

WABI SABI MOUSE KIT MAKING INSTRUCTIONS

These instructions accompany our mouse pattern and mouse making kit. Once you have used your kit fabric you can go ahead and make lots more mice with our free pattern template (also supplied in the kit).

Watch our video to guide you through making a kit mouse and extra mice in your own fabric!

The skill of sewing is a wonderful one to give to a child (or adult!). This fun project will provide the skills to hand stitch a hole in a garment and if you use buttons as eyes, you will also be able to sew any loose buttons back onto clothing!

These mice also make great cat toys!



You will need to gather together:

- A piece of fabric suitable for the body – cotton, felt, wool etc – plain or colourful – it's your choice, again if you have our kit then you have your first mouse body as printed pieces.
- A small piece of felt fabric for the base. If you have one of our kits the mouse base felt is included.
- A small scrap of pink felt is ideal for the inner ears and a small piece of any colour felt for the outer ears –these pieces are supplied in the kit. You can also substitute colourful fabric for the inner ears and hand stitch in place!
- A short length of ribbon or cord for the tail (supplied in the kit). (Take care to not have too long a tail if making for small children – to avoid a choking hazard)
- You can use plain black felt, 2 small black beads or buttons for eyes and a button for the nose (or embroider the eyes and nose with satin stitch) – The kit includes a small

piece of black felt for the eyes and nose and 3 small buttons – again please do not use buttons if making this mouse for a young child.

- Some good quality toy stuffing, we don't supply toy stuffing in our kits but we do sell it in our Etsy shop, use coupon code KITSTUFF to gain 10% off!
- Good quality matching sewing thread and a hand sewing needle.
- A glue stick – (optional)
- Pair of scissors to cut out.
- A sewing machine can be used, or you can simply hand stitch the mouse together.
- You will also find a free mouse pattern template for making more mice in the kit so you can carry on and make as many mice as you like in your own fabric!

A small seam allowance has been added to the edges of our printed mouse shape (6mm). If you are using the kit fabric then sew just inside the fabric print. If you are making more mice with the pattern shape then you have a 6 mm seam allowance included in the pattern.

CUTTING OUT

Using the fabric you have selected for the bodies, cut 2 side bodies, or cut the kit pieces on the dotted lines.

Cut one underbody, two outer ears and 2 inner ears, using the fabric supplied and the kit pattern templates. You can use pretty fabric for the inner ears if you want to make a nice contrast.

Cut a small piece of ribbon or cord for the mouse tail

PREPARING THE EARS

Use craft glue to put a spot of glue on the base of each inner ear and press them to the outer ears. Fold ears in half lengthwise. NOTE – if you are using fabric rather than felt for the ears then you may want to use a stitch to overlap the edges of the ears to prevent any fraying.

Use the pattern template provided to locate the slits in the main mouse body parts, cut the slits carefully. Insert base of ear into slit on one side body. The ears face upwards. Pin or clip in place. sew across the slit either by hand or with a sewing machine, catching the folded ear in a small dart. Do this for both ears.



Fold the ribbon into a loop and pin or tack in place where the tail should be! The tail should be at least 1cm up from the base.



Now place the mouse body sections with the right sides together and sew from the nose to the tail, making sure you catch the tail in the seam.



Sew the underbody to the main body by hand from the outside. Leave a small gap for stuffing.



Stuff the mouse body with good quality toy stuffing and hand stitch the gap closed.



You can use black thread and a satin stitch for the nose and eyes if you are making this for small children, or alternatively you can use buttons or felt for the nose and eyes. Take a double thread and stitch the eyes in place. Begin to sew one eye button through the holes

and pass the needle through the head to the other eye position, travel the needle backwards and forwards sewing the button eyes in position, you can pull a little to draw the eyes closer together to give the face some shape! Now pass the needle through the mouse and allow it to come out where the nose will be positioned, continue to stitch the nose in place.

Pass the thread to below the nose position and tie off to secure.

Cats love these little mice and you can sprinkle a little cat nip inside the stuffing for them before you close the gap.

Why not make the mouse a house! If you have made one mouse it can live happily in the kit tin, we have also given you a template to make blankets and pillows!

Why not carry on and make a whole mouse family. They love to live in shoe box's and the more mice you make the happier they are!



Keep an eye out for our growing range of craft projects and patterns! Learn how to make blankets and pillows for your mouse by watching our video!

Wabi Sabi links – keep an eye out for our handy sew along videos too – you can access this guide at Wabi Sabi studio – link below!

Etsy Shop: www.etsy.com/shop/WabiSabiLifeDesigns

You Tube Channel : https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_gmluzgNfkMhJKmdKpg07Q

Wabi Sabi Studio: <https://wabisabistudio.co.uk/>

Instagram - www.instagram.com/itsuki_wabisabi