

# HM HouseMart Ben Franklin Crafts

Totoro Felt Cube

### SUPPLIES

9"x12" bright blue felt sheet (Little Totoro's Body) 77677013 or charcoal gray felt sheet for same body 30147513 9"x12" white felt sheet (Totoro's belly) 77676635 White sewing thread 30098758 Handful of Polyfil stuffing 30114565

## **ADDITIONAL TOOLS NEEDED**

Needle for sewing 77330936 Black Sharpie or similar pen for facial details 91029 Scissors for cutting out felt shapes



Design by Megan Manlove

- 1. Measure and cut out six 2"x2" squares from your blue or gray felt piece.
- 2. Trace and cut out four ear shapes using pattern from blue or gray felt piece.
- 3. Trace and cut out belly shape using pattern from white felt piece.
- 4. Sew white belly felt piece to one of the six blue or gray square felt pieces. This square is now your Totoro's face.
- 5. On your Totoro's face square, draw the belly markings, nose, eyes, and whiskers as shown on the pattern example.
- 6. Begin sewing your square piece edges together with a simple whip stitch, starting with two blank blue or gray square felt pieces. The shape will be turned inside out, so do not worry about the knots showing.
- 7. Place two ear pieces together, beginning your whip stitch at the base of the ear (they will not be seen in the finished product). You will then have two sturdy ears using four of the squares that you've cut out.

Instructions continued on the back.

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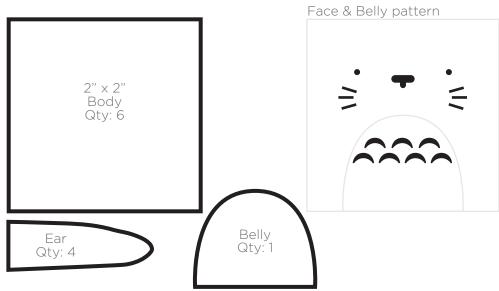




### Instructions continued:

- 8. Take a blank felt square and align it with Totoro's face square. Place the ear pieces between the blank felt square and the face square, sandwiching evenly, with ears pointing downward. Make sure to have about 1/4" of the base of the ear sticking out so that you will be able to stitch them in place.
- 9. With the sandwiched pieces still inside out, along the top edge, stitch together the sandwiched face square, blank square, with the two ears, and knot when completed.
- 10. Turn the enitre project right side out.
- 11. Stuff with polyfill, being sure not to overstuff. Overstuffing will cause your cube to look rounder, and will not sit properly.
- 12. Begin to stitch the seam closed from the inside to hide knot. Trim thread once seam is finished.

# 13. Enjoy your Totoro!



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