



Week Nine



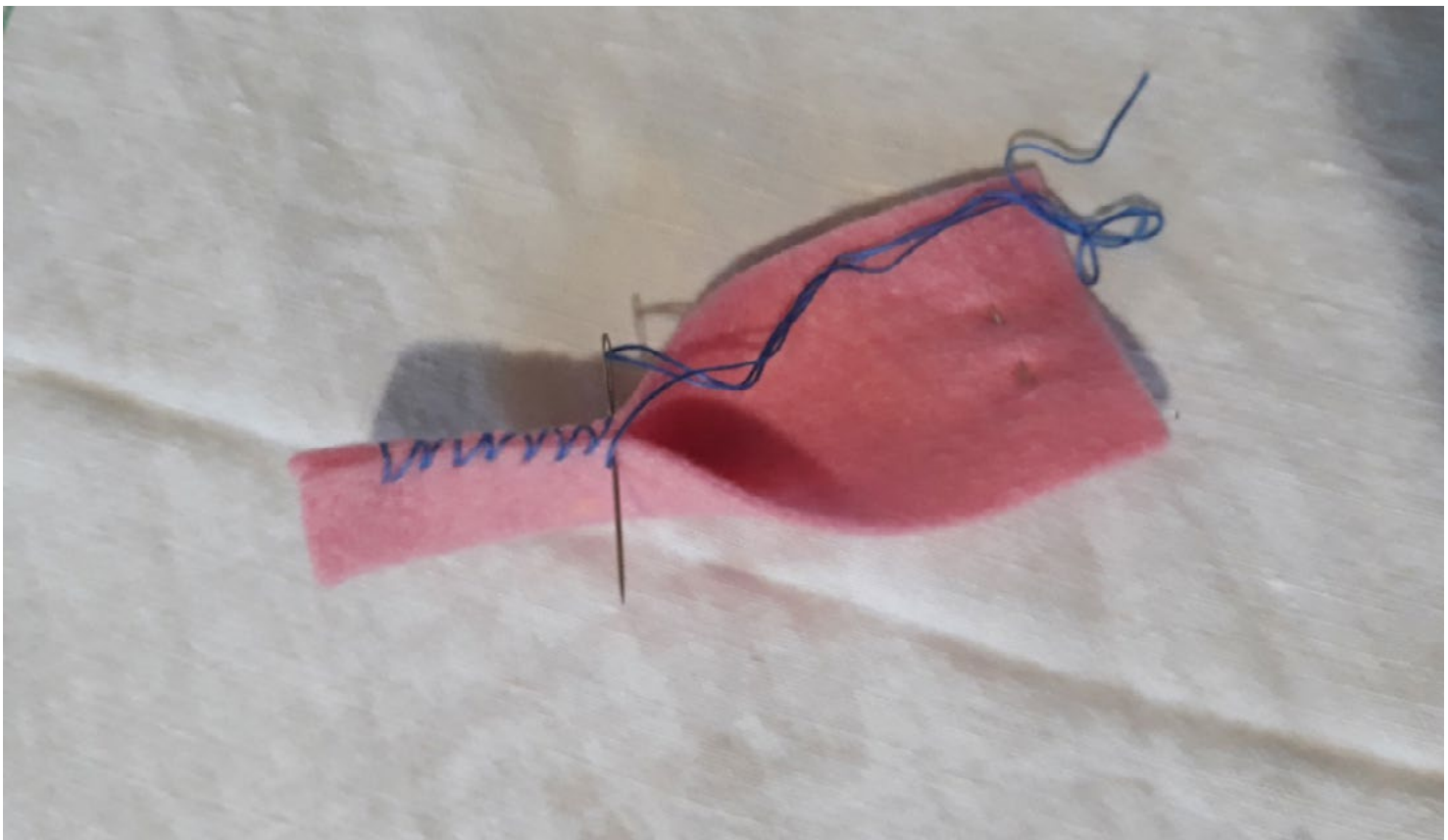
Felt Toy Poodle

Felt is an easy fabric to use for making toys, as it does not fray so turnings are not needed. This pattern for a simple toy comes from the CWA of Victoria publication **20 + 1 Patterns for Toy Animals**, by Margaret Hyde and Heather Scott.

The main stitch used to join the parts of the toy is ***glove stitch***.

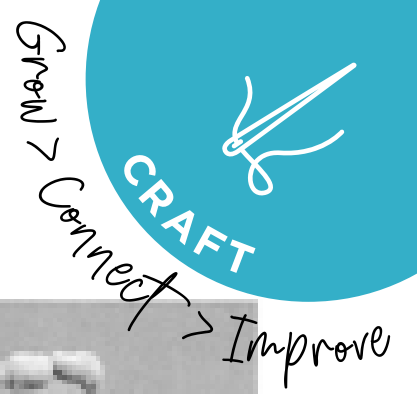
When using felt, glove stitch is often the most satisfactory method, leaving a fur-like edge. It is an overcast stitch. Stitches are worked twice into the same hole before moving on to the next stitch, carrying the thread over and behind the edges of material as shown. All raw edges of single layers of felt should be glove stitched.

In the photo below, contrasting thread has been used to make it easier for you to see the stitch.





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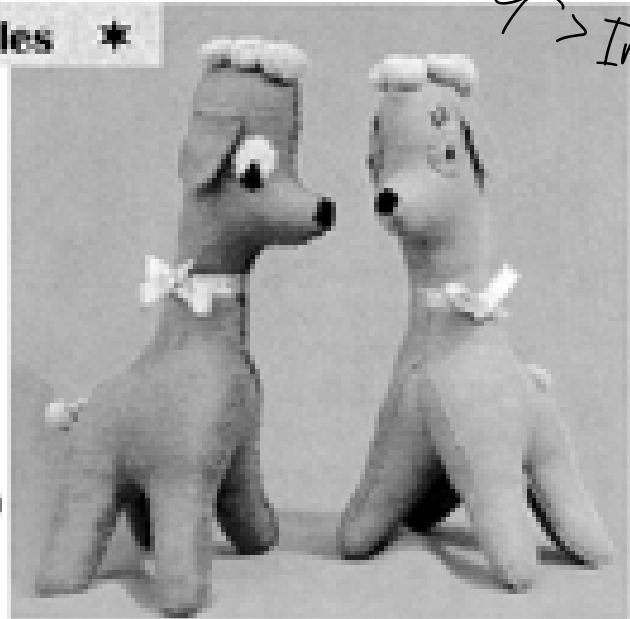


Fifi & François the French Poodles ★

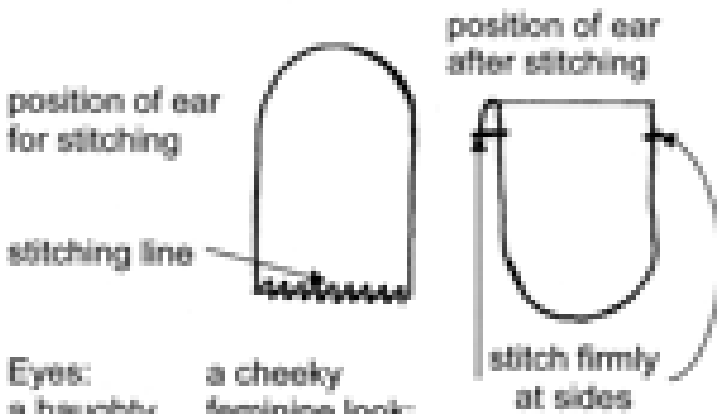
Materials for a 20cm high poodle:

- 34x20cm felt in chosen colour
- scraps of blue, black and pink felt
- 15cm matching or contrasting bobbles
- 25cm narrow ribbon
- matching thread
- black embroidery thread
- toy filling

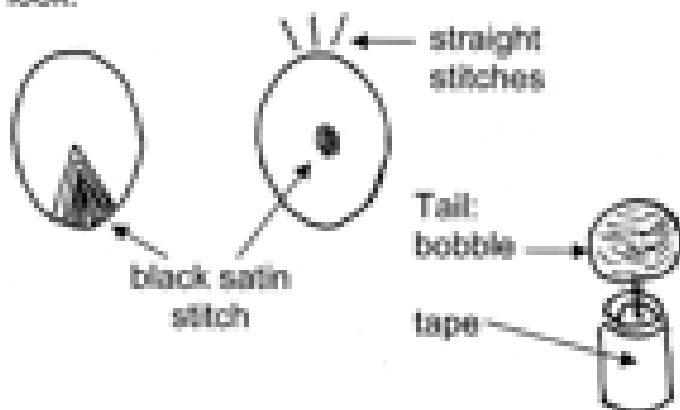
Use matching thread and glove stitch unless otherwise stated.



1. Cut out carefully, making sure the feet are nicely rounded. Before removing the pattern, tailor tack the eye and ear positions.
2. Join the two underbodies from A to B on the inside.
3. Place the underbody between the two body pieces and sew on the outside:
 - ☞ from A around the legs and up to B on each side of the dog.
 - ☞ from B around the head to X.
4. Stuff the toy firmly, making sure the legs do not become splayed (see page 9). Close the opening, glove stitching from X to A.



Eyes:
a haughty look: a cheeky feminine look:



5. Glove stitch nose in position, using black thread.
6. Glove stitch ear lining to ear. Attach ear with ear pointing upwards, then drop and stitch firmly at sides.
7. Slip stitch eyes in place. A small piece of felt placed beneath the eye gives it a slightly padded look. If making two poodles, different eyes can be worked for each.
8. Cut six or seven bobbles from the tape, and stitch to head, forming a crown. Cut one bobble leaving as much tape as possible attached. Roll the tape, leaving the bobble protruding from the top, and stitch on for tail.
9. Tie ribbon around poodle's neck and stitch to secure.



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Adapted from a design by Molly Mummé

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