

"Fly with me"

SOFT TOY MOBILE PATTERN

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YOU WILL NEED:

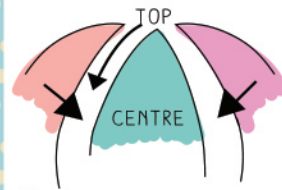
- FABRIC (ENOUGH TO CUT 6X PATTERN)
- NEEDLE (TAPESTRY SIZE) & POLY. THREAD
- POLY. TOY STUFFING
- 2X A4/LETTER SIZE FELT SHEETS IN CONTRASTING COLOURS
- 2X SKEINS OF DMC FLOSS IN CONTRASTING COLOURS
- 1X SMALL KIDDY ICE CREAM PAPER CUP, 5 CM/2 INCHES HIGH & DIAMETER APPROX (CAN ALSO USE THE BOTTOM OF A PLASTIC BOTTLE)

Step.1 sewing your balloon

- CUT 6 PIECES USING THE HOT AIR BALLOON PATTERN.

Step.2

- STITCH TOGETHER 3 PIECES TO MAKE BALLOON HALF.



- START BY PINNING TOGETHER FROM THE TOP OF EACH SEGMENT DOWN THE SIDES OF THE CENTRE SEGMENT.

- REPEAT STEP.2 WITH THE REMAINING 3 PIECES TO SEW THE OTHER HALF

Step.3

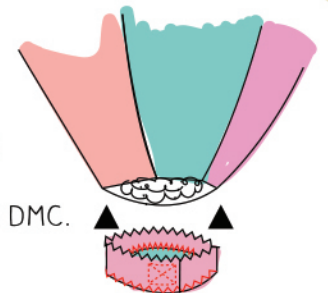
- JOIN TOGETHER BOTH BALLOON HALVES AND REMEMBER TO POKE THROUGH TO THE CORRECT SIDE A ROPED LOOP CENTRE TOP.
- CLIP IN ALL CURVES-BE CAREFUL NOT TO GO TOO CLOSE TO THE SEAM.
- TRIM EXCESS THREADS AND PRESS SEAMS WITH A WARM IRON.
- TURN OUTSIDE IN.

Step.4

- FIRMLY STUFF YOUR BALLOON WITH POLY TOY STUFFING.
- SECURE THE OPENING WITH A FEW BIG DIAGONAL STITCHES.

Step.5 sewing your balloon felted end caps

- CUT A RECTANGULAR STRIP 2.5CM/1 INCH X 23CM/9 INCH. (OPTIONAL, GIVE ONE SIDE A DECORATIVE EDGE WITH PINKING SHEARS.) LOOP INTO A RING 10% LARGER DIAMETER AS YOUR OPEN END OF BALLOON. OVERLAP THE END OF STRIP AN EXTRA 2.5CM/1 INCH-SECURE & STITCH WITH RUNNING STITCH USING DMC.



Step.6

- USING THE FELT RING, DRAW A CIRCLE ON THE FELT. CUT OUT, AND ATTACH BY SEWING THE CIRCLE TO THE BOTTOM OF THE RING USING A DECORATIVE WHIP OR RUNNING STITCH USING ALL THE DMC THREAD.
- PLACE YOUR FELT CAP OVER THE OPEN END OF THE BALLOON. SECURE AND PIN IN PLACE.
- CAREFULLY STITCH WITH TINY TAC STITCHES USING A POLY THREAD ATTACHING THE END CAP TO THE OPEN END OF THE BALLOON.

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Step.7 sewing your felted hot air balloon basket

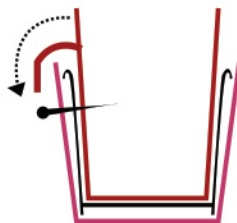
- USING YOUR PAPER CUP AS A GUIDE.
- CUT 2 CIRCLES FROM THE BOTTOM OF CUP, EACH FROM BOTH CONTRASTING COLOURED FELT. (MAKE ONE CIRCLE 10% BIGGER THEN THE BOTTOM OF CUP FOR THE OUTER. THE OTHER CIRCLE TO BE SAME DIAMETER FOR THE INNER BASE.)

Step.8

- CUT 2 STRIPS OF FELT IN BOTH CONTRASTING COLOURS FOR EXTERNAL & INTERNAL WALLS. THE MEASUREMENT OF THE CIRCUMFERENCE X HEIGHT (PLUS 2.5 CM/1 INCH) OF THE PAPER CUP. LOOP & SEW STRIP TOGETHER TO CREATE WALLS. TRIM EXCESS.

Step.9

- SEW THE WALLS AND CIRCLE BOTTOMS TO CREATE THE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL FELTED CUP USING A 1CM/ 1/4 INCH SEAM ALLOWANCE.
- CLIP IN THE CURVE AROUND THE CIRCLE SEAM.
- PLACE THE SMALLER FELTED CUP INSIDE PAPER CUP AND SLIDE PAPER CUP INSIDE THE OUTER FELTED CUP. AS DEMONSTRATED.



Step.10

- SECURE AND PIN IN PLACE, ROLL DOWN THE LINING OVER THE TOP EDGE OF THE CUP AND HAND STITCH IN PLACE.

Step.11

- DECORATE WITH YOUR FAVOURITE STITCHING AS DEMONSTRATED.

Step.12

- ATTACH BASKET TO HOT AIR-BALLOON BY ATTACHING A CORD OR SIMILAR MATERIAL.



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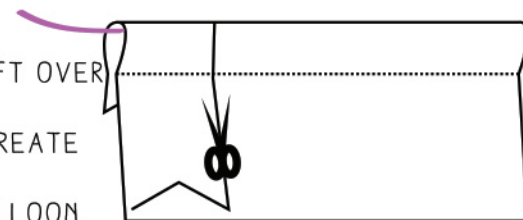
BLANKET STITCH

WHIP STITCH



Step.13 decorate with bunting flags

- CUT A FELT STRIP 4CM / 1.5 INCH X 25 CM / 10 INCH
- STICK FELT STRIP ON BACK SIDE OF ANY FABRIC LEFT OVER FOR FLAGS USING SPRAY ADHESIVE.
- TURN OVER THE LONG SIDE AND STITCH DOWN TO CREATE A LOOP. CUT INTO FUN FLAG SHAPES.
- LOOP FLAGS ONTO DMC THREAD AND DECORATE BALLOON.
- REPEAT IF YOU WISH TO ADD MORE FLAGS TO YOUR BALLOON.



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Cut 6x

1 cm / $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance.