



Instructions for Poekie Beach Pets*

(Time to complete: 20 minutes for octopus and star fish, 30 minutes for fish)

Materials needed:

- Paper for your printer • Ruler • Scissors • Fabric • Marker or pen for tracing • Pin • Needle • Thread
- Fluff for stuffing • Beads for eyes and mouth • Colored thread for mouths

How to make it:

For an experienced Poekie maker, this is easy. After printing and cutting the pattern,^{*2} just follow the usual steps.

Octopus:

- Place the pattern on an edge on the wrong side of your fabric.^{*3}
- Trace around the pattern ^{*4}
- Cut INSIDE the lines you traced.
- Thread a needle and do a running-stitch^{*6} from number 1 to number 2, right above the tentacles, as marked with the striped line on the pattern.
- Pull your thread really tight, then whip-stitch^{*6} the two sides together, as marked on the pattern with the dots.
- When you arrive at the top, running-stitch all the way around the top edge, staying very close to the edge.
- Take your needle off and put a nice ball of stuffing inside the 'cup.'
- Thread your needle again and pull your thread really tight.
- Whip-stitch the hole closed. If you are a perfectionist, you can flatten out the folds by doing teeny back-stitches over them.
- For the eyes, stick your needle next to where your thread is coming out at the top and come out in the place where you want to put the first eye.
- Slide a bead down the needle and stick right next to it into the ball.
- Come out in the place where you want the second eye to be.
- Slide down a bead and stick right next to it into the ball.
- Come out at bottom, in between the tentacles, tie a knot and cut the thread.
- If you'd like to add a mouth, thread a needle with a colored string and tie a knot at the end.
- Stick in between the tentacles and come out in a place where you'd like the mouth to be.
- As an experienced Poekie maker, you will know how to sew a little "V" for the mouth.
- When you've sewed the "V," hide the knot in a seam.
- Your Octopus Pet is done.

Fish:

- Trace and cut all the patterns.
- Make the Fish body just like the Octopus body.
- When the body is done, lay one of the short ends of the top-fin along the whip-stitched seam on the body.
- Whip-stitch the short edge onto the seam.
- Fold the fin in half, as marked on the pattern, and whip-stitch the other short end onto the body right against the first short edge.
- Whip-stitch up one side. When you get to the top of the fin, stick your needle through the fin to the other top corner.
- Whip-stitch down the fin to the body.
- Stick your needle into the body and come out where you'd like one of the side fins to be.

- Whip-stitch the top of one side-fin onto the body, as marked on the pattern with the dotted line.
- Stick into the body and come out on the other side of the body to stitch on the second fin. (Make sure the fins match!)
- Once the second fin is on, stick into the body and come out in the 'mouth.'
- Sew on a bead and sew on the two beads for the eyes, as explained for the Octopus.

Star Fish:

- Trace and cut the Star Fish pattern twice on the wrong side of the fabric.
- Place the two pieces of fabric on top of each other, with right sides of fabric out.
- Thread a needle and whip-stitch around the edges.
- Leave a hole for stuffing and take your needle off the thread.
- Put a small ball of stuffing in the middle of the star.
- Whip-stitch the hole closed.
- When it's closed, stick your needle next to where the thread is coming out and come out in a place where you'd like an eye.
- Sew on the eyes as explained for the Octopus.
- Hide your knot in a seam on the edge.
- Cut the thread and your Star Fish is done!

I can't wait to see what you've made at home and let me know if any part of these instructions is confusing!

With love from the Poekies,

sophia

* For children age 8 and up, with parental guidance.

Warning: 1. Pins and needles' mission in life is to poke, and scissors only know how to cut. You must be careful and make sure that they poke and cut only the things that you want them to! 2. None of the materials used belong in a person's mouth, so be careful when you make this while little children are around you.

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