as many Koggies[®] as you like. If you do make them to sale, then please give me credit for creating the pattern. Now enjoy mixing, matching and making as many Koggies[®] as you wish.

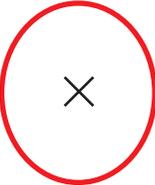
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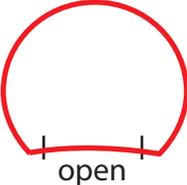
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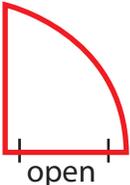
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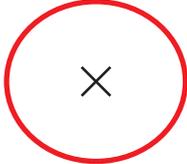
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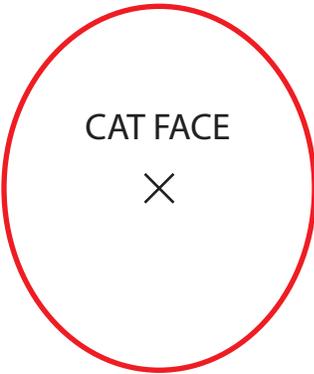
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DOG EAR X2

