

Rainbow Rascals

11"

COLORFUL CANINE

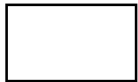


GENERAL

This kit uses PILE fabric which has two sides, a RIGHT (furry) side and a WRONG (smooth) side. In the illustrations, shaded areas indicate the right side.



RIGHT
(furry) side



WRONG
(smooth) side

When sewing, right sides should always be together unless specified otherwise. Stitches should go through the backing and not just the nap.

Printing is on the wrong side of the fur.

This kit may be sewn by hand or machine. Use 1/4 inch seams for machine sewing. Use 1/8 inch seams for hand sewing.

If sewing by machine use a size 14 or 16 needle, and set the stitch length at 10 to 12 stitches per inch.

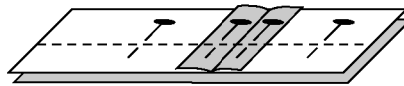
Pin all seams before sewing. When pinning two pieces together, tuck the fur to the inside at the edges to keep it clear from the presser foot and seam gauge.

If machine sewing, remove the pins as you come to them or be careful not to hit them with the needle while stitching.

When the instructions say to stitch to a letter, stitch all the way to the edge by that letter. If reference is made to a specific dot, stitch only to that dot.

To secure stitching at the end of a seam, tie a knot if hand stitching or backstitch 4 or 5 stitches if sewing by machine.

To sew over a previous seam, pin the seam open if possible to reduce thickness.



Clean your machine often, as excess fur can build up quickly and cause problems.

If fabric printing is blurry or illegible refer to the pattern diagram included at the end of these instructions.



WASHING

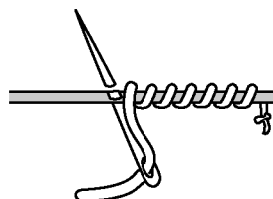
Machine wash and dry. If the item is too large for your washing machine, remove some stitches along a seamline and remove the stuffing before washing. WASH: Warm (120°F), gentle cycle, mild agitation, spin or squeeze water from fabric (DO NOT WRING). DRY: Tumble dry, light load, low heat (100°F) or cool air only.



HAND STITCHING

We suggest an OVERCAST STITCH done as follows:

- Put the needle in from the bottom about 1/8 inch from the edge and 1/8 inch from the end.
- Push through to the top.
- Bring the needle back to the underside 1/8 inch ahead of the previous stitch, and push back up to the top.
- Continue to advance 1/8 inch with each stitch, pulling the thread tight after each stitch.
- Be sure each stitch goes through the backing on both pieces of fabric.



INSTRUCTIONS

Read each step completely before beginning to sew. Check each box as you go along to mark that step's completion.

- Check for missing parts. This kit should contain:
 - fur
 - 2 eyes and washers
 - nose and washer
 - thread
 - care tag
 - ribbon

- Cut out all pieces along the solid lines printed on the back of the fabric. Use just the tip of the scissors so that you cut only the knit backing.

NOTE: You may want to wait and cut pieces as needed to minimize the chances of losing parts.



EARS

- Pin the two sets of EARS together along the curved edges with the right (furry) sides together, matching at the lines.
- Stitch around the long curved edge of each ear, using 1/4 inch seams and leaving the short straight edge open.

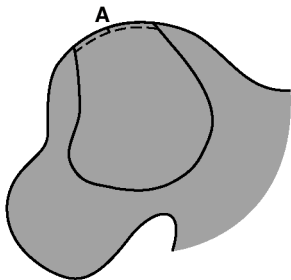
right sides together
1/4 inch seams



- Turn both EARS right side out. The dull end of a pencil may be helpful in turning.

- Pin one EAR to the right (furry) side of the LEFT SIDE, matching lines at A. Pin the other ear to the RIGHT SIDE in the same manner. Make sure that the ears curve toward the dog's face and edges are even.
- Stitch close to the raw (unfinished) edge of both EARS.

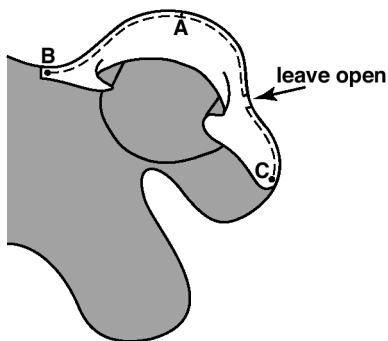
**right sides together
stitch close to the edges**



3 HEAD

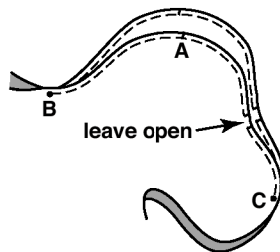
- Pin the HEAD to the RIGHT SIDE from dot B to dot C, matching at A and the lines. The ears will be between the head and head side.
- Stitch from dot B to dot C, leaving an opening between the double lines for the eyes.

**right sides together
1/4 inch seam
leave open between double lines**



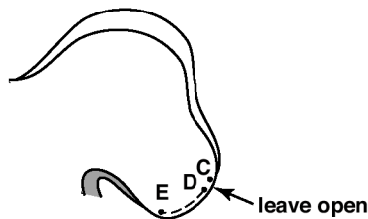
- Pin and stitch the LEFT SIDE to the HEAD from dot B to dot C, matching at A and the lines. Leave open between the double lines.

**right sides together
1/4 inch seam
leave open between double lines**



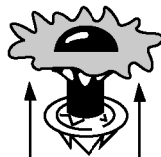
- Pin and stitch the SIDES together from dot D to dot E, leaving open between dots C and D for the nose.

**right sides together
1/4 inch seam
leave open between dots C and D**

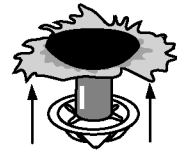


4 EYES AND NOSE

- From the right side of the fabric insert the stem of an eye in each eye opening.
- From the back side put a washer onto each stem with the concave or flat side facing the eye.
- Press each washer on until firmly held against the fabric.

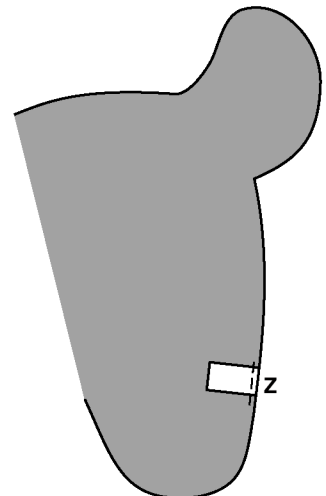


- From the right side of the fabric insert the stem of the nose through the opening below dot C.
- From the back side put a washer loosely onto the stem with the concave side facing the nose, but do NOT press on firmly yet.
- Look at the right side and position the nose so the longest edge is across the top.
- Press the washer on until the nose is firmly held.



5 CARE TAG

- Write your name in the space provided on the care tag.
- Pin the tag to the right side of the LEFT SIDE at Z so the edge that says "Insert in Seam" is even with the edge of the fabric.
- Stitch across the end to secure.



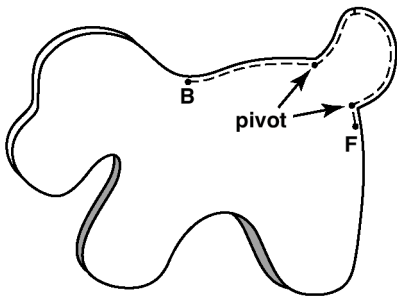
6 BODY

- Pin the two SIDES together from B around the tail to F, matching at the dots and line.
- Stitch from dot B to dot F, pivoting at the two dots on the tail.

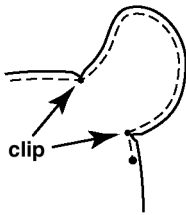
To pivot:

- stop stitching with the needle in the fabric at the dot
- lift the presser foot
- turn the fabric to align the next edge
- lower the presser foot
- continue stitching.

right sides together
1/4 inch seam

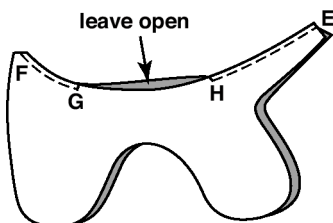


- Clip the seams almost to the dots on the tail, being careful not to cut the stitches.



- Pin and stitch the LOWER BODIES together from F to line G and from line H to E. Leave open between lines G and H for turning.

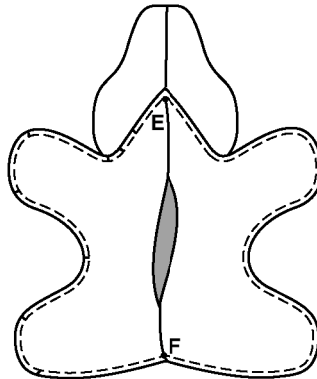
right sides together
1/4 inch seam



- Pin and stitch the LOWER BODY to the SIDES, starting at E and going around the entire body, matching the seams at F and the lines. Be careful not to get the ears caught in the stitching.

NOTE: You may find this easier to pin and stitch one side from E to F and then pin and stitch the other side.

right sides together
1/4 inch seam



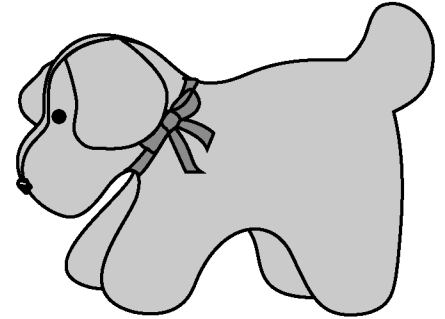
- Turn the puppy right side out through the opening in the lower body. The dull end of a pencil or a dowel may be helpful in turning the legs and tail.

7 FINISHING

This project requires approximately 6 ounces of stuffing to complete.

- Stuff the puppy through the opening, beginning with the head and legs. Stuffing will make a lot of difference in the finished dog, so take care to stuff evenly. Be sure to use plenty of stuffing in the neck to support the head and at the openings of the legs. The dull end of a pencil is helpful in pushing the stuffing into hard-to-get places.
- Hand stitch the opening closed.
- Tie the ribbon around the puppy's neck and trim the ends at an angle to prevent fraying.
- To make the seams almost invisible, run a comb or pin gently along the seamlines to free the nap.

CONGRATULATIONS! Your Colorful Canine is finished and ready to enjoy!





PATTERN DIAGRAM

Refer to this diagram if you have any difficulty reading the letters, lines or dots printed on the actual fabric pieces.

