

Free Nessie the Loch Ness Monster Pattern



Pattern Description:

The DIY Nessie Loch Ness Monster is a sewing pattern for a large, plush stuffed animal, ideal for children to play with.

It features a long neck, flippers, and a smiling face. The project can be hand-stitched or machine-stitched using felt or alternative sturdy fabrics, allowing for customization.

Materials Needed & Measurements:

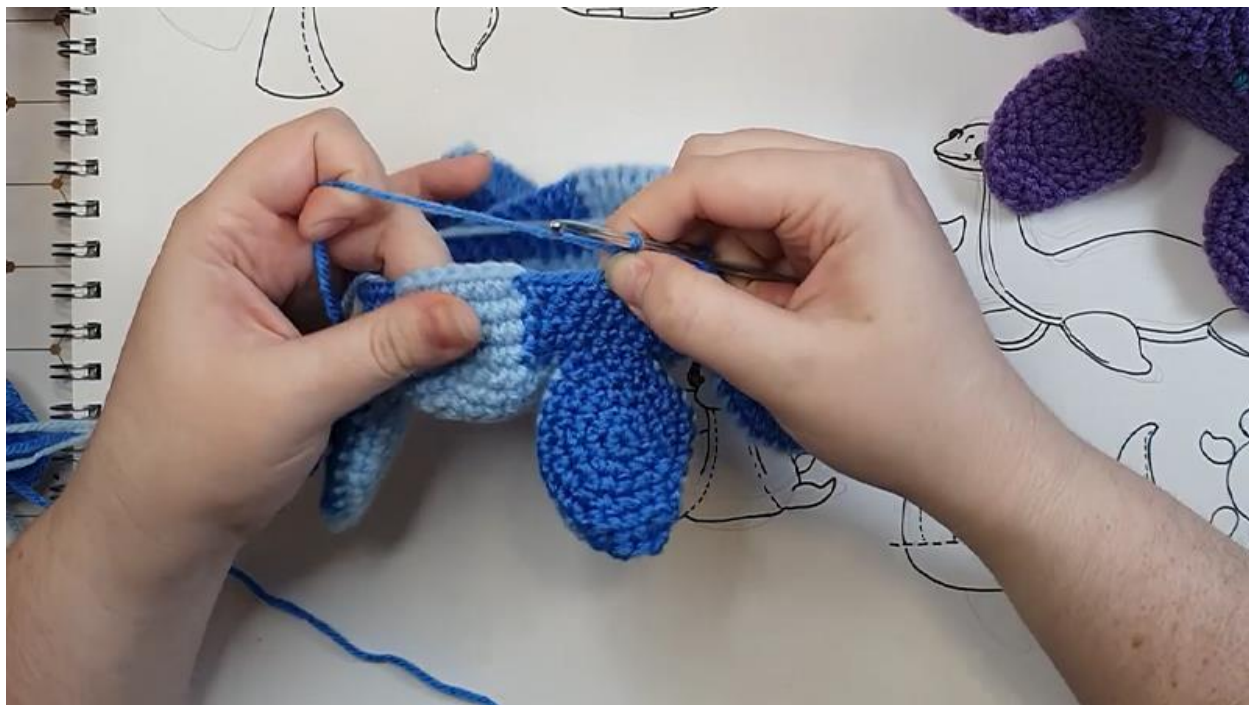
- **Stuffing:**
 - 1 large bag of stuffing (poly-fill).
 - Alternatives:
 - 2-4 cheap pillows (~\$3 each).
 - Several large bags of poly-fill (~\$10 each).
 - Plastic grocery bags (for extra firmness/support).
 - Optional: Dowel or stick (for neck support).
- **Threads:** Matching thread for sewing felt pieces.

- **Sewing Method:**
 - Hand sewing (recommended stitches: **overcast stitch**, **blanket stitch**, or **running back stitch**).
 - Sewing machine optional (add seam allowance if using).
- **Main Body Fabric:**
 - 1.5 yards of felt (recommended).
 - Minimum: 1 yard.
 - Suggested felt color: Ocean Kelp.
 - Alternatives: Fleece, flannel, cotton/polyester fabric, upholstery fabric, chunky cotton corduroy.
 - Standard fabric width: 45" or 60".
- **Patches (Decorative):** Small sheet of pink felt.
- **Eyes & Mouth:** Small sheet of black felt.

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- **Main Body Fabric:** 1.5 yards.
- **Patches, Eyes, Mouth Felt:** Small sheets (e.g., 9"x12", sold for ~30¢ each).

Instructions for Making the Nessie The Loch Ness Monster Pattern:



Sewing the Flippers

Take your 8 flipper pieces and **stitch them together in pairs of two**. As you sew each pair, **make sure to leave a small opening on the curved edge** of each flipper. This opening will be used for turning and stuffing.

Once stitched, **turn the flippers inside out** by pulling them through the opening. This hides the seam work on the inside. Finally, **fill your flippers with stuffing**.

Assembling the Body

Lay your two main body pieces on top of each other. Next, lift up the bottom part of these stacked body pieces and **lay the belly piece evenly on top of both halves of the body piece**.

Now, **sew the belly piece onto the body pieces**. Continue sewing the rest of the body, making sure to **leave an opening at the neck** for turning the body inside out and stuffing.

Turning and Stuffing Nessie

Once the body pieces are sewn together, **turn the entire body inside out (right side out) by pulling it through the opening at the neck**.

Now it's time to stuff Nessie! Begin by **filling the neck and tail first**. It's crucial to **REALLY stuff the neck super good** so that it will stand up straight and be well-supported.

For additional neck firmness, you can insert a dowel or stick and stuff around it. If you anticipate Nessie being used as a "rocking horse" or for heavy play, you can **use plastic grocery bags as extra support for the back.**

Continue stuffing the rest of Nessie until she is firm and plump. Once fully stuffed, **sew up the opening at the neck.**

Adding Flippers and Facial Features

Position the two flippers on each side of Nessie's body, facing away from each other and pointing out. Pin them securely in place and **hand stitch them onto the body.**

If you prefer a more secure attachment, you can sew the flippers into the belly/side seams during the body assembly stage.

For the eyes, **cut out two rectangles from black felt.** Roll these rectangles into ball shapes and **sew the ball in place until it forms a complete sphere.**

Position these felt spheres symmetrically on Nessie's face, pin them, and then **sew the eyes onto the face.**

For the smile, **pin the long strip of black felt onto the face.** Determine how wide you want Nessie's grin to be, and then **cut the corners of the strip so that the edges are tilted,** creating a cute grin. Stitch the smile in place.

Optional Patches and Finishing

As an optional step, you can **cut out additional patches from felt** (e.g., pink felt) and **sew them onto Nessie's body.**

Once all parts are attached and the body is stuffed and closed, your Nessie is complete!