



Mini Ewok Softie

Star Wars Day may be May 4, but you can celebrate all month (and longer!) by making this easy handsewn Ewok softie, with two fabric choices!



Ingredients (Included):

- Ewok body and hood pattern (credit to Wild Olive blog)
- two pieces brown ribbed fabric
- two pieces brown felt
- two pieces dark orange felt
- one embroidery needle
- black, tan, and brown embroidery thread
- baggie of polyfil stuffing

You Supply:

- Scissors
- Sharpie or fabric marker
- Needle threader (optional)



Two things to note:

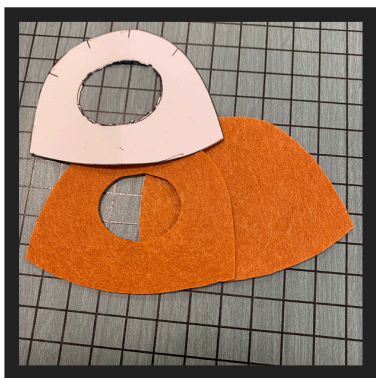
I've provided two types of fabric for the Ewok's body. The brown felt is much easier to work with than the brown ribbed fabric, but the brown ribbed fabric is softer.

The stitches you'll use in this project are the French knot, the running stitch, and the whip stitch. YouTube tutorial links will be provided.

Step One: Grab the paper pattern and cut out the Ewok body and hood. This will serve as your template when cutting the fabric.

Step Two: Use your Sharpie or fabric marker to trace the Ewok body onto whichever dark brown fabric you want to work with. It's harder to trace on the ribbed fabric. Either stack your two pieces of fabric together and cut once, or trace and cut two times, to end up with two body pieces. **Be careful around the ears! They can be hard to cut around. Small, sharp scissors are best.**

Step Three: Repeat these steps for the Ewok hood, ending up with two hood pieces. Cut a hole in one of the hood pieces by folding it in half and cutting a circle around the fold.



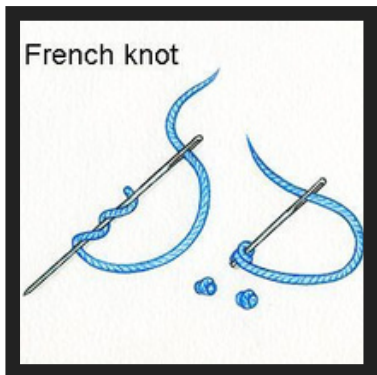
Step Four: Thread your needle with the black thread and knot on one end. Use it to stitch the face onto one of the body pieces. You can use the Sharpie to mark where you want the eyes and nose to line up. Use the hood piece with the hole to make sure the face will line up with the hood's opening.



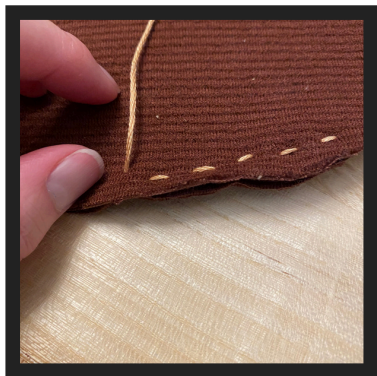
Stitch Tutorial: French Knots

I made the Ewok's eyes with the French knot stitch. Check out this video from Cutesy Crafts to see the stitch in action:

<https://youtu.be/pjl5yo656U4>

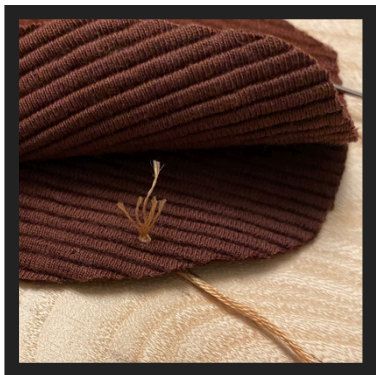


Step Five: Stack the two body pieces and sew around the edge with a running stitch. Thread your needle with the light tan thread and knot on one end. Start stitching on one of the sides, and leave an opening an inch or so wide for the stuffing.



Pro Tip: You can hide your first knot in between the two pieces of fabric so that it's not visible on your finished pieces.

While sewing, try to stay close to the edge and keep your stitches as neat and even as possible. Sew all along the body and ears, leaving an inch or two for the stuffing.



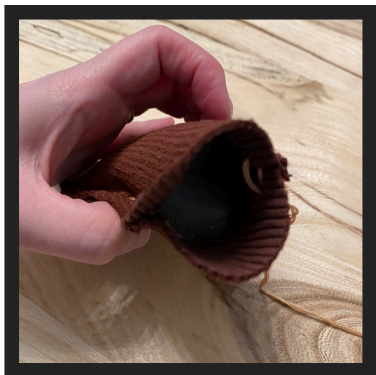
Stitch Tutorial: Running Stitch

Check out this video from Cutesy Crafts to see this basic stitch in action:

<https://youtu.be/ui6cZF6GPgQ>



Step Six: Leave your needle threaded while you fill the body with stuffing, using a pencil or something similar to make sure the stuffing reaches all the corners. Then stitch that opening closed with the same running stitch and knot off your thread securely.



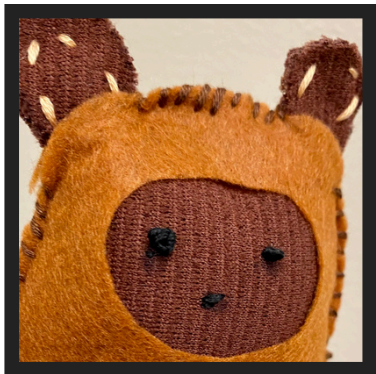
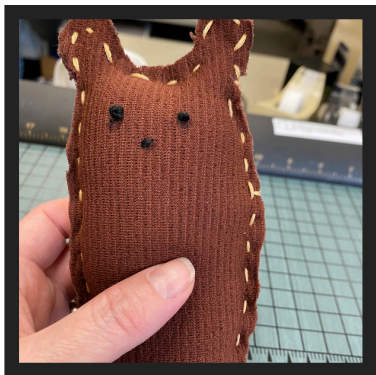
Stitch Tutorial: How to Tie Off

Check out this video from Cyber Sewing to see one method for how to end your stitches:

<https://youtu.be/ui6cZF6GPgQ>

Personally, I find ending my stitches without a visible knot difficult. I made sure I ended my stitches on one side and high enough that the knot will eventually be covered by the Ewok's hood. If you're really struggling, a dab of hot glue or fabric glue on the knot will help hold it in place.

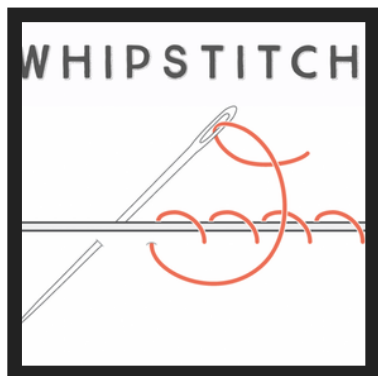
Step Seven: Stack the two hood pieces together and sew around the edge with a whip stitch, making sure to leave openings for the ears. The pattern is marked for the openings but make sure your openings match your actual Ewok body, since variations can occur when cutting and sewing.



Stitch Tutorial: Whipstitch

The whipstitch or over stitch is used to join to pieces of fabric together. Check out this video from Red Ted Art to see this in action:

<https://youtu.be/gmD9vpo5Fso>



Step Eight: Once you tie off your whipstitch on the Ewok hood, you can get your Ewok dressed for their adventures! Slide the hood down over the Ewok, pulling the ears through the openings until it fits snugly. Enjoy!



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