

# A CREATIVE PROJECT



## Materials in this pack

Pattern and instructions

Needle

Thread

Fabric

Stuffing

Square of felt

Pompoms

Wool

## Materials you will need to find at home

Scissors

Pencil (or chopstick)

Dressmaking pins (optional)

Buttons (optional)

Hot glue (optional)

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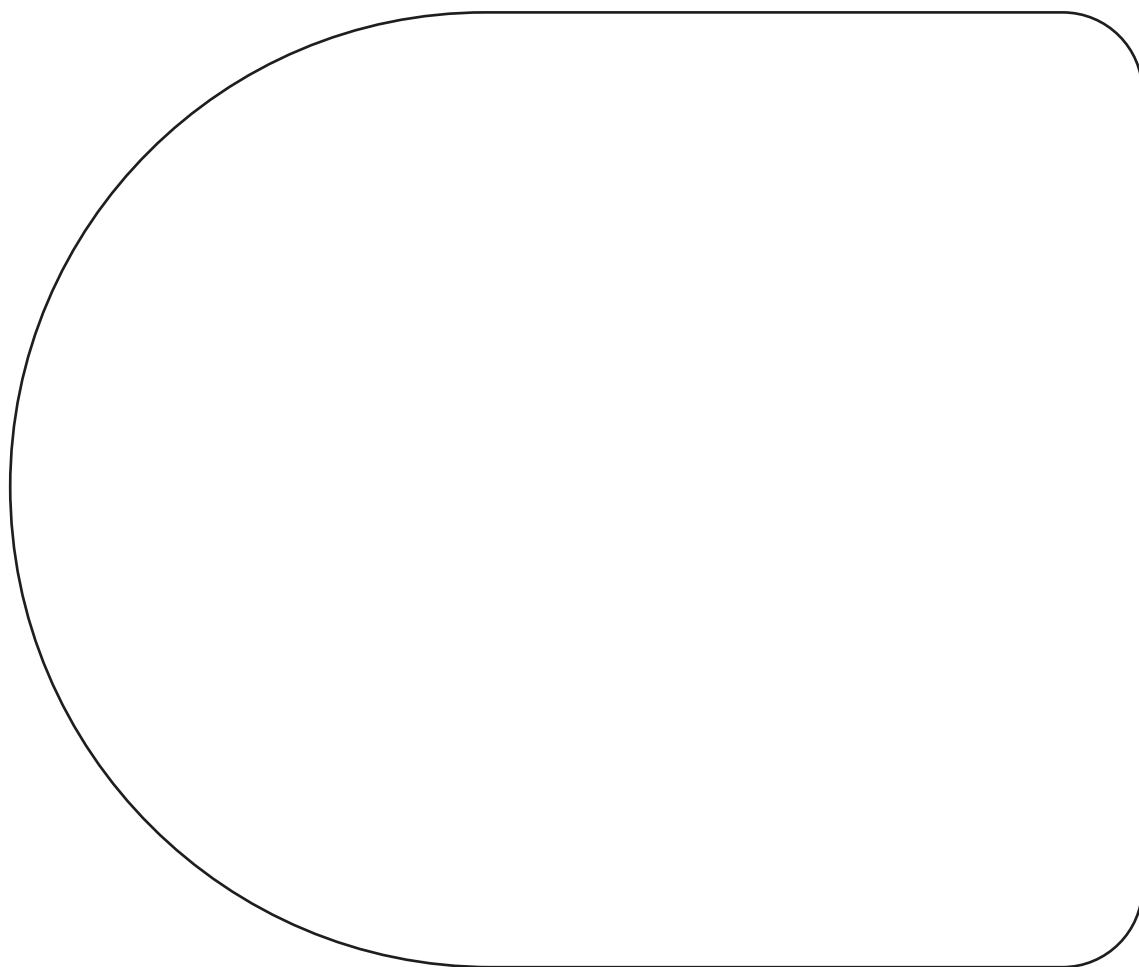
## Gallery-inspired fabric creature

We currently have lots of artworks on display that feature people. Some have happy faces, some sad, and some are a bit strange and unexpected. Today, you will use fabric and thread to create your own soft sculpture creature with an expressive face. You can choose to make it a self-portrait, a portrait of someone you know, or a completely new portrait of someone from your imagination.

## Tohutohu | Instructions

- 1 Cut out the paper pattern.
- 2 Pin it (or hold it) to the fabric and cut around it. Do this twice so that you have two fabric pieces.
- 3 Cut the piece of felt into a shape that will sit within the fabric body. This will be your creature's face.
- 4 Thread the needle with a length of thread and tie a knot in the end. Stitch on some eyes, a mouth, and a nose too if you want. Have one side of your felt as the good side with the best stitching.
- 5 Stitch the face onto one of the pieces of fabric.
- 6 Put the two body pieces together, good sides facing each other, and stitch all the way around the edge, leaving a small gap. Tie off the thread.
- 7 Turn the stitched body inside out so that the good side is now on the outside.
- 8 Using a pencil or chopstick poke the stuffing into the fabric body until it is full.
- 9 Thread the needle and stitch the gap closed.
- 10 Add extra embellishments to your creature if you want – think about a tail, arms or ears, or a scarf or hat. Use leftover felt or fabric, pompoms, buttons, some wool for hair – whatever you fancy. Your fabric creature is now complete!

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