

Make-a-Mouse Instructions

Here's what you'll need to make 1 mouse:

- 1 baby sock
- scraps of fabric to make ears
- scissors, needle, thread
- stuffing, or scraps of fabric to use as stuffing
- 4 pipe cleaners (for arms, legs, and tail)
- fabric scraps for garments
- safety pins to fasten garments
- embroidery thread (for sewn nose)
- clear filament (fishing line) for whiskers
- markers or fabric markers to draw facial features
- straight pins with ball heads for eyes (only if child is over age of 4. Otherwise, eyes and other facial features can be drawn with marker)
- Optional: hot glue gun to attach ears (to be used by ADULTS ONLY. Ears can be sewn on.)



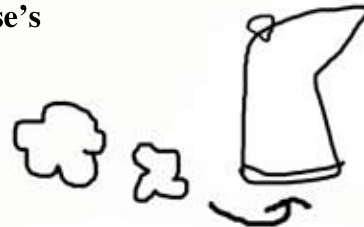
1. **Turn the baby sock inside out.** Using straight pins, chalk, or a ball point pen (not a fabric marker. It will bleed through!) draw two lines to create a pointy nose for your mouse. Sew along these lines, making a knot at both ends. Turn the sock right side out.



Sock is INSIDE OUT!

2.. **Stuff your sock(s) firmly, so that your mouse's body can stand up by itself.**

3. **Cut two round or teardrop shaped ears out of fabric.** Sew or hot glue them onto the sides of your mouses' head.



4. **Make facial features. You can use a marker to draw nose, eyes, and mouth.**

Option: Use a needle and pink embroidery thread to sew a nose. Thread the needle. Poke it in through the back of the mouse's head, exit slightly to one side of nose. Enter on the other side of the nose. Go out the other side. Repeat until you like the size and shape of the nose, then exit in back of moue's head. Make a knot.



5. Make arms, legs and tail using pipe cleaners.

Arms: Twist two pipe cleaners together at the end to make one long pipe cleaner. Wrap this around the mouse's neck tightly, starting at the front, ending at the back. Twist once to fasten. Bend leftover on each side into arms and paws.

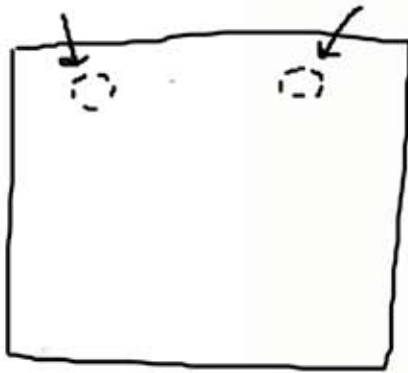
Legs: Fold 1 pipe cleaner in half to make a V shape. Bend tiny bits at ends to make feet. Poke top of V up into stuffed sock. Sew in place with a few stitches.

Tail: Bend tail into desired shape and tuck up under sock. Sew in place with a few stitches.



1st arm hole

2nd arm hole

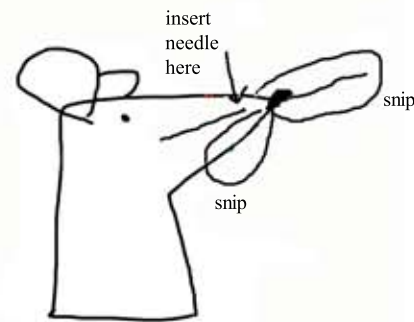


6.. **Make garments.** To make a shirt or dress with arm holes, wrap a fabric square around your mouse and snip the first arm hole in a spot that looks about right. Then wrap the garment around your mouse, so that you can get the second armhole in the right position.

Hint: Capes are a cinch. Just wrap fabric around mouse and fasten with a pin. These are great for superheroes and royalty!

57. Make whiskers (Optional).

Thread a needle with clear filament. Poke the needle in one side of the mouse's nose, near the tip. Bring needle out the other side. Pull needle until 2-4 inches of whisker is poking out on the side you started on. Careful not to pull the filament all the way through! Poke needle back in same side. Go out the other side. Repeat until you have 1-3 loops on each side. Then cut the loops and trim whiskers to desired length.



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