

Free Sloth Pattern



Pattern Description:

This free sloth plush pattern creates a **round, bean-like sloth** designed to hang using **Velcro in its claws**.

It features only **five simple pattern pieces** for quick assembly, rated 3/10 difficulty due to a tricky neck seam.

The head can be rotated for a charming pose, and **embroidery files for the face** are included.

Materials Needed & Measurements:

- **Fabric:** The gray sloth prototype used fabric from the **'Shaggy Cuddle' line from Shannon Fabrics, specifically the silver color**.
- **Fasteners:** **Velcro** is needed for the claws to allow the sloth to hang onto things.
- **Embroidery Supplies:** If utilizing the included embroidery files for the face, an embroidery machine and suitable thread would be required.

Measurements:

- The pattern can be **scaled down to half size** by adjusting printer settings in Adobe Reader to 50%.

- While the creator has made other plush patterns up to 24 inches tall, though users inquire about making "giant" versions.
- For embroidery, the face files were exported for a **minimum hoop size of 18cm x 10cm** for a Brother 885-V51 machine, as the original design was too large for some frames.

Instructions for Making the Sloth Pattern:



Pattern Preparation and Scaling

Once you have downloaded the pattern PDF, you can prepare it for use. The pattern can be **scaled to a smaller size** if desired.

To make the sloth approximately **half its original size**, you can adjust the printer settings in Adobe Reader to **print at 50%**.

The pattern creator has previously crafted other patterns up to 24 inches tall, indicating a potential for enlargement.

If using an embroidery machine, be aware that the face embroidery files were exported to fit a **minimum hoop size of 18cm x 10cm** for a Brother 885-V51 machine, which is a valuable consideration if you have a similar machine or encounter size issues.

General Assembly Guidance

The sloth pattern is noted for its **five simple pattern pieces**, which generally facilitate a quick construction process.

While the instructions within the pattern itself are praised by users for their **beautifully detailed and clear presentation**, the creator specifically highlights one area of particular difficulty: the **neck seam**.

This seam can be tricky to manage due to the unusually **long arms** of the sloth, which can make maneuvering the fabric challenging during sewing.

Despite this, users have attested to the pattern pieces fitting together beautifully when following the provided instructions carefully.

Embroidery for the Face (Optional)

For the sloth's distinctive facial features, the pattern conveniently comes with **dedicated embroidery files**.

The eye marking shape within these files has been slightly adjusted from the original design to make it **easier to stitch** on your machine.

If you plan to use an embroidery machine, be aware that some users have experienced issues with file loading or the design being too large for their embroidery frame, particularly with specific machine models like the Brother 885-V51.

In response to such feedback, the files have been optimized and re-exported for a **minimum hoop size of 18cm x 10cm** for that specific Brother machine, which might be helpful to know if you encounter similar sizing challenges.

Key Construction Notes

- **Neck Seam:** This is identified as the most challenging part of the construction, directly contributing to the 3/10 difficulty rating. Approach this section with extra care and patience when attaching the head to the body. Due to the long arms, ensuring a smooth and even seam here requires meticulous attention.
- **Head Rotation:** A charming aesthetic feature of this pattern is the ability to sew the head in a rotated position. This design choice allows the finished sloth plush to have an endearing look, appearing as if it's turning its head towards you while hanging. Consider this detail during assembly to achieve your desired pose.
- **Velcro for Claws:** It is crucial to correctly integrate the Velcro into the sloth's claws as per the pattern instructions. This is a defining characteristic of the plush, allowing it to fulfill its unique purpose of grasping and hanging onto various objects.

Tips for a Successful Project

Users have consistently praised the pattern creator for providing **beautifully detailed and clear instructions**.

By carefully following these instructions, even when navigating the tricky neck seam, you can expect the pattern pieces to come together beautifully.

Enjoy the process of creating your sloth, which is sure to be adored, whether it's for a loved one or yourself.