



Instructions for Poekie Top Hat (big and small)*

(Time to complete: thirty minutes)

Materials needed:

- Paper for your printer
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Fabric
- Marker or pen for tracing
- Needle
- Thread
- Fluffy stuffing
- Skinny Elastic (clear-colored is best)

How to make it:

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

- Place the patterns on an edge on the wrong side of your fabric.^{*3}
- Trace around the patterns.
- Cut ON the lines you traced.
- Repeat the tracing and cutting so that you have all the pieces of cut-out fabric.
- Lay the two Brim pieces on top of each other, right sides facing out.
- Get a needle and thread^{*5} and tie a knot at the end.^{*7}
- Sew whip-stitch^{*6} all around the edge.
- Tie a knot and cut the thread when you come back to where you started stitching.
- Lay the longest side of the Hat Side along the edge of the Hat Top circle.
- With a new thread, whip-stitch the side along the edge of the Hat Top circle.
- If there's extra fabric once you've gone all the way around, trim it with the scissors.
- Match up the two short edges of the Side and whip-stitch them together, so that you have a little 'can' or 'container.'
- Take your needle off and put a little bit of stuffing in the 'container.'
- Place the 'container,' opening facing down, in the middle of the Hat Brim.
- Thread your needle again and whip-stitch it onto the Brim, going all the way around.
- Make sure that the 'container' is centered on the circle of the Brim.
- Tie a knot and cut your thread.
- Tie a fat knot into the elastic and thread it onto a needle.
- Stick from the bottom of the Brim (close to the center) up to the top of the Brim and down again to where your knot is.
- Then stick from the bottom up on the other side of the Brim and down again.
- Before you tie a knot in the elastic, make sure the elastic fits properly around your Poekie's head.
- You're done, so take your Poekie out in the world to show off his or her new hat!

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

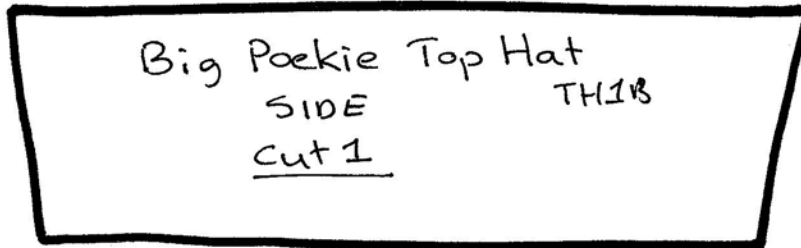
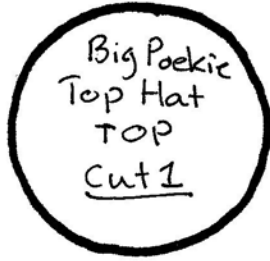
With love from the Poekies,

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* 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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