

Itty Bitty Pocket Pirate

a free pattern



This little pirate is a perfect pocket pal. He's filled with beanbag pellets for that nicely squishy feel and he fits right into a little one's pocket. He's also just the right size to be a mini doll for the dolls in The Dress Up Bunch. Fun!

Happy sewing!

Best,
Wendi

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Throughout the pattern, the [purple text](#) links to online video tutorials demonstrating the techniques used, or to sources for the materials.

All seams are 1/4" seam allowance.

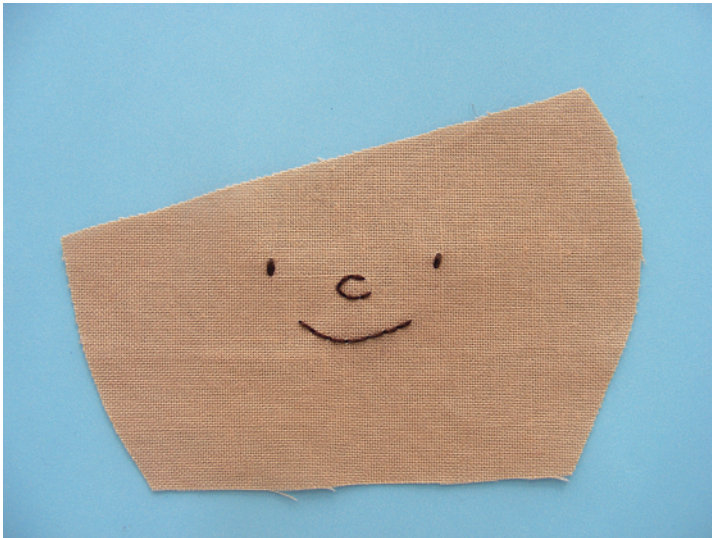
Materials

- scrap of skin-colored fabric (I used [Soho Solids in camel](#))
- scrap of red fabric for the bandana (I used [Dream in red](#))
- scrap of striped fabric for the shirt (I used this [1/8" red/white stripe](#))
- scrap of blue fabric for the shorts (I used [Ziggy in royal blue](#))
- embroidery thread for the face (I used Sulky 12wt. cotton thread in dark brown)
- plastic pellets (I like Poly-Pellets Weighted Stuffing Beads)
- polyfill stuffing (I like Soft Touch Poly-fil Supreme Fiberfill)

Step 1

Cut out all materials as directed on the pattern pieces. You should have:

- 2 head pieces (1 reversed)
- 2 bandana pieces (1 reversed)
- 1 shirt front piece
- 2 shirt back pieces (1 reversed)
- 2 pants pieces
- 4 foot pieces (2 reversed)
- 4 hand pieces (2 reversed)
- 4 bandana knot pieces



Step 2

Trace the face onto one head piece.

Embroider the nose and mouth using [backstitch](#) and a single strand of Sulky 12 wt. embroidery thread (the equivalent of two strands of regular embroidery thread).

Use [this eye stitch](#) for the eyes.

Step 3

Layer two bandana knot pieces right sides together and sew the sides and pointy top. Leave the bottom open for turning.

Repeat for the second pair of bandana knot pieces.

Trim away the extra seam allowance at the points.



Step 4

Turn the bandana knot pieces right side out and press.



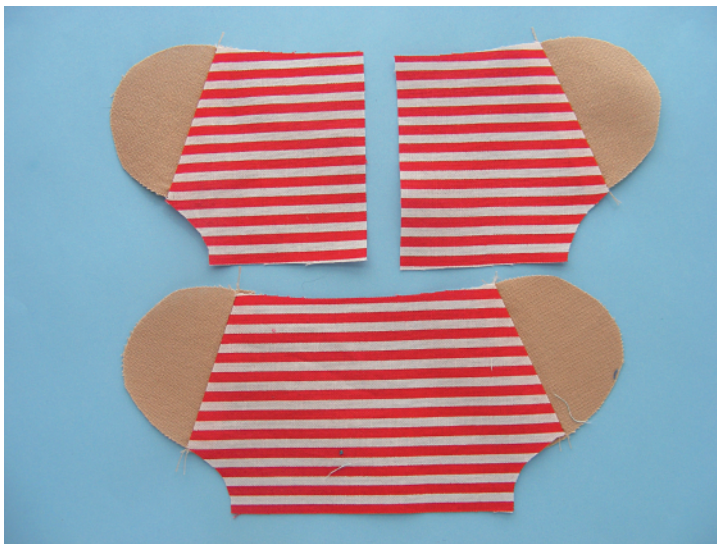
Step 5

Fold the ends in half, stack the two pieces mostly on top of each other and sew them together 1/4 inch from the raw edge.

It doesn't have to be pretty - it just has to keep them folded and together. :-)

Set the bandana knots aside.



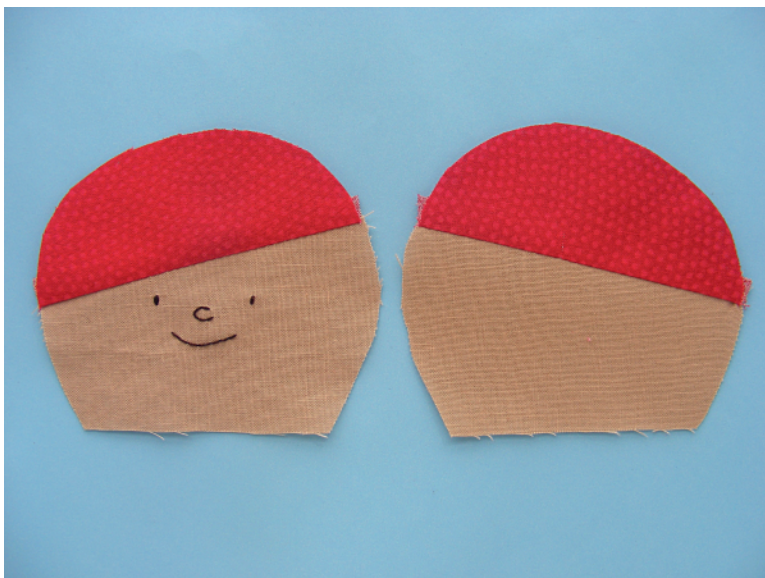


Step 6

Sew the hands to the shirt pieces. Press the seam allowance open.

Step 7

Sew the feet to the pants. Press the seam allowance open.



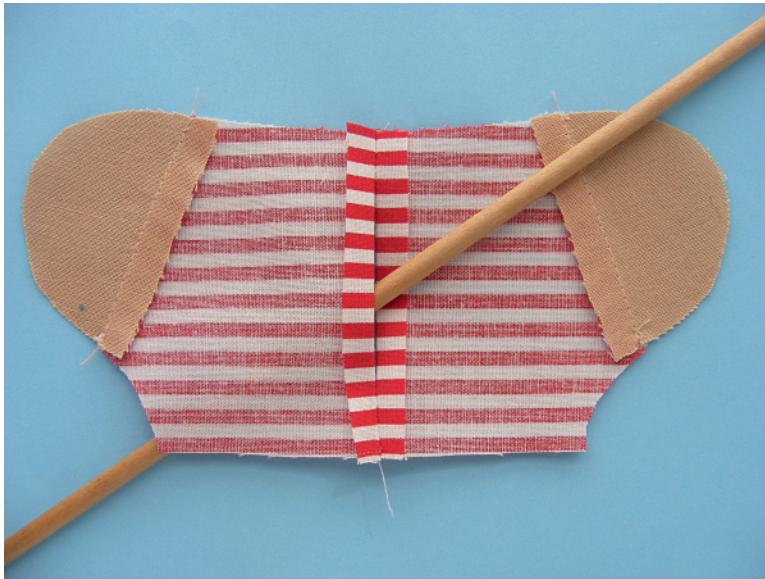
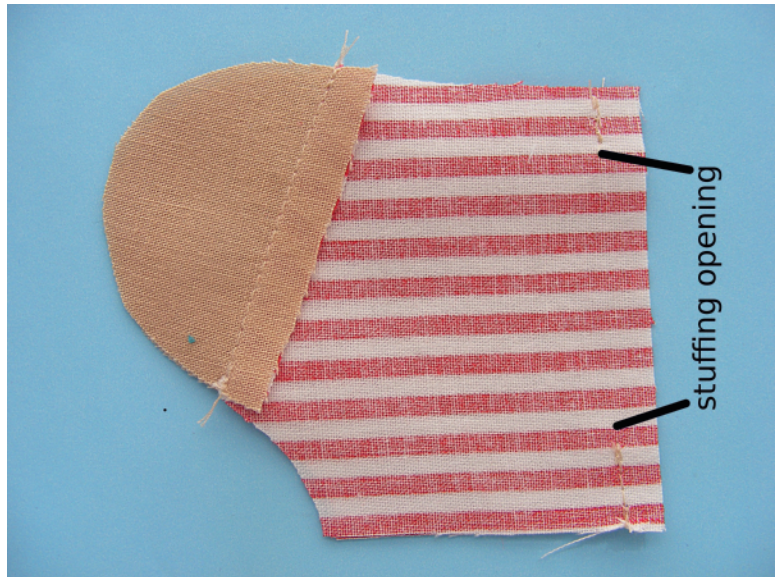
Step 8

Sew the bandana pieces to the top of the head pieces. Press the seam allowance open.

Step 9

Sew the two shirt back pieces together along the center back line, making sure to leave a few inches open for stuffing.

Don't forget to backstitch at the beginning and end of your stuffing opening.



Step 10

Open up the center back pieces and press the seam nice and flat, including the edges of the stuffing opening. That will give you a nice clean edge to sew when you're closing up that opening by hand.

The stick shows where the stuffing opening is.

Step 11

Sew the shirt pieces to the pants. Press the seam allowance open.





Step 12

Fold the bottom of the head and the top of the body in half to find the centers. Line those centers up so the head is exactly centered on the body.

Sew the face to the body front and the other head piece to the body back.

Flip the heads up and press. The seam allowance should be pressed toward the head so the body remains flat.

Step 13

Lay the body front face up on a flat surface.

Lay the bandana knot over the face as shown in the photo. It should be right at the seam where the bandana meets the head, with the folds face down and with the raw edge hanging off the edge of the head by about 1/4 inch.

Pin or clip in place.



Step 14

Place the body back face down over the front, sandwiching the bandana knot between the layers. Pin or clip the layers together carefully, matching all the seams first (the white pins) and then pinning as needed around them (the red and yellow pins).

Step 15

Sew all the way around the body using 1/4 inch seam allowance. Make sure you're catching the bandana knot in your stitching.

Clip into the seam allowance at all the concave curves and points as shown in the photo.



Step 16

Turn your pirate right side out and use a smooth stick to poke out all the curves.

Stuff the head pretty firmly with fiberfill.

Pour 1/2 cup of plastic pellets into the body and sew up the opening in the back using **ladder stitch**.

Finished!

Slip him into someone's pocket and send him off on an adventure!

Did you have fun?

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