

pin Cushion Mice



You will need:

- 9" square felt for body and ears
- 6" square contrast fabric for tail and ears
- 3" square cardboard to stiffen base
- Rice or poly beads to weight base (optional)
- Polyfil for stuffing body
- Stranded embroidery floss in suitable colour to sew body
- Black stranded embroidery floss for eyes and nose
- Dark brown strong thread for whiskers (optional)

To make your mouse:

Cut out all pieces as shown on template below.

Cut a strip of fabric for the tail 4" long x 1 1/2" wide. Fold 1/4" under along each long side, and then fold in half. Tuck one short edge in for the tip of the tail and secure with a few small stitches. Using 3 strands of embroidery floss, blanket stitch along the open side of the tail to secure. Set to one side.

Stitch the bottom edge of the body to the circular base with wrong sides together. First work half-cross stitch in one direction, then return and over stitch in half-cross stitch in the other direction using 3 strands of floss.

Then stitch up the back for $\frac{1}{2}$ " in the same way, wrong sides together – insert the unfinished end of the tail with the blanket stitched seam facing downwards and secure in place with small stitches. Continue up the back for a further 1". Leave a 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " gap for stuffing and then stitch up to the nose.

Insert the cardboard circle into the base to keep it flat. Stuff the nose end using small pieces of stuffing to avoid lumpiness. Pour rice or granules if using into the base and then add stuffing to body. When you are happy with the shape, close the back seam.

Make the ears by placing the pairs ofouters and inners together, right sides facing and cross stitch around the outer curved edge. Fold the base edge in half and secure with a few stitches, then flatten the seam and position ears on head, either side of the centre back seam so they will frame the mouse's face.

The eyes are French knots worked with black floss and oversew the tip of the nose with black thread too. Place the whiskers and sew in place with strong thread.

Your mouse is now finished!

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