

Allie the Alligator Needle Holder



Materials:

- Felt (green, white, red)
- Scissors or shears
- Pinking shears (optional, used to create teeth on white felt)
- Pattern
- Green thread
- Needle
- 2 large buttons for eyes to practice sewing buttons
- 2 small buttons for nose to practice sewing buttons

Instructions:

1. Begin by cutting the pieces of felt out.
 - a. Piece 1 out of the green felt. It's the largest pattern.
 - b. Piece 2 you cut out of the white felt with pinking shears for teeth
 - c. Piece 3 you cut out of the red felt for tongue, it's the smallest pattern
2. Center the pieces on top of each other. Green, white, then red. Fold in half to mark an X which shows you where to stitch.
3. Thread your hand needle and tie a knot.
4. Begin with the knot inside at your mark.
5. Create two large stitches through the center of the stack of felt to bind the three layers together.
6. Then secure the thread inside to finish and trim any excess.
7. Practice sewing buttons with Allie's eyes and nose. All the buttons are sewn on the top of the alligator's head.
 - a. Mark the spot for each eye and nose with an X. Chalk works well or use a straight pin.

- b. Begin with your knot on the underside of the green head show it does not show. Sew each button to resemble the alligators eyes and face.
 - c. Be creative with the size and color of buttons. Have fun!
- 8. Now you are ready to fill your needle holder for quick and easy access when you are hand sewing.
 - As an option, glue can be used to secure green pom-poms and googly eyes and sequins for a snout.
 - Green yarn
 - Large eye yarn needle
 - 2 green pom-poms
 - 2 Googly eyes to glue on top of pom-poms
 - 2 green sequins for the nose
 - Glue
 - Hot glue and gun (be careful!)
 - Regular school glue works but takes longer to dry

Skill:

Hand sewing and securing thread with a knot.

