



## Sock Lamb

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Materials needed:

- 1 pair of White size Large Men's Crew cut work socks, not ankle or low cut
  - Black embroidery thread
  - Other color embroidery thread for name on blanket
  - ¼ yard each of flannel fabrics at least two different colors and a scrap of white flannel
  - satin-like fabric for blanket back
  - polyester fiberfill stuffing
  - hand needle
  - Thread colors: all purpose white, all purpose colors to match all your flannel colors and dual duty plus hand quilting thread in white (If this specific type thread not available just choose the all purpose instead). Also a white upholstery thread or other super strong thread, fishing line could also be used.
- Round shoe string
  - sew-on Velcro
  - black felt square and other color to match fabrics
  - Ribbon to match fabric colors
  - invisible ink marker
  - Easter print 1 1/2" wide ribbon

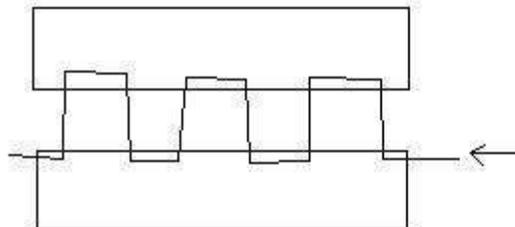
**Basic Sock Toy making techniques:** There's a few basic hand stitches and knots you should know when making sock toys, which if you're not aware of yet, you may want to practice before beginning. These are very simple once you get the hang of it.

**Tying a quilting knot:** Insert threaded needle into a small piece of the fabric and back out, leaving only the tip of the needle sticking out of the fabric, wrap thread around tip of needle 3 times, holding the wraps in place while you pull the needle through, pulling knot tight, insert needle back into the toy at the knot to hide your knot, then cut thread off. See illustration below:

With threaded needle, insert needle into fabric as shown below. With the needle tip sticking out of the fabric, you will wrap the thread around the tip 3 times, hold in place and pull needle through, pulling the knot tight, you can then go back in at the knot site, pulling your knot to the inside of your toy, pull needle out and cut string this makes your knots hidden and looks much nicer.



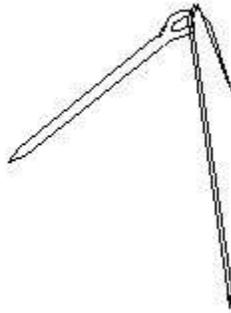
**Using a blind stitch:** A blind stitch attaches two pieces of fabric together without the threads being seen. You begin with your threaded needle, holding your two fabrics together or pinned together, insert needle in and then out of fabric piece #1, then directly in and back out of fabric piece #2, going along like this until connected. See illustration below.



Thread enters in and back out on side one, then over to side 2 in and back out.

**Embroidery:** If you have your embroidery floss handy, you'll notice that there's 6 individual strands wound into one. When I embroider, I like to use only two of the strands, just pull out two of the strands. Thread your two strands into your needle leaving about 4" hanging over needle, to keep it from unthreading as you're pulling it through fabrics. Knot the end and trim off excess after the knot. See illustration for threading your embroidery thread.

Threaded embroidery thread



**Embroidery back-stitch diagram:** When you need to embroider a straight line, such as the mouth on the toy, or the name on the blanket, it's best to use the back-stitch.

#### Embroidery Back Stitch



Enter needle into fabric at point 1 going over top of fabric into point 2, then under fabric into point 3, then over into point 4, continue in this way until your line is finished.

**Choosing Socks:** For this particular project I like to use Large men's work socks. The one's with the fuzzy insides are actually great because, by making your toy inside out, gives your lamb a more wool look but then you can also opt to have the lamb right-side out, if you choose. Luckily most men's white work socks are this type, so these socks should be easy to find in most shops.

## Constructing the Lamb:

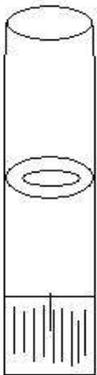
All seams are 1/4" unless otherwise stated. Begin and end all hand stitches with a quilters knot, begin and end all machine stitches with a back-stitch to secure. All parts are attached with a blind stitch.

**To make the lamb:** You will need both socks, one sock will become the head, body and legs of your toy. The other sock becomes the arms, mouth, ears and tail of your toy.

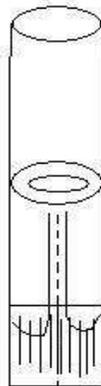
-Turn your first sock inside out, Lay your sock flat with the heel of the sock facing you, draw a line down the middle of the sock starting about 1" from the heel, all the way to down to the opening of the sock, this will be your guide line when sewing the legs up. With your sewing machine or hand needle/thread using your line as a guide, not sewing on the line but 1/4" on each side of the line, you will sew two separate legs. \*When sewing with machine, remember to always begin and end your stitch with a back-stitch to secure your stitches. You now have the body of the toy sewn. There is an opening between the legs in which you can now turn the toy right side out. Then you can stuff with fiberfill.

### Illustration: Sewing first sock

Lie Sock flat with heel of sock facing you

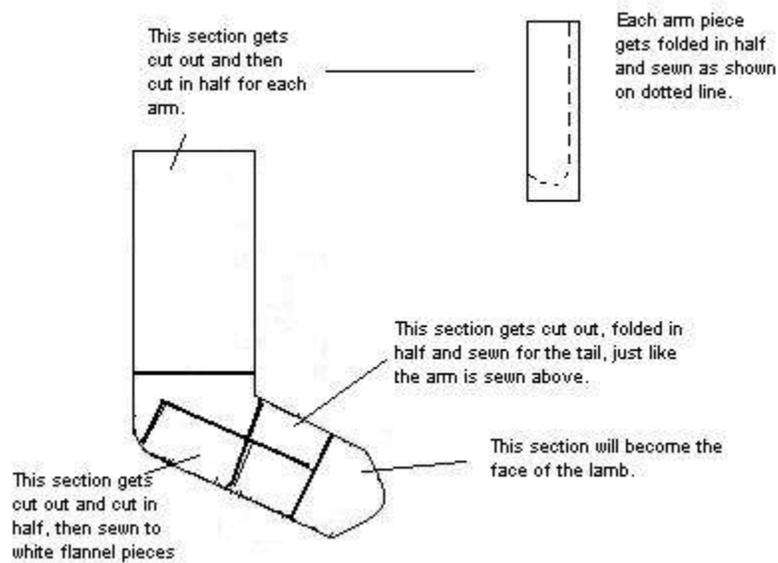


Draw a line down the middle and sew the legs on each side of line, leaving middle open for turning.



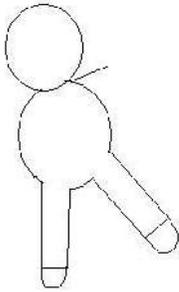
- Your other sock can be sewn/cut as shown in the illustration below. All cuts are made through both sides of the sock, so you're cutting the front and back pieces at the same time. The toe section will become the face and nose/mouth of your lamb, so be sure to cut the toe section long enough, as shown in the illustration below. The cuff section gets cut out and cut in half for the arms, then each arm piece will be folded in half and sewn as shown below. Stuff the arms with fiberfill. The tail is sewn together in the same way as the arm, then stuffed. For the ears, you will have two sock rectangles and two white flannel rectangles the same size. With right-sides together, sew the flannel to the sock rectangles then turn right-side out.

Illustration: Constructing other sock



- Using your shoe string, make a tight tie around the neck, don't knot it, just tie into a bow, this is just easier to pull the neck in with a thick string, so you can easier get your thread around the neck without cutting into your fingers. Then take a long piece double up white upholstery thread or fishing line, tie around to form a neck around the top portion of the toys body and knot it several times on the back of the neck. You can pull the knot back inside the toy, using the quilting knot technique. \*If you wanted to hide the neck string, you could do a blind stitch all the way around the string.

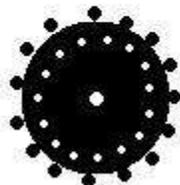
Illustration: Making the head section of your toy.



- You are now ready to sew the body opening closed and attach the parts. I like to use upholstery thread for closing the opening and hand quilting thread for attaching all parts. Use a blind stitch to close up the body opening. You will use a blind stitch to attach all parts. Begin with the face/mouth, centering it best you can. This will need to be stretched into a large circle covering much of the face section of your toy. Turning the edges under 1/4", pin to hold in place, then blind-stitch around leaving 2" opening for adding stuffing. You don't want to stuff the edges of the circle only the nose/mouth section will get stuffed. So leave an inch circumference all the way around, only stuffing the middle section of the face piece, as shown in the completed photo example above. Attach the ears evenly on each side, lining up the top of the ears with the top of the face section. The ears on a lamb are quite low down. Next, stitch on the arms, lining them up evenly with the ears on each side. Then the tail should go about 2" above the bottom.
- With your invisible ink marker, draw your lambs face on as you want it to look, use the photo above for an example. The eyes should be on the face section about 1/2" from the top of face. Cut two round eye circles from your black felt, add a speck of white in the middle of each eye with your white hand-quilting thread to give your toy a more lively look. Using black embroidery thread, (2 strings from the embroidery floss) make a knot on one of the eye marks, then attach the felt as shown in the illustration below. make a quilters knot when finished and insert the needle back in at the knot, pulling the knot back in behind the eye, cut off and repeat for eye #2. Using the embroidery back-stitch as illustrated above, you will embroider the mouth and nose of your lamb.

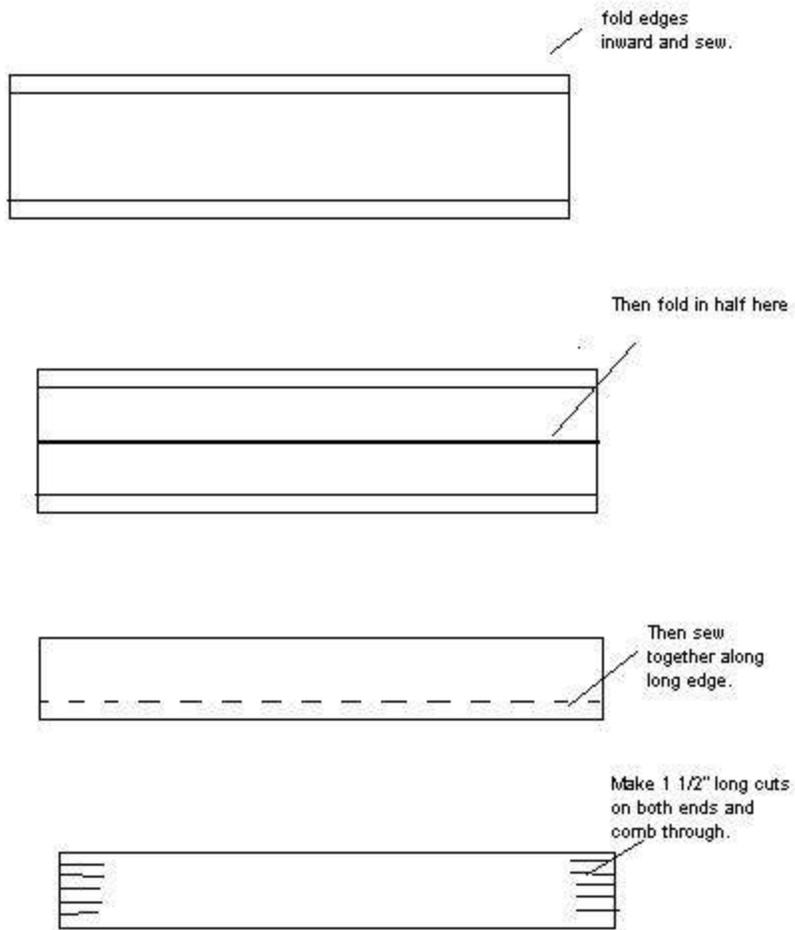
Illustration: Attaching felt eye to toy.

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insert needle on toy. going in white dot, under and out black  
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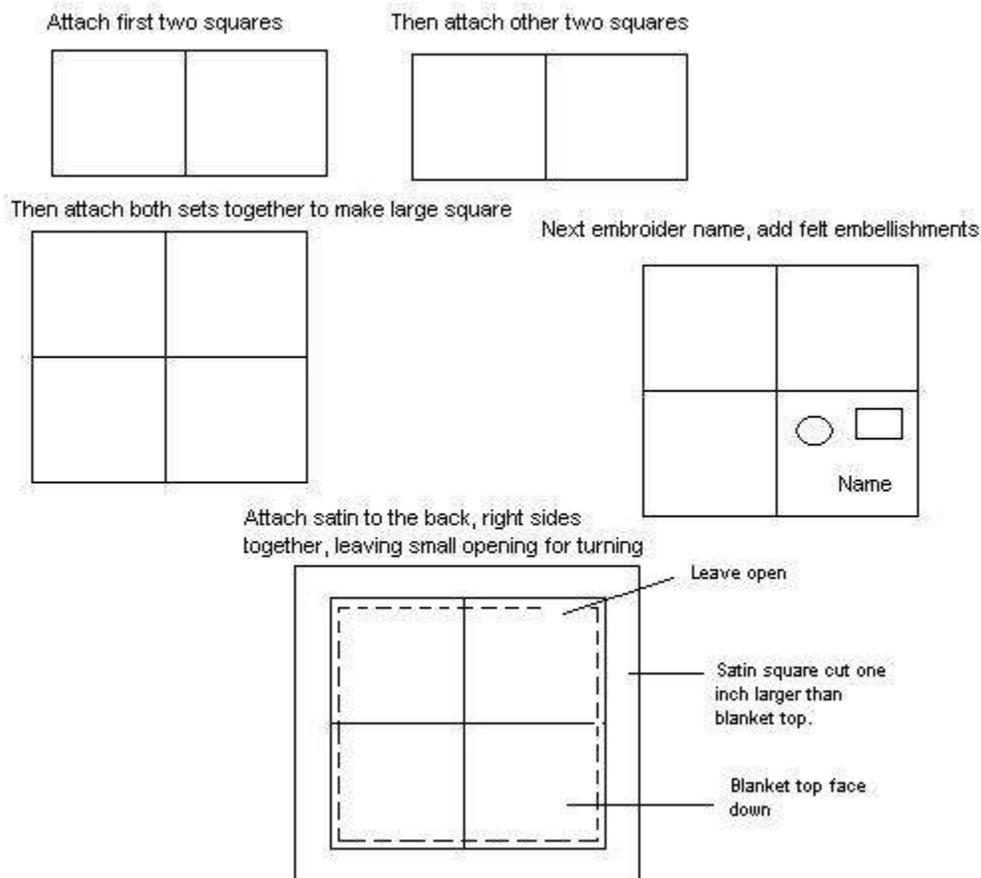
**Making Scarf:** Optional. Your lamb can wear a scarf or a pretty festive bow around her neck. If this will be for Easter decoration, purchase 1 1/2" wide Easter print ribbon and tie around the neck, with the bow section being on the side of the back of the neck. If you want your toy to wear a scarf, cut a 2 1/2" wide strip of flannel fabric, about 30" long. Fold two long edges in 3/8", pin and machine stitch 1/4" hem. Fold strip in half and sew long edges together. On both ends of the scarf, make cuts about 1 1/2" long, this makes your scarf fringe, you can also use a comb to comb out the edges making the strings finer on the ends

Illustration: Making a scarf



**Security Blanket:** Cut out your pattern pieces for the blanket. Begin by sewing two squares right sides together. Then sew the other two squares right sides together. Next, put both sewn together sets right sides together on top of each other, connecting the two sets, so you have one large square. Next, you can embroider a name if you wish and add any embroidered or felt embellishments. You may want to match the pajamas you have for the monkey by cutting out felt shapes to match, like shown in my photo example. Once you have your blanket front complete, lay it on top of the large piece of satin or minky fabric you're using for the back of the blanket, cut a square of the satin fabric which is one inch larger than the blanket front, as shown in the last illustration below. Sew together 1/4" seam along outer edge of blanket top, as shown below on dotted lines. Leave a small opening to turn right-side out. Then, close the opening by turning the opening edges in and machine stitch closed, carrying on with the stitch around the entire square of the blanket. (Depending on the colors of your back and front blanket pieces, you may want to use a different color bobbin thread to match your back side and top thread to match the top side of the blanket).

Illustration: Constructing security blanket.



**Blanket holder options:** This is an optional step, you may decide to do or not. If you'd like your lamb to be able to hold onto the blanket, you can attach one of the arms to the mouth of the lamb or you may decide to instead attach a very small piece of Velcro to the hand of the lamb and to the corner of the blanket. You'd want the soft Velcro piece on the blanket of course.

**Velcro Diaper:** Optional: the lamb looks really cute with a diaper on too. To make the flannel diapers, just cut out your two pattern pieces and sew right-sides together along the edges, leaving a small opening for turning, Turn right-side out and close opening by stitching on top. Add the sticky (rough part) of the Velcro to the outer edges of the diaper, then put the diaper on the lamb and mark where the other side of the Velcro needs to go, to make sure you have a perfect fit for the diaper. Then attach the soft part of the Velcro where you marked.

Add a cute little ribbon to the top of your lambs head. Use felt circles for the bottom of the lambs feet. You could also add a felt shape such as a heart or flower to the chest of the lamb and personalize with an embroidered name, making this a wonderful Easter basket gift, baby shower or birthday gift.

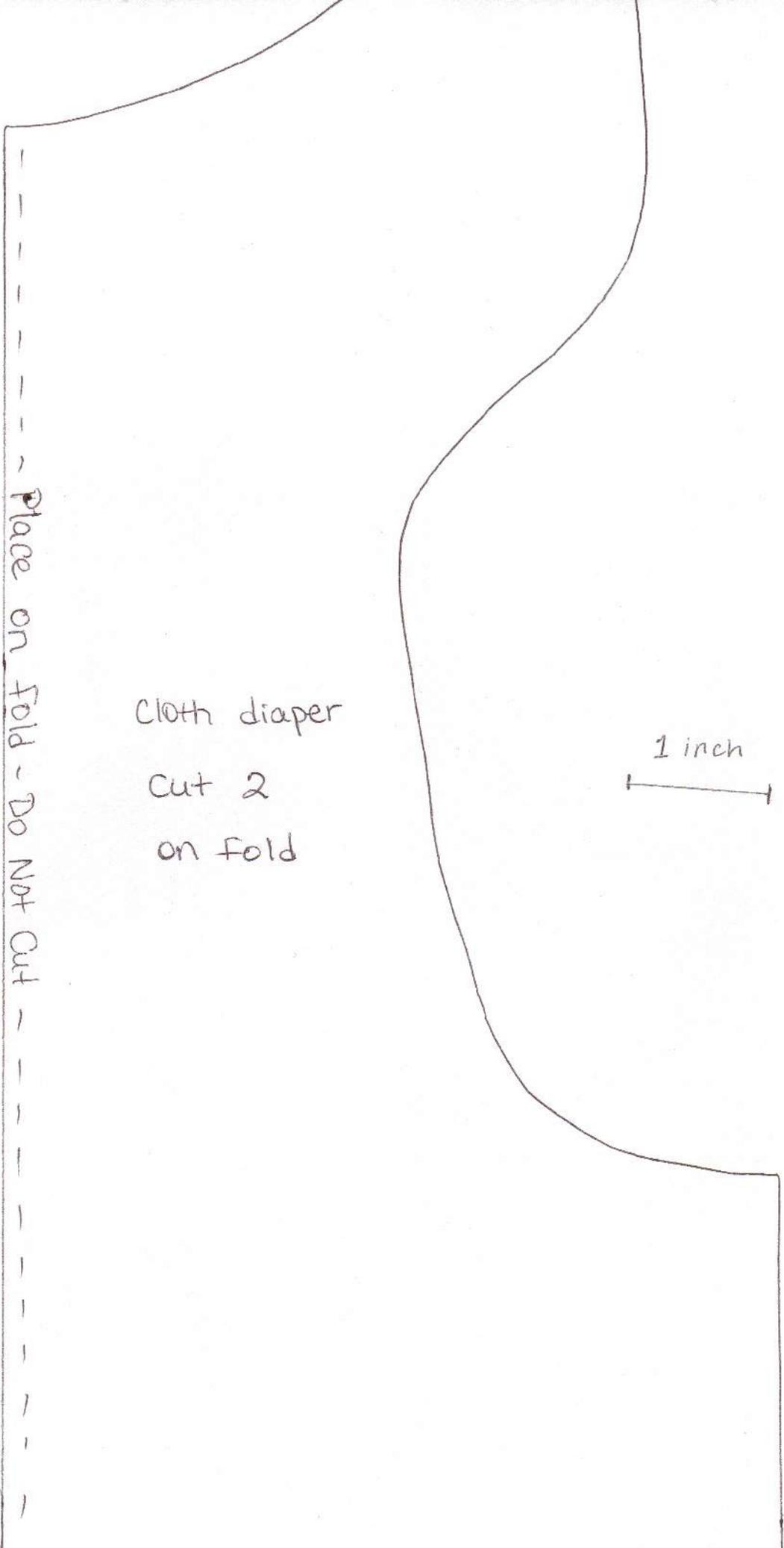
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