

Make-A-Toy-Club Pattern

This clown will surely make a youngster happy on Christmas morning!

Toto The Clown needs for him self and a twin, only:

½ yd of 36" gay cotton print. (We used J.C. Penney Rondo percale, red with white dots, comes also in blue, dots 5/8" in diameter.)

1/8 yd. of white sateen for head and face.

1/8 yd. Of brightened Everglaze sateen for cap and neck ruffle.

14 ¾" balls cut from consolidated trimming fringe (for feet, hand, top-not and in back at knee line to help clown sit up.)

2 needlefuls each of black and red thread to embroider the face.

For stuffing: Each clown requires 12 pairs of discarded nylon stockings cut 1/2" wide strips crosswise. (which means that Toto and his partner can be washed and hung for quick drying.) *Fortunately, modern day stuffing is available that is wash and dry so nylon stockings are not your only option.*

To Cut Out Toto: First, line up the pattern pieces so that the two pages are now one. You can easily overlap the body and the ruff pieces so the pages meet correctly. Tape them together. Trace the pattern pieces off onto wrapping paper. Notice that 1/4" seams are allowed on all pieces. Lay right sides of fabric together, edges meeting. Cut clown lengthwise of fabric. Cut 4 body pieces and 4 arm pieces. Cut 2 pieces for the cap. Cut a 12" long neck ruffle, making it 2: wide and cutting on true bias, as shown. (This means piecing if material is to be conserved.) The bottom edges of cap and ruffle should be pinked or notched.

To Make Toto: Stitch the arms on 2 sides and around bottom, (use Coats and Clarks red heavy duty thread) (A). Turn right side out and stuff softly with shredded nylon stocking. Seam center front and back of clown (BB). Press seams open. Place one piece over the other, right sides together. Place an arm on each side of body with raw edges C together. Pin or baste edges all way around. Begin at neck, stitch across first arm and around the clown, then across other arm, leaving neck open for turning. Turn clown right side out. Stuff legs and body, keeping him soft.

Prepare the Head: Use red thread, double, to embroider nose, eyes and lower lip, black thread for brows and upper lip. Or, you can do machine embroidery using the Etching Stitch to make the face. To use this machine embroidery stitch, you baste the head section to a larger piece of fabric and put it in hoops to embroider before the head is attached to the body. Stitch around the head, leaving top of the head open for stuffing. Pack head fairly full of shredded stockings. Stitch across bottom of the neck. Slip neck of head inside neck of body. Turn in neck seam edge of body. Sew body and head together securely, using a whipping stitch. Machine-gather the ruffle, using the ruffler or a long stitch, and pull up the bobbin thread to fit the neck. Tack ruffle in place around the neck. Stitch side seams of cap. Turn right side out, place cap slightly sideways and tack seam of cap to head seam, each side. Sew tassel ball to tip of cap, to end of each arm and leg.