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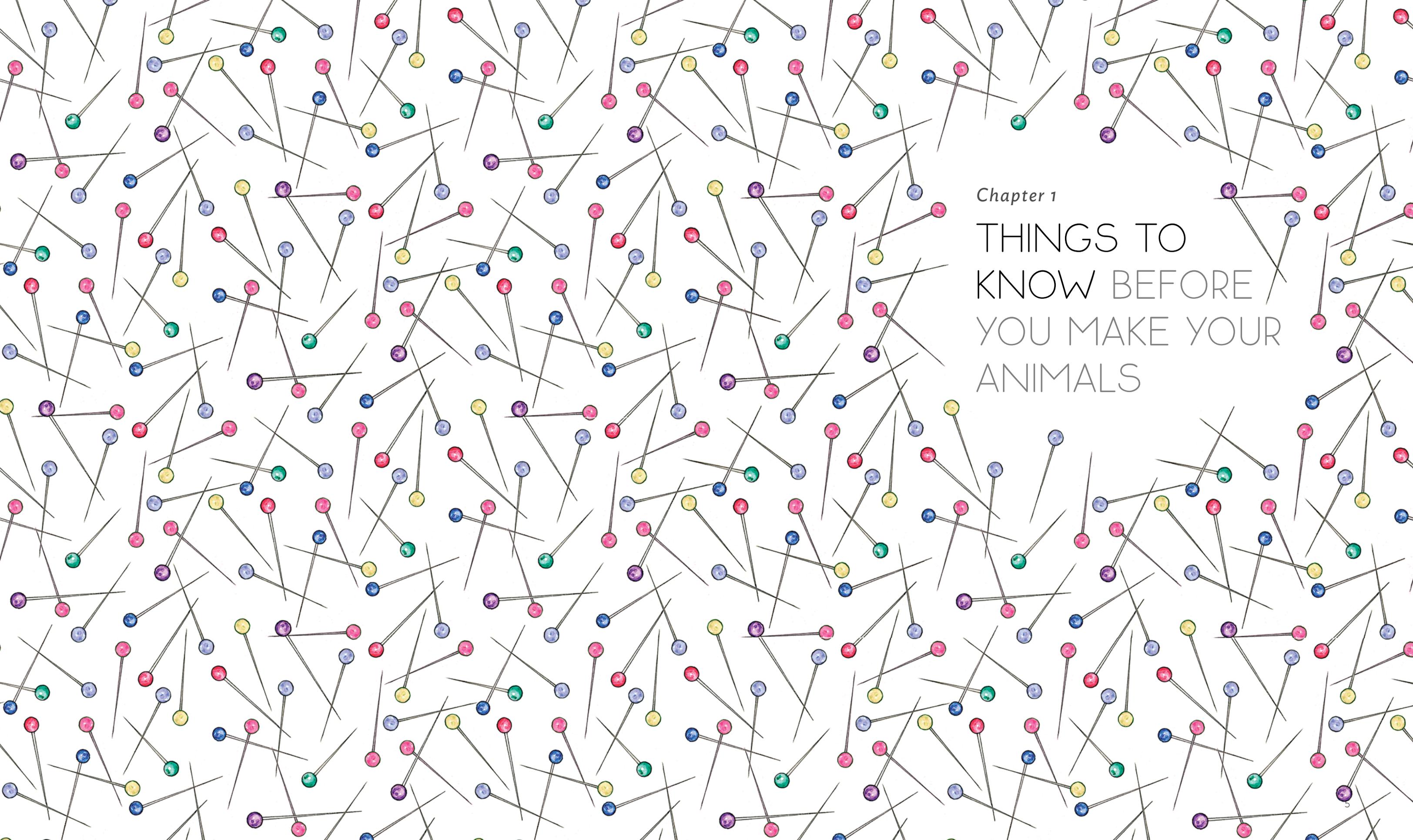
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*Chapter 1*

# THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR ANIMALS

## SEWING TECHNIQUES

All projects require edge stitching, which means there is very little seam allowance built into the patterns. Try to keep your stitches about ¼" (6 mm) from the cut edge of the fabric.

When sewing pieces together, place the fabric with the right sides facing. Using a short stitch length on your sewing machine makes fabric easier to control when sewing around small curves, and helps make seams stronger. A helpful step to take after sewing is to clip the corners and trim off extra fabric along the seam allowance. Along curved areas, make small perpendicular cuts close to, but not through, your stitching.



An easy way to stitch two identical shapes together (such as ears and tail pieces) involves tracing around the template onto the fabric wrong side, but not cutting out. Place two fabric pieces together with the right sides facing, stitch along the line, and trim outside stitching. This method makes it easier to control the fabric when using a sewing machine.

## STUFFING

Tear off small bits of fiberfill and stuff the smallest areas of the animal first, such as feet, nose, head, and tail. I like to use the rounded end of a crochet hook to gently push the stuffing into the corners. For the four-legged fellows, the most important portion to stuff well is the area where the legs meet the body. This will help the animal stand more upright.



Use a hemostat to turn small pieces right side out. You can reach inside the opening, grab a seam, and pull right side out. You can also use the hemostat to push out small areas after turning.

## HAND STITCHES

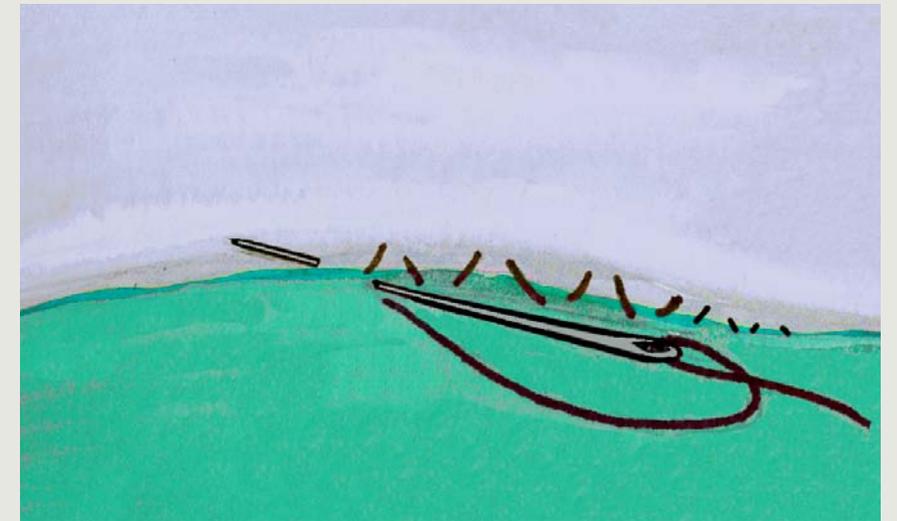
While all projects can be sewn on a machine, you may prefer to hand stitch smaller parts such as ears, tails, or the curvier sections of the bodies.

### *Slipstitch*

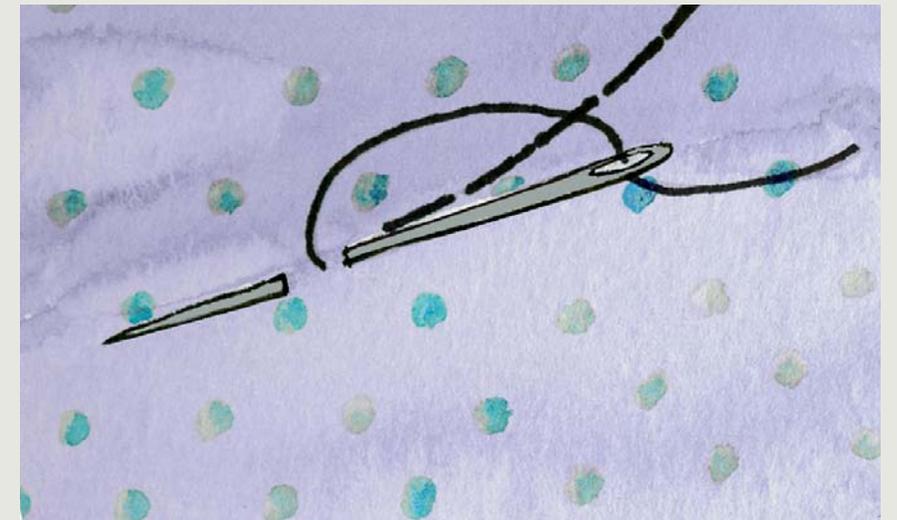
A slipstitch is a hidden stitch used to join two fabric edges. Slipstitches are done between the fabric right sides, using very small stitches (A). For the projects in this book, you'll use slipstitches to close the seams left open for stuffing the animals, as well as for adding details such as tails and ears.

### *Backstitch*

A backstitch is used in place of a basic running stitch when you need a stronger, more durable seam (B). For the projects in this book, use the backstitch on any area you are hand sewing that may require more durability, such as tails, ears, and the narwhal tusk.



(A) Slipstitch



(B) Backstitch





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# bunny

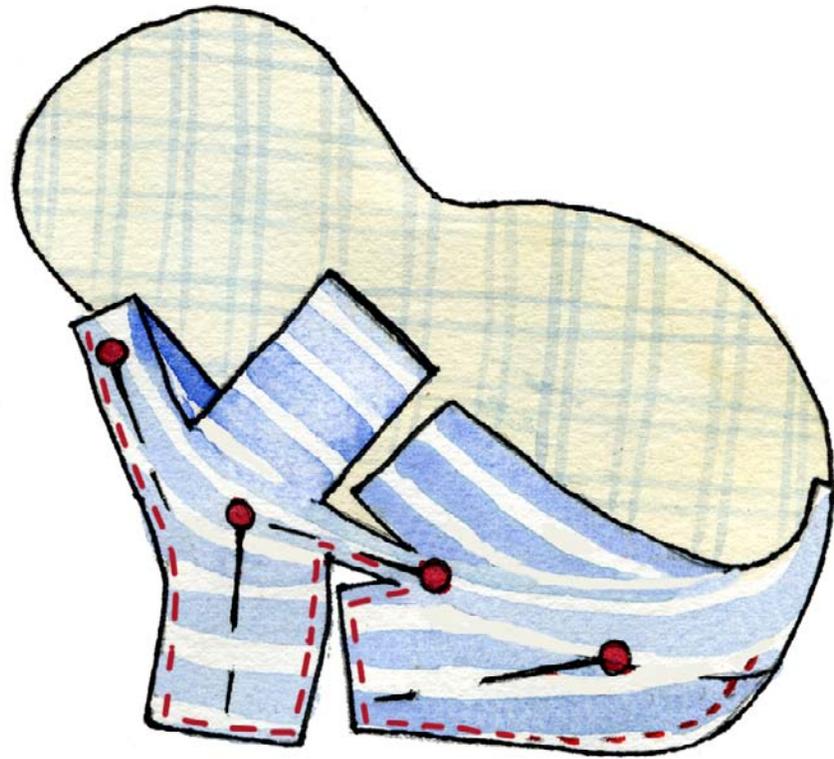
This sweet bunny's underside is a great opportunity to use a bold patterned fabric.

*Size: 4½" (11.4 cm) tall  
Use patterns on page 00 at 100%*

## MATERIALS

- medium-weight cotton fabric
- all-purpose sewing thread
- pink and black embroidery floss
- fiberfill
- ¾" (1.9 cm) pom-pom or white yarn
- fine-point disappearing ink marker (optional)

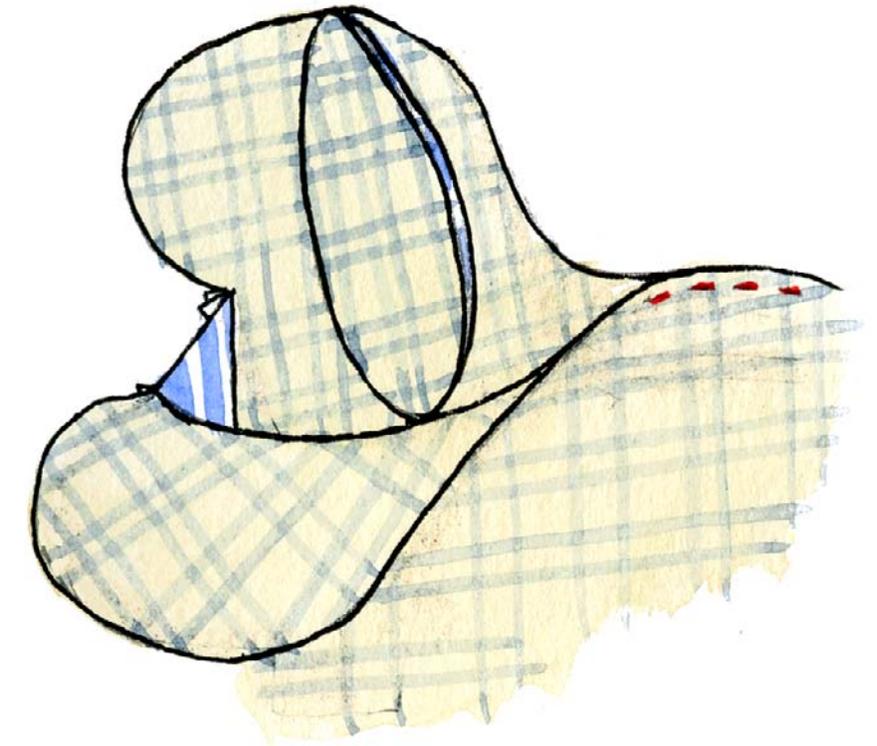




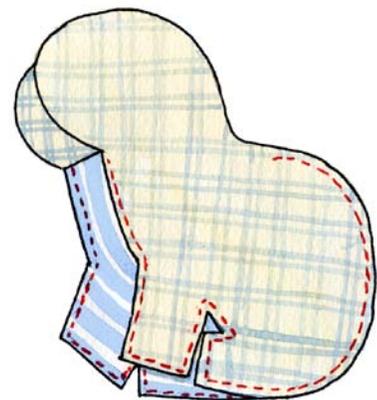
(A) *Stitch underside to one body side.*

1. With right sides facing, align and pin the underside to one side piece. Stitch from the chest starting at the circle marking to the diamond marking at the rear (A).
2. Repeat to attach the other side of the bunny to the underside.
3. Sew the sides together, starting at the diamond where you left off in steps 1 and 2. Stop about 1" (2.5 cm) shy of the back neck curve (B).
4. With right sides facing, align the straight edge of the face panel with the top edge of the underside as indicated by arrow; stitch straight across (C).
5. Sew two ear pieces together with right sides facing and leaving a 1" (2.5 cm) opening along a straight edge. Turn right side out through the opening, and then slipstitch closed (D). Repeat for the other ear.

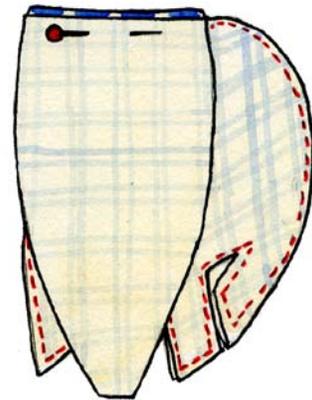
6. Pin the ears where you'd like them to be on the bunny sides. Be sure to pin the inside of the ears facing the bunny (E).
7. Curve the face panel along the head portion of the side piece; stitch. Be sure to catch the tip of the ear as you sew. (F). Repeat with the other side.
8. Turn the bunny right side out through the 1" (2.5 cm) left unstitched when sewing the sides together; stuff. Use a slipstitch to close the opening (G).



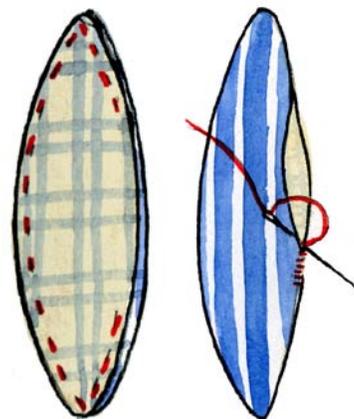
(E) *Pin ear with wrong side facing body.*



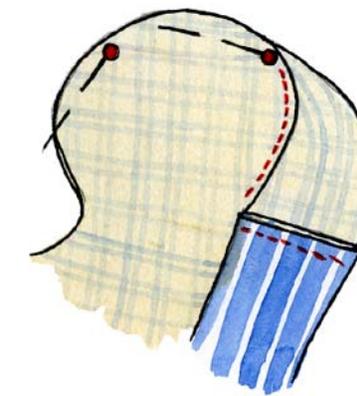
(B) *Stitch sides together; leave opening.*



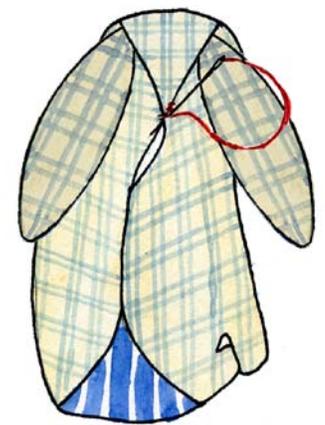
(C) *Stitch face panel to underside.*



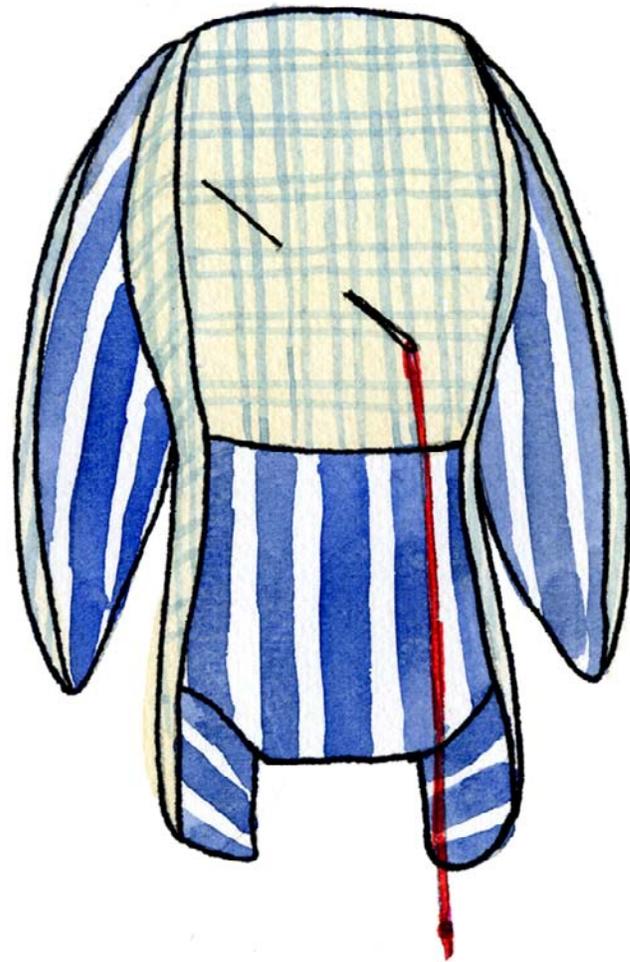
(D) *Stitch ear pieces together, turn, and stitch closed.*



(F) *Stitch face panel to head, catching ear in stitching.*



(G) *Turn right side out, close opening.*



(H) Begin embroidering nose.

9. Embroider the nose. Using six strands of pink embroidery floss, thread a needle, and tie the ends together in a knot. Push the needle through the center of the face and pull it out through the top left corner of the nose, leaving the knot exposed (H).

The nose is a Y-shape. If you find it hard to visualize, use a fine-point disappearing ink marker to make four dots where your needle should be entering and exiting the face.

10. Push through again where the center knot is, and pull out through the top right corner of the nose (I).

11. Return to the center and then pull the needle out at the lower point of the nose (J). Push the needle in and out through the center one more time. Tie off with a double knot and clip threads close to the knot.



(I) Return to center, then to other side.



(J) Return to center, then stitch bottom portion.

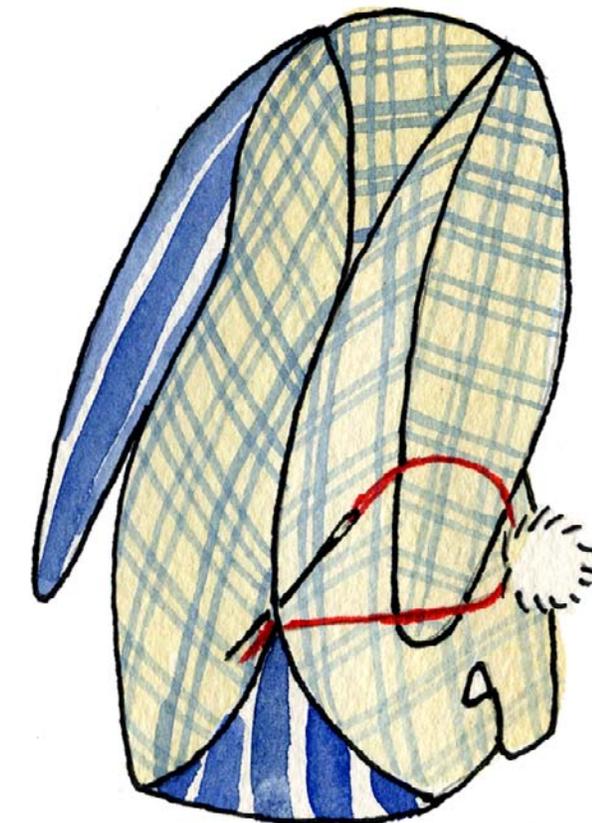
12. Using black embroidery floss, anchor your thread where you would like one eye to be. Make several small stitches in the form of an asterisk with your anchor knot as the center. Instead of tying off, push your needle out to the opposite side of the face for the other eye. Make small stitches in the form of an asterisk, and then tie off with a knot in the center (K).



(K) Embroider eyes.

13. At the bunny's rear end where the sides and underside intersect, anchor your all-purpose thread by making several small stitches. Pass the needle through the pom-pom and bunny body several times to firmly attach the tail (L); tie off and snip the thread.

Use a store-bought pom-pom for the tail, or make your own. Use this method or a simple pom-pom maker and some white yarn. Cut a strip of cardboard the desired diameter of the pom-pom. Generously wrap yarn around the cardboard. Thread a large needle with a length of yarn, pass the yarn under the wrapped threads along one edge of the cardboard, and then tie the yarn securely around the threads. Cut the wrapped threads along the opposite edge of the cardboard. Fluff out the yarns, and trim into a rounded shape.



(L) Attach pom-pom.



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# narwhal

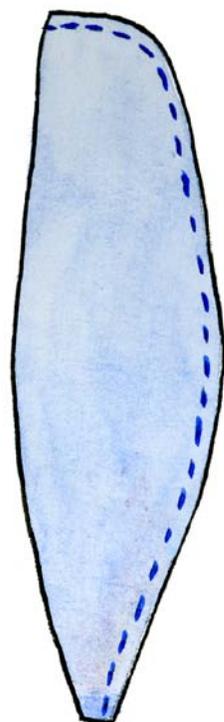
A cute and curious creature of the sea. Choose a material with a slight stretch as a main fabric to lend a curve to the narwhal's body, or stick to a woven cotton if you'd like your narwhal to lie flat.

*Size of narwhal shown: 11" (27.9 cm) from tusk to tail  
Use patterns on page 00 at 100%*

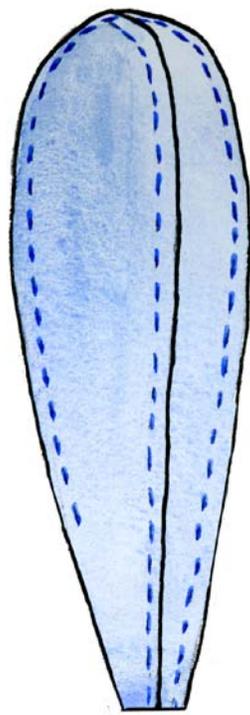
## MATERIALS

- medium-weight cotton fabric
- all-purpose sewing thread
- pink and black embroidery floss
- fiberfill
- 3/4" (1.9 cm) pom-pom or white yarn
- fine-point disappearing ink marker (optional)

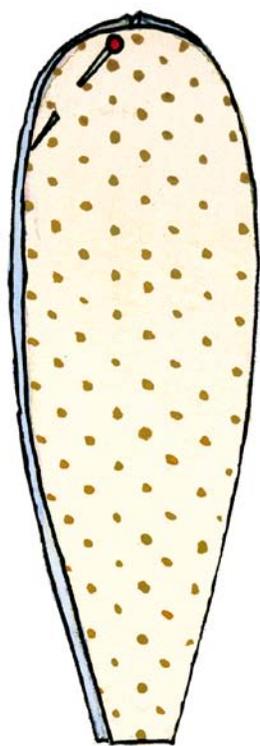




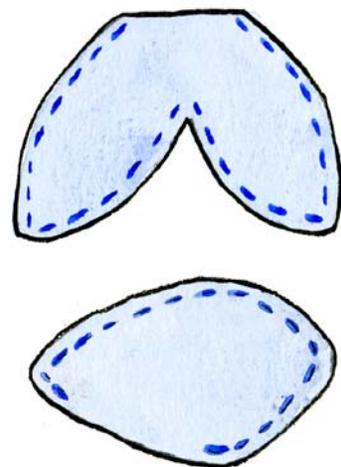
(A) *Stitch sides together*



(C) *Stitch; leave opening for turning.*



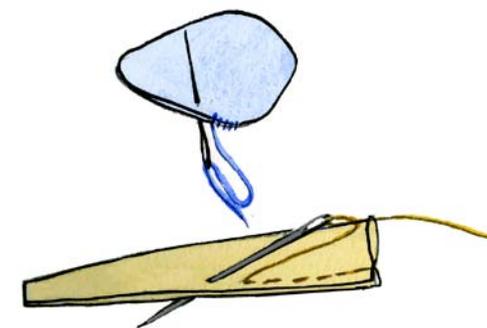
(B) *Pin underside to joined sides.*



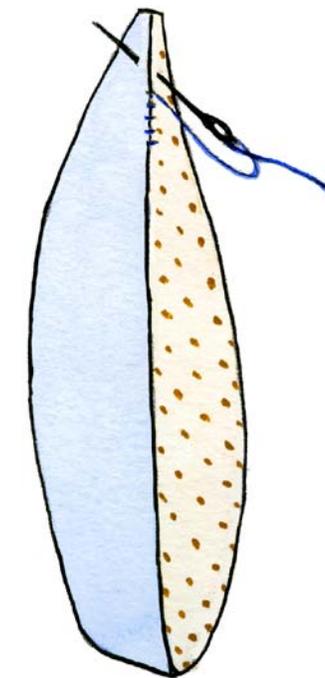
(D) *Stitch tail and fins, leaving an opening.*

1. Cut out the templates from fabric. With right sides together, stitch along the top edge of the narwhal's side pieces as indicated by arrow (A).
2. Fold the underside piece in half lengthwise to establish the center or refer to the circles marked on each end of the pattern. With the right sides facing, align the center of the underside with the seam you created when sewing the sides together, pin along the edges (B).
3. Stitch the underside to the sides, leaving a 1" (2.5 cm) opening on one side (C). The opening will allow you to turn the narwhal right side out.
4. Stitch the tail pieces together, leaving the straight edge of the tail open. Stitch the fin pieces together, leaving a 1/2" (1.3 cm) opening on both fins (D). Turn the tail and fins right side out through the openings. Stuff the tail and set aside. Use a slipstitch to close the fins.

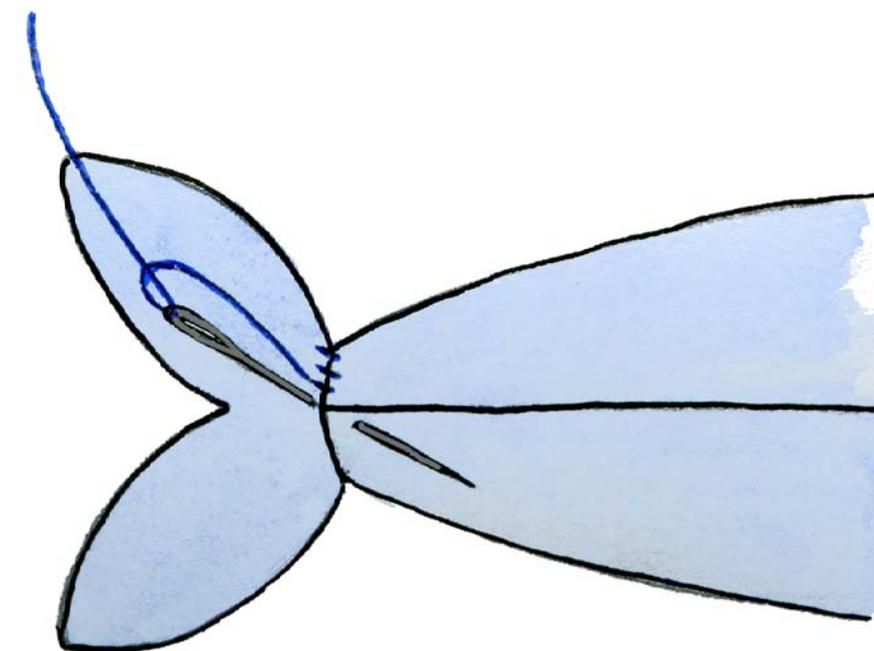
5. For the tusk, fold the triangular felt piece in half lengthwise and machine stitch, or backstitch by hand, the long edges together (E). It's best to use felt for the tusk as the edges will be left raw.
6. Stuff the body and slipstitch closed (F).
7. Pin and then slipstitch the tail onto the narwhal body (G).



(E) *Fold and stitch tusk.*



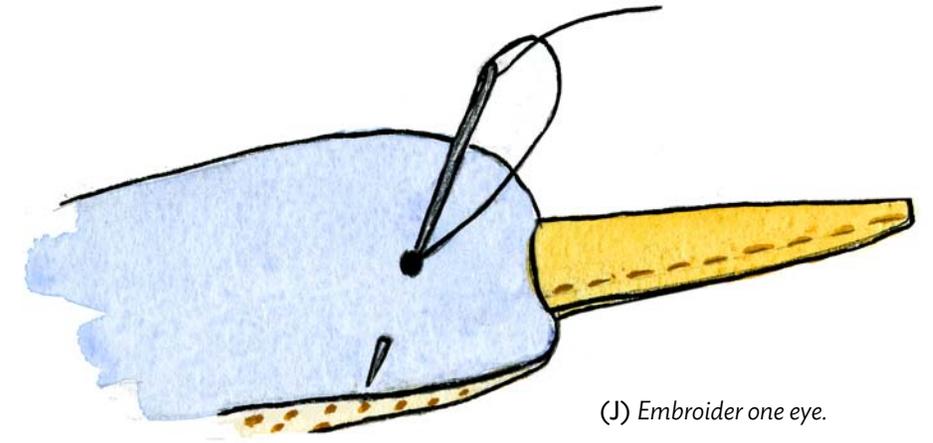
(F) *Turn right side out, stuff, and close opening.*



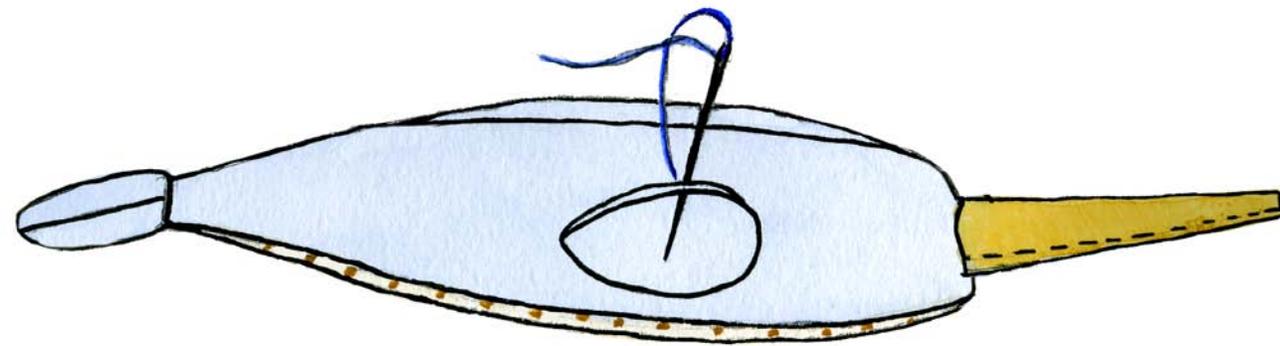
(G) *Attach tail to body.*



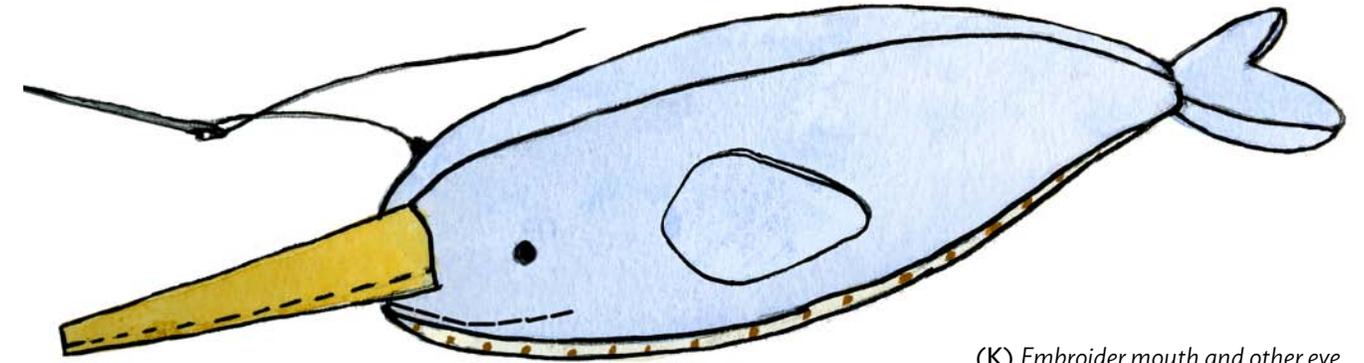
(H) *Stitch tusk to face.*



(J) *Embroider one eye.*



(I) *Attach fins to sides of body, hiding stitching.*



(K) *Embroider mouth and other eye.*

8. Attach the tusk. Thread a needle with all-purpose sewing thread and tie the ends together in a knot. Anchor the thread by pulling it through the center of the narwhal's face several times. Pin the tusk to the center of the face. You may need several pins in different directions to stabilize the tusk. Securely stitch around the base of the tusk (H).

9. To attach a fin, first anchor your thread on the body where you would like your fin. Stitch the fin to the body, keeping the stitches in the fabric layer facing the body (I). Repeat to attach the remaining fin to the other side of the body.

10. Stitch the face using black embroidery floss, knotting one end. Anchor the floss where you would like an eye to be. Make several small stitches in the form of an asterisk with the knot as the center; don't tie off the thread (J).

11. Push your needle out slightly below the eye. Backstitch around to the opposite side to form the narwhal smile. Push your needle out slightly above the last stitch of the smile, exactly opposite the first eye. Make small stitches in the form of an asterisk, and then tie off with a knot in the center (K).