

Sewn Catnip Mouse

Materials:

Fabric scraps for body and ears
6" piece of yarn for tail
Needle and thread
catnip
stuffing



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Instructions:

Cut out 1 Body piece and 2 Ears, using patterns provided on the next page. Have fun! Try contrasting fabrics and colors to give your mouse some personality!

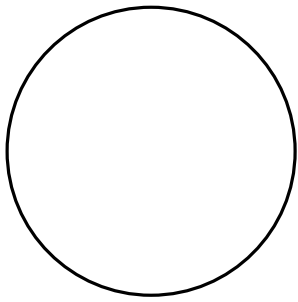
Sew (by hand or with a sewing machine) the mouse shut from nose to back, leaving approximately a 1 5/8" gap at the bum for stuffing. A seam allowance of approximately 1/4" to 3/8" will suffice - use a wider seam allowance if your fabric is prone to fraying and it'll last longer!

Fill the nose of the mouse with catnip... about 1/3" of the body filled with catnip makes a super stinky play toy, if your cat really loves "a wee bit of nip" in the morning.

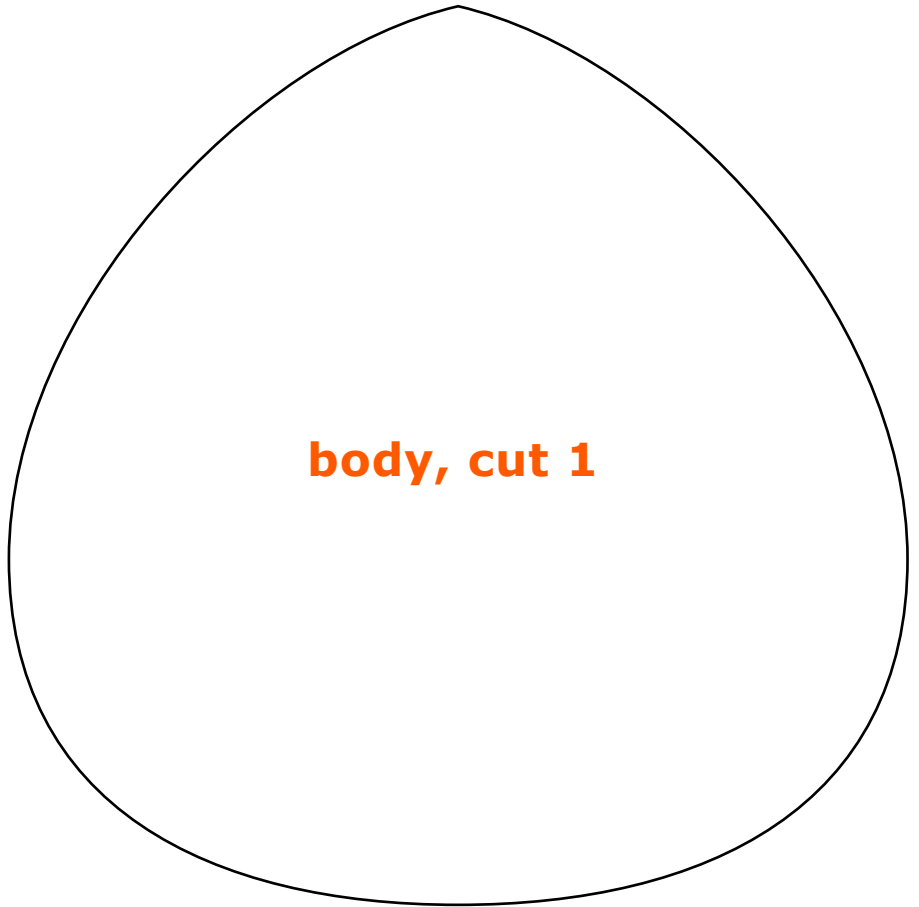
Next stuff the mouse with polyfil stuffing. Have a 6" length of brightly colored yarn ready to sew in as a tail. Knot both ends of the piece of yarn to keep it from fraying. Take a needle and thread and hand sew shut the bum of the mouse, tucking in one end of the tail into the body as you sew. The knot on this end of the tail should be within the body of the mouse, so when you sew it up you can stitch right through the tail yarn and catch it in the seam so it can't be pulled out while playing!

Fold your mouse ears in half, and stitch firmly to either sides of the head as shown.

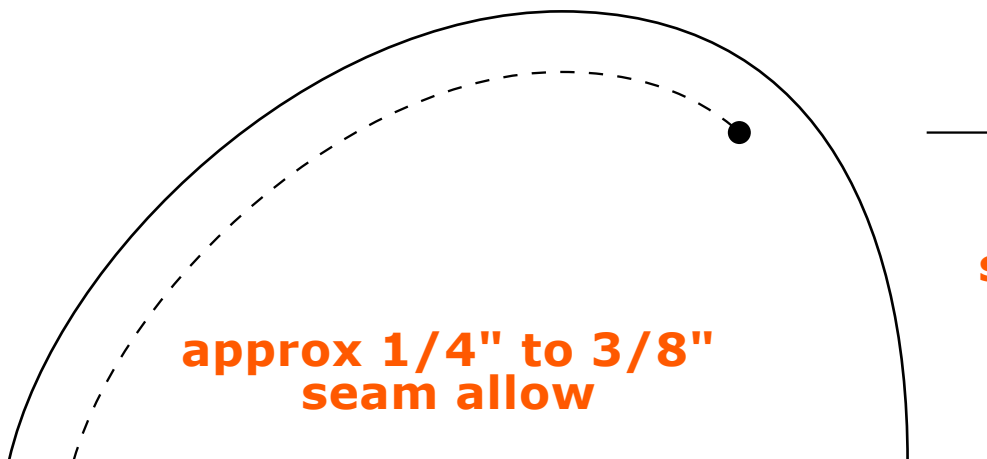
* Did you know that we sell catnip mice like these to raise funds for Cats Ahoy? If you enjoy making the mice and would like to become a craft volunteer, please email us from our website to arrange for the pick up or to drop off finished mice! Thank-you!



ears approx: 1.5", cut 2



body, cut 1



**approx 1/4" to 3/8"
seam allow**

**stuffing opening:
approx 1 5/8"**