## MAGICAL UNICORN instructions

## Fun Project Series #23

## You will need: a sewing machine, neutral all-purpose thread, a needle and heavy thread for the buttons

1/3 yard of cotton material for the body and head

- 6" x 6" scrap of fabric for the horn
- 3" x 6" scrap for inside the ears
- ¼ yard fleece for the tail and mane

2 buttons for the eyes and a bag of poly fiber fill

- 1. Sew front & rear hooves to body and underbody right sides together: matching notches.
- 2. Sew head to body.
- 3. Mark ear & tail placement lines with chalk or a pencil.
- 4. Sew on those dotted placement lines you just marked to reinforce. Clip center line to point making sure not to clip through the stitching!
- 5. Sew inner ear to outside ear clip point and turn right side out. Put a tiny bit of stuffing into the ear and top stich  $\chi$ <sup>"</sup> from edge all the way around.
- 6. Fold bottom corners of ear to meet at the center dot and stitch in place. ightarrow
- Place ears on head right side up (back of the ear touching the head right sides together) matching the bottom edge of the ear to the edge of the slice in the head starting from the narrow point and matching the center dot. Stitch to hold in place. →
- Fold head right sides together at the point where the ear starts, and stitch along the placement lines that you reinforced.
- Cut a 5" x 7" piece of fleece for the mane. Fold in half (3 ½" x 5") and make slices "fringing" the fleece ¼" apart up to within ½" of the fold.
- 10. Place the folded edge of the fleece on the right side of the head from the square in front of the ears down to the seam a the neck.
- 11. Place the two body halves right sides together and stitch from the front chest at the seam to the slice where the tail goes making sure you do not catch the ears in the seam. Then from the other side of the slice to the point at the top of the rear leg (the butt).
- 12. Cut fleece for the tail 2" x 14". Fold in half (2" x 7") and make slices "fringing" the fleece every ¼" up to within ½" from the fold.
- 13. After it's fringed, fold the tail again so the two outer edges meet at the center underneath. Kind of like you did to the ears.
- 14. Place this at the slice in the back so that the tail hangs down over the butt and the fold lays along the middle of the bottom sliced line. Stitch in place. →

15. Fold the body back over the butt – right sides together – matching the stitching lines and wedging the fold of the tail in between. Stitch this seam together. Do not turn this right side out yet!

16. Mark a hole in the head by folding the "hole guide" in half and placing it along the seamline where indicated at the top of the head. You'll have to make sure the mane and the ears are all pushed forward toward the nose to stay out of the way so your fabric will lay flat while marking. Now bring this back to your machine and do some back tacking outside both edges of the hole – BEFORE you cut it out. This will keep the hole from opening larger while you are inserting the horn. Cut the hole. →









- 17. Fold the horn piece in half right sides together, matching the notch. Stitch ¼" seam from the bottom edge of the horn to the point. Clip the point off (being careful not to clip through the stitching), and turn the horn right side out. Place it inside the hole in the unicorn head while the head is still inside out. Match the raw edges of the horn and the hole and stitch ¼" seam either by hand or by machine around this hole holding the horn and the head right sides together. Stuff the horn.
- 18. Clip all the curves and into the notches around the body of the unicorn. Be careful not to cut through any stitching lines! Turn the body right side out and check your work. This is when you can make any repairs before you continue.
- 19. Notice the optional dart line along the fold of the under body belly piece. If you want the front legs of your unicorn to stand a little taller and straighter, then mark this line on the wrong side of the fabric while it is still folded and stitch along this line before continuing to the next step.
- 20. Lay the body right side up on the table in front of you. Pin the under body to the body (right sides together), being careful to match the seams at the hooves and the corners between the legs, and the point at the chest. Stitch around the Unicorn starting just at the top of the rear leg then down around the rear leg and all the way around the animal ending at the top of the other rear leg.
- 21. Clip around all the curves and into the corners being careful not to clip through the stitches.
- 22. Turn the unicorn right side out pulling everything though the butt! LOL
- 23. Fill the unicorn head and then the legs with polyester fiber fill making sure to stuff plenty deep into the nose and the hooves and then lots into the front legs continuing up into the chest so that they are sort of stiff and will hold the unicorn up in a standing position. Now fill the rest of the unicorn, making it as "squishy" as you like.
- 24. Slip stitch or blind stitch the slice at the butt closed. Sew two buttons for eyes onto the sides of the head.
- 25. You can poke in the "mouth" of the unicorn by tacking together the two spots on the front of the snout (marked by large circles on the seamline). This will cause a little indent in the front of the head looking like a mouth. This step is optional.

Now name your Unicorn and watch the "Magic" happen when you put it into the arms of an adoring child!



See the Magical Unicorn video of this fun project #23 at: https://youtu.be/4zQzoBxjE5c

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