

Sleepy Cloud

Pin Cushion Template

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For Beginners

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MATERIALS REQUIRED

- Two 7" (18cm) x 4 ½" (12cm) pieces of white wool felt for the cloud shape
- Scrap of candy pink wool felt for the cheeks
- Freezer paper for transferring the template onto felt (purchased from quilting or sewing stores)
- Small, fine scissors with short, sharp blades for cutting felt
- Paper scissors
- White and pink embroidery floss to match the felt and brown floss for the eyes
- Embroidery needle
- Polyester stuffing or hobby fill
- Thin tracing paper (like lunch wrap paper) for transferring the face details to the felt
- Ribbon to make a co-ordinating bow
- Needle and sewing thread to match the ribbon colour
- Sewing pins
- Lighter or heat sealer
- Press cloth or scrap of cotton fabric
- Print out of the Sleepy Cloud template

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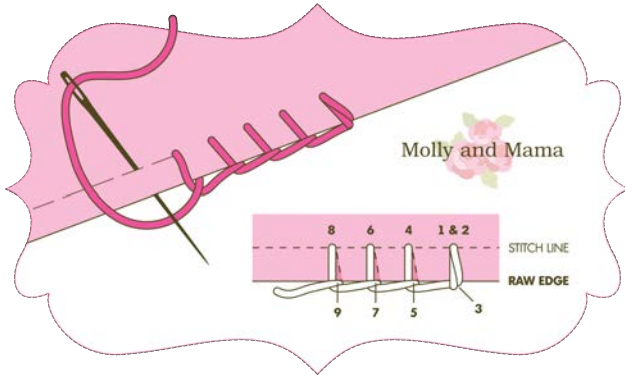
BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Be sure to read the pattern from beginning to end before starting. This pattern is perfect for beginners. You will learn how to sew a felt cloud and embroider the facial details.

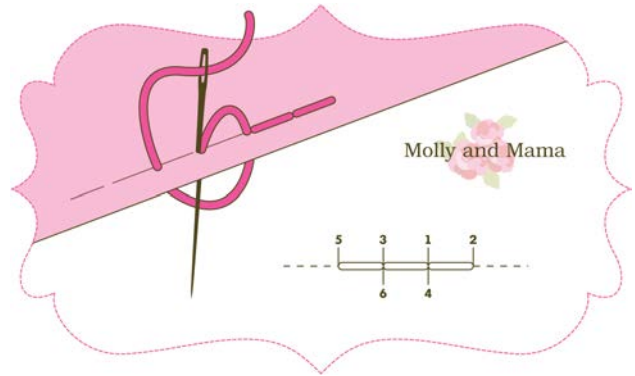
Which stitch?

For this project, you'll be using a basic running stitch, back stitch and blanket stitch. If you need a refresher, these images may help. A quick Internet search also brings up lots of videos, images and tutorials for the different stitch types too.

Blanket Stitch



Back Stitch



Print The Pattern

Print your Sleepy Cloud template in full size without any scaling or cropping. To make clouds that are larger or smaller, simply enlarge or reduce the size of the template when printing.

LET'S GET STITCHING

Trace the Pattern

Using the attached pattern template, trace the cloud and cheek shapes onto the paper side of the freezer paper.



Cut around the shape leaving a small border or space around the outside.

Cut Out the Felt

Position the cloud template on the white felt and then iron in place (being sure to cover and protect the felt with a press cloth).



Cut out the cloud shape on the line, using small, sharp scissors. Peel off the paper template.



Use the same process to make a second felt cloud.



Cut two pink cheek circles using the same method.

Embroider the Face

Using the template as a guide, position the cheeks onto one of the white clouds and pin in place. Using two strands of complementary embroidery floss, sew the cheeks with a fine running stitch or blanket stitch.



Trace the cloud template onto a piece of thin tracing or tissue paper. We'll be using the paper template to help transfer the design to the felt.



Cut out the cloud shape on the line and pin in place over the felt cloud (ensuring the cheeks line up correctly).



Thread the embroidery needle with three strands of pink embroidery floss. Back stitch the line of the mouth, stitching directly through the paper.



Use three strands of brown floss to sew directly through the paper template and back stitch each of the eyes and the eye lashes.



When the stitching is complete, remove the pins. Hold the paper in place with one hand and gently tear the paper away from the eyes and mouth stitching with the other hand.



Use the tip of the needle to help manoeuvre any stray pieces of paper out from under the stitching.



Blanket Stitch the Cloud Together

Pin the front and back cloud pieces together. Using two strands of white embroidery floss, start blanket stitching the cloud on the side of one of the curves, on the top of the head. If you're not confident with blanket stitch, you can also use a simple overcast or whip stitch. A quick internet search will also bring up some wonderful videos and tutorials to help you learn these hand stitching techniques.

Continue stitching (you may need to change floss a couple of times) until you're a few inches from the start. Stop stitching but keep the length of embroidery floss intact.



Stuff the Cloud

Begin adding small amounts of stuffing through the gap in the pin cushion seam. Use the closed end of the scissors (or a chopstick or knitting needle) to help manoeuvre the stuffing in place. Ensure the pin cushion is firmly filled. Then continue to sew the pin cushion closed. When you've finished blanket stitching, secure your thread and trim the excess.



Add a Bow

Tie a decorative bow with your ribbon and trim the ends. Heat seal the ends with a heat sealing tool or by quickly running a lighter flame along the cut edge of the ribbon to melt the fibres together. This ensures the bow doesn't fray.

Position the bow and secure it to the cloud by stitching it firmly in place. Use sewing cotton in

a similar colour to the bow. I prefer to disguise my stitches under the bow ends and loops so they can't be seen.



Fill your Sleepy Cloud with lots of pretty pins and enjoy seeing that smiling face every time you sew!

EXTRA PROJECTS

- Create a mini version of the felt cloud. Use it to adorn a headband, hair clip or other hair accessories.
- Use the cloud template to create cute appliqués for clothing and other decor.
- Add beads, buttons and bows to add extra detail.
- Sew a loop of ribbon into the top seam of the cloud to create a hanging loop. Use the hanging cloud to decorate a nursery or make a lovely mobile.
- Keep an eye out for pattern additions and bonus tutorials on the Molly and Mama blog - <http://www.MollyandMama.com.au>.

TIPS AND TRICKS FOR WORKING WITH FELT

- Always ensure you use the best quality materials and notions you can afford. They'll give you the best finish and your creations will last longer.
- 100% wool felt is the best product for this project. You can read more tips for working with wool felt here; <http://mollyandmama.com.au/2014/07/27/tips-for-working-with-wool-felt/>
- Reduce or enlarge your template on your printer to create different sized felt clouds for other projects.
- Take your time with your project. The more time you give yourself, the better your stitching will be!



FELT SUPPLIES

I purchase my 100% merino wool felt from two lovely Australian suppliers who stock premium felt in a gorgeous range of colours. Please visit Rose Petal Collections (<http://rosepetalcollections.com>) or The Quilter's Angel (<http://www.quiltersangel.com.au>) for more information.

QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK

I'd love to hear your feedback on Molly and Mama patterns. Please email Lauren at: MollyandMama@gmail.com.

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Use the hash tag #MollyandMama or #SleepyCloudPinCushion on Instagram – www.instagram.com/MollyandMama.

See more patterns at: <http://www.MollyandMama.etsy.com>.

Find lots of free tutorials and more, over on the Molly and Mama blog: www.MollyandMama.com.au.

Thank you for choosing a Molly and Mama pattern. I hope you have fun making and creating with it!

Happy sewing, Lauren x

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----- Embroidery Placement