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# *Candy Cone Mouse*

Adorable little mouse - and unlike most kids - can be trusted  
not to steal candy from the tree!



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This little mouse and his cone measure 8" long from the bottom of the Cone (excluding bell) to the tip of the mouse's ears.

Fill his cone with candy and little mouse will resist every temptation to nibble before Christmas morning!

He also makes a great little pocket toy when all the candy has gone and Christmas is over.



## Materials

- 6" square grey felt
- 10" x 8" Christmassy fabric for cone exterior
- 10" x 8" felt for cone lining
- 9" ric rac braid
- Three ¼" buttons for shoulders and tail
- One very small button for nose (if you can't find one, then you can stitch nose with black floss)
- Decorative red button (mine was heart shaped)
- Black embroidery floss for eyes
- Black or dark brown strong thread for whiskers
- Small bell for base of cone (optional)
- Small quantity of toy stuffing
- 8" length of ¼" wide ribbon for hanging cone
- Grey thread



## Method

- Cut out all pieces from the full size template. Additionally cut a strip of felt 5" x 1/4" for the mouse's tail. Give this strip one pointy end.

### Cone

- Turn over 1/4" at top edge of exterior cone and press down. (1) Trim 3/8" from top edge of felt interior. Place exterior wrong side up on clean flat surface then position interior on top aligning top edge so it is 1/8" lower than the folded edge of the exterior fabric. Pin or tack, then stitch ric rac braid around top of the interior so it just peeps out (2)
- Fold cone right sides inwards with long edge together and machine stitch seam with a 1/4" allowance. Clip point and turn right side out. Trim away exterior fabric at top of seam and with matching thread oversew the interior felt to hide the raw edge (3)
- Add hanging loop with a few stitches and cover join with decorative button (4)
- Stitch bell to bottom of cone and part-fill with toy stuffing

### Mouse

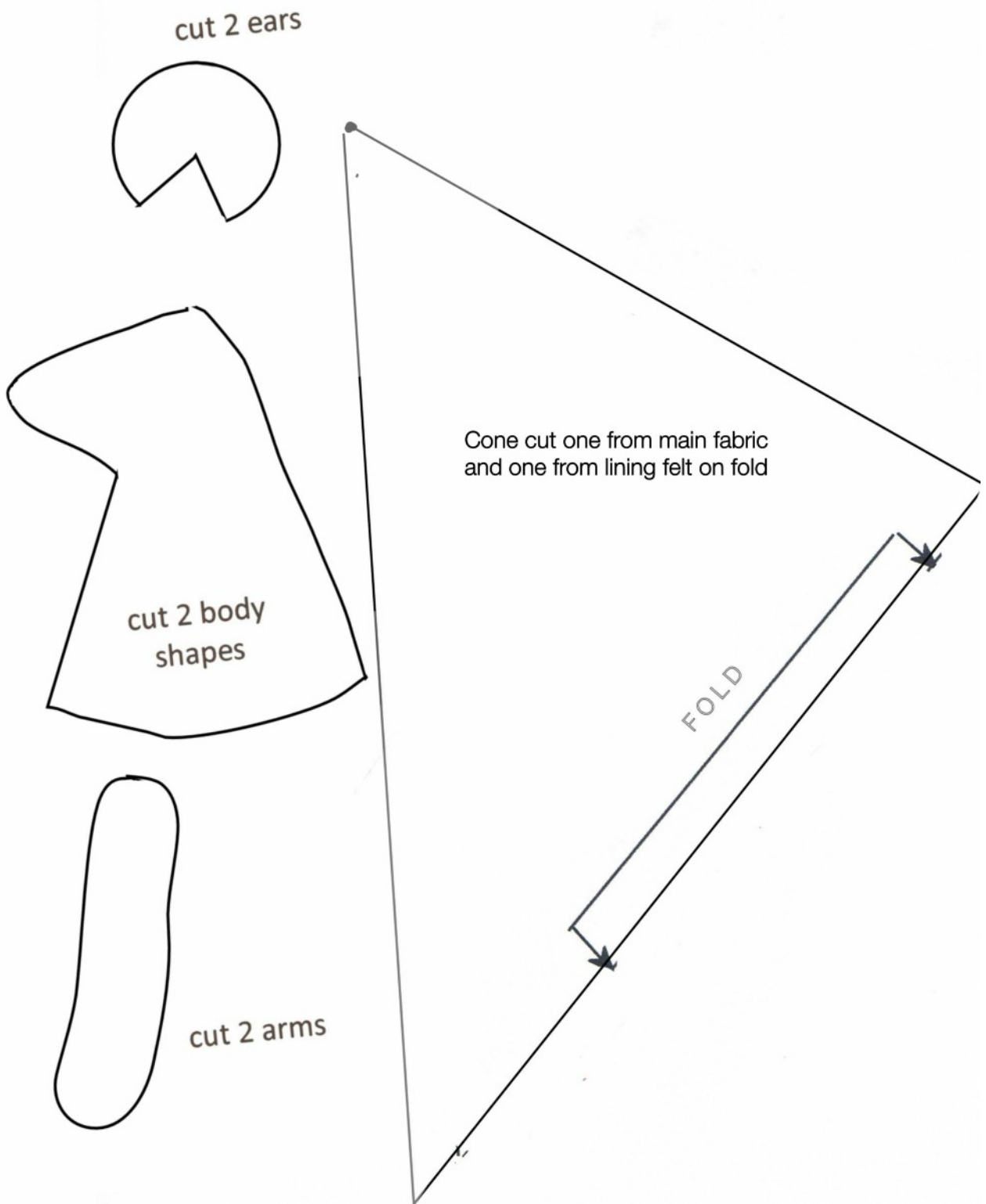
- Machine sew main body piece together with a 1/8" seam allowance. Clip curves and turn right side out. Stuff the head, neck and top part of the body firmly and the bottom of the body quite lightly, stopping your stuffing 1/2" from the bottom.

- With front and back seams matching stitch along bottom edge of body (5)
- Pinch corners together and stitch to make little feet (6)
- Attach arms adding small button at shoulders.
- Form a curve by overlapping the sides of the notch at the bottom of the ear shapes and stitch into place on the head.
- Attach tail to base of body and secure with button.
- Sew black eyes and insert whiskers. To do this take a nice long length of strong thread and double it in your needle. Push the needle into one side of the nose and bring it out at the tip, leaving a 1" tail of thread sticking out. Make a tiny back stitch at the nose and bring your needle out on the other side of the nose. Take it in again leaving a loop and repeat. When you have enough whiskers, fasten off and trim loops. Add button to cover back stitches at nose tip.
- Place mouse in cone and add candy. FINISHED!!



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Actual size.





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