



Project Idea: Make a Felt Animal

**Recommended for Step 2: Make something for someone else,
Choice 3: Make something else**

Setup: Lots of people have a favorite animal. Sometimes people like to have that animal with them. A little felt animal can fit in a pocket. It can be ready whenever you need something to comfort or entertain you!

Materials needed:

- Colored felt
- Pins
- Needle and thread
- Safety scissors
- Material for stuffing (batting, cotton balls, fabric scraps, old T-shirts, or socks)
- Safety scissors
- Fabric markers
- Paper
- Pencil
- Buttons, beads, or other items for decoration (optional)

Activity:

1. Create a paper pattern by drawing an animal's outline in simple shapes and cutting it out. For example, a cat might include a small circle with two triangles for ears atop a larger circle for the body, and a fish might be made from a sideways teardrop for the body and a triangle for its tail.
2. Pin the pattern to a sheet of felt and cut along it to make the front of the body. Turn the pattern over and repeat to create the back of the body.
3. Add details, such as eyes, wings, or fins, by cutting them out of felt, adding buttons, or drawing them with fabric markers. Use a straight, running stitch (shown below) to attach any details to the body pieces. Make sure to tie off any stitches with a double knot. A running stitch goes in and out of the fabric.
4. To sew the body together, pin the two body pieces on top of each other. Then sew a simple running stitch about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in from the edge around the edge. Make sure to leave 1 to 2 inches open to add stuffing.
5. Stuff the animal, finish stitching the body closed, and tie off the thread with a double knot.



Detailed choice activities, meeting tools, and additional resources and materials can be found within the Volunteer Toolkit on my.girlscouts.org.

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