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Please read all instructions before beginning the project.

Experience level: Intermediate sewing

Materials:

- Red fabric for hat, mittens and boots
- Flesh coloured fabric for face and ears
- Stripe fabric for body, arms, legs and base – see note
- Craft fibrefill/stuffing
- Rice and funnel
- Embroidery cotton in red and black
- Normal sewing supplies and sewing machine.

Note: I couldn't find stripe fabric that I liked, so ended up using the back side of red ticking, which was the perfect size stripe.

Preparation:

Cut out pattern pieces.

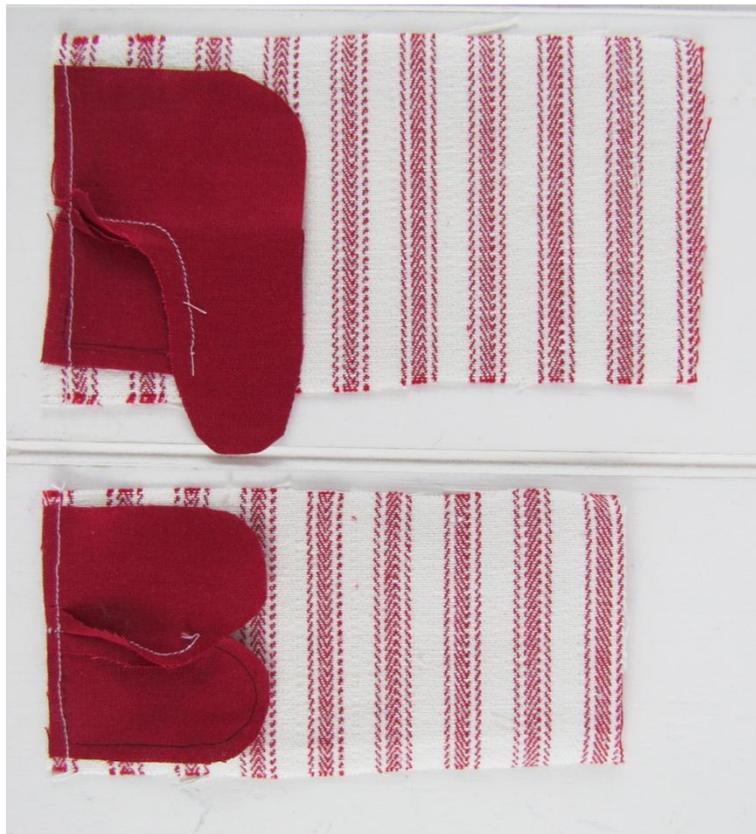
Fold fabrics in half with right sides facing. Position pattern pieces and cut them out allowing a ¼" seam allowance. Please note that arm and leg pattern pieces are placed on the fold.

Instructions:

Please note: for the purpose of photographing the sewing steps, I have used white thread on the red fabric, however, when I made my Pixies I used red thread. Set your sewing machine to a small stitch when making your pixies.

Preparing the boots, mittens and hat: With right sides together, stitch the boots from top down almost to the toe; for the mittens, from the top down to the point between thumb and hand; and on the hat, from the base, along the curved side and about one third of the other side. We do this so that we can still open the pieces out to stitch to the adjoining pattern piece.

Open out the mitten and with right sides facing, place at the end of the arm and stitch in place. Repeat process with boots and legs.



Arms: fold arm and mitten piece in half, with right sides facing and finish stitching the mitten and arm. Don't forget to leave the opening for stuffing later. I used red cotton for the mitten and boot sections. Clip seam allowance

on mitten. So the arms hang nicely, trim the top of the arm on the diagonal – see image below.

Boots: fold leg pieces in half with right sides facing and finish stitching the boots and legs, leaving the opening for stuffing. Clip curved seams.



Next, place body pieces with right sides facing and stitch the curved front side of the body. Position the arms at neck with thumbs facing in and stitch across the neckline to secure – see image above.

When attaching the legs to the base of the body, the back seams of the legs are in the central position (see the next image)... this is so the feet will be in the correct position. Stitch across both legs to secure in place.



Face and hat: Stitch around the ears, clip seams and turn out to right side. Position ears between face front and face side piece and stitch face pieces together. Repeat for other side of face. Place the two halves of the face together with right sides facing and stitch the centre face seam. Clip seams.



Hat: Pin the hat and face together with right sides facing, ensuring that the centre seams match up and then stitch to secure.



Pin the face to the body and stitch in place.



Fold body in half with right sides facing and finish stitching the hat in red and then the back seam of body, leaving the opening for the stuffing.

Pin the oval base into the bottom of the body. I temporarily tacked this piece in place and then stitched with the machine. It was a little fiddly, so proceed slowly. Clip seams and turn the Pixie right side out through hole in back.





I began by stuffing the head first, using small pieces of fibrefill and pushing it up into the hat with a chopstick. Continue stuffing the head until you reach the body.

Place a funnel in the opening of the back and fill the bottom third of the body with rice. This will give your pixie weight and allows it to sit unassisted. Continue stuffing the body. The stuffing needs to be quite firm in both the head and body. Neatly close the seam at back of body.

Arms and legs: Fill the mittens with stuffing, ensuring that they are quite firm. The rest of the arm can have less stuffing, so that it will hang loosely. For the legs, fill the boot quite firmly with stuffing and the rest of the legs with less stuffing, especially at the top where they meet the body. Close the arm and leg seams with small neat stitches.

Eyes and mouth: I used embroidery thread to stitch the eyes and mouth. Mark eye positions on face using the pattern as a guide. For the eyes, I used a large doll needle threaded with 3 strands of black embroidery thread. I entered under the arm, right in the seam and brought the needle out at the closest eye. Proceed to make a French knot and take the needle back into the head and out again at the second eye. Make a French knot and exit the needle under the other arm. I found that the knots were easily hidden in the seam.

The mouth was stitched with 3 strands of red embroidery floss. I also very softly blushed my pixie's cheeks with blush powder.



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