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Two Little Succulents



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There's something very cheerful about succulents - and cacti too - they always make me want to smile - possibly because they always look quite plump and well-fed (a bit like me haha!)

These are very easy to make from fabric scraps and the little terracotta plant pots they're sitting in are readily available online. (Mine were from ebay). I simply glued my succulents into the tops of the pots, but you could add a little modelling clay, sand or even a few pebbles to weight the bottom if you preferred. They'd be a great craft stall make too!

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Materials

- Two miniature plant pots - mine measured 3" across at the top but if yours are a different size simply resize the templates accordingly.
- Scraps of green felt and fabric
- Small scraps of pink or another colour felt for the flowers
- Polyester stuffing

- Hot glue gun

Note: the seam allowance is NOT included in the templates - you will need to add on an additional 1/8" all the way around before cutting out.



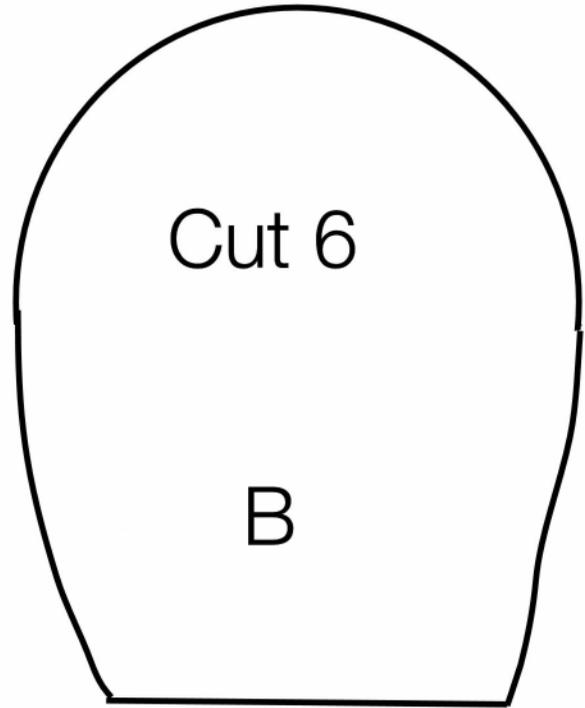
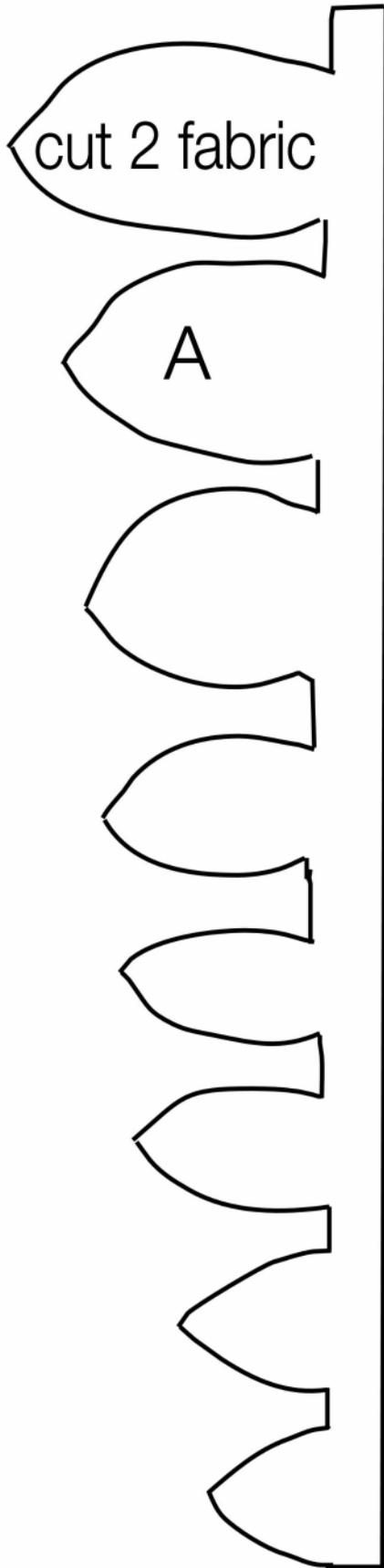


Method

- For the flowering cactus cut out six pieces using template B (1).
- Sew the pieces together in pairs with right sides together (2).
- Clip curves and turn right side out. Press. Stack the shapes on top of each other (3) and pin.
- Run a line of machine stitching down the centre of the stack of shapes. (4) Stuff each segment of the shape firmly (5).
- From your coloured felt cut two strips, one measuring 6" x 1" and the second 6" x 3/4". Fringe one edge of each strip (6).
- Cut the strips into three 2" pieces and roll up together to make 3 flowers, securing the roll with a dab of glue.
- Glue flowers into place on cactus. Push cactus into place in pot and secure with hot glue.
- For the succulent, fold your fabric in half right sides together and press. Place template A on top and draw around it. Stitch along the line, then trim away the excess fabric (I find this much easier than cutting and then trying to match such fiddly shapes).
- Clip tips and curves, turn right side out, press and stuff the leaves lightly. Top stitch bottom edge closed.
- Roll up strip to form the centre of the plant, securing with a few stitches as you go.
- Cut a felt strip using the larger shaped leaves and roll around the outside of your fabric leaves, pinching the base of each leaf and securing with your hot glue gun.
- Push succulent into place in pot and secure with hot glue.

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Templates are actual size



Add 1/8" seam allowance to both templates when cutting

Additionally cut a second strip from template A - from felt with all the leaves are the same size as the top (largest) one



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