

Big Ball Softie



Finished size: Height: 16" (40 cm) Diameter: 20" (50 cm)

You need:

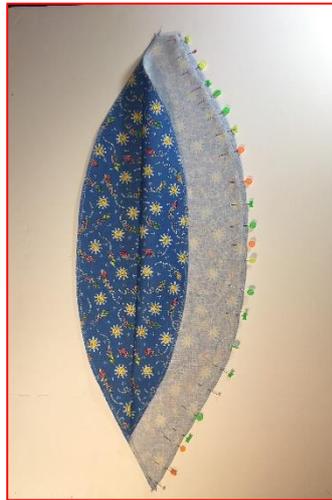
- 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ yd. (160 cm) fabric
- 2 pieces of scrap fabric, at least 4" (10 cm) squares
- Card board for circle template
- 3.3 lb. (1500 g) of Stuffing/Toy fill
- Sewing Machine
- General Sewing Supplies

Heavier fabrics, like cotton drill, home décor fabrics, etc. works well. Consider using interfacing if using a thinner fabric.

All seam allowances are $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6mm) unless otherwise stated.



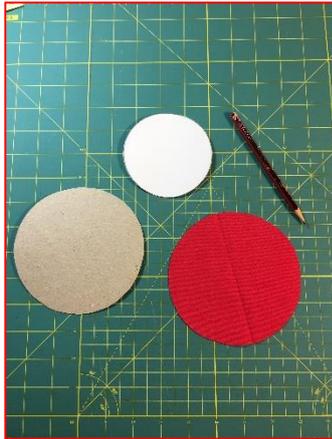
Cut 6 pieces of the pattern piece. Decide whether you want to cut off the points on the pieces. It will make the seams less bulky where all 6 pieces meet on the top and bottom. This will leave a 3" opening that will be covered with a circle of scrap fabric.



Sew the 6 pieces together. Leave a 7" opening in the last seam for turning. If you want to use the sewing machine to attach the circles, the free arm on the sewing machine must be able to fit through the opening.



The first picture shows how the top and bottom will look if you cut off the points on the fabric and the second shows how it will look if you don't.



Cut two circles of card board. The smaller one should be about $3\frac{1}{2}$ " (9 cm) in diameter and the bigger one at least $\frac{1}{2}$ " bigger. Use the bigger one to cut out a circle of fabric. Sew a running stitch by hand, close to the edge, around the circle. Put the smaller circle on the wrong side of the fabric and pull the thread so it gathers tightly around the template. Press well and then gently bend the cardboard and take it out of the circle. Press again.

Pin and applique to cover the openings. I used the sewing machine by putting the free arm in the opening in the seam. Slip stitch by hand works well too.

Fill the ball with stuffing/toy fill and slip stitch the opening closed.

Enjoy your Big Ball Softie!

