



Instructions for Poekie Beach Toys*

(Time to complete: one hour to finish everything)

Materials needed:

- Paper for your printer • Ruler • Scissors • Fabric • Marker or pen for tracing • Pin • Needle • Thread
- Fluff for stuffing • Tooth-pick

How to make it:

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

Beach Bucket:

- Place the bucket-patterns on an edge on the wrong side of your fabric.^{*3}
- Trace around the patterns ^{*4}
- Cut ON the lines you traced.
- Thread a needle^{*5} with a long thread and tie a knot at the end.^{*7}
- Whip-stitch^{*6} the bottom of the bucket-side around the circle of the bucket-bottom.
- When you're all round, match up the edges of the bucket side and continue whip-stitching until you're at the top of the bucket.
- Fold the top edge down, as marked on the pattern with the stripe/dot line.
- Whip-stitch the folded-over edge all round the top of the bucket (this will make it less floppy).
- Then whip-stitch one end of the handle onto the bucket side.
- Tie a knot and cut the thread.
- Whip-stitch the other end of the handle onto the other side of the bucket.
- Your bucket is done.

Beach Shovel:

- Trace and cut the shovel pattern twice.
- Place the two pieces of fabric on top of each other, with right sides of fabric out.
- Thread a needle and starting at the star marked on the pattern, whip-stitch around the edges, going up around the handle and down around the bottom.
- When you get to the skinny part again, insert a tooth pick (MAKE SURE to cut off the sharp points first!)
- Then continue on whip-stitching until you arrive where you started.
- Tie a knot, cut the thread and your shovel is done.

Beach Ball:

- Trace and cut the pattern.
- Thread a needle and do a running-stitch^{*6} from number 1 to number 2, as marked on the pattern. Stay very close to the edge.
- Pull your thread really tight, then hip-stitch 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.

It's done! Wasn't it easy?

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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