Felt Owl Mask DIY instructions

<u>Materials</u>

Free Pdf Pattern

Print out the free pdf pattern preferably on cardstock and cut out shapes

Felt

4 pieces total (one sheet for the body of the mask, front and back, one color for the front piece of the face, one color for around the eyes, and one color for the beak)

Embroidery thread

You can get creative here and choose colors that blend in or contrast you can use this as an opportunity to get really creative!

Ribbon

optional but looks pretty tied on (not great at securing the mask on for longish periods)

Elastic band

piece to fit child's head, great for a secure fit

Stiches Used

• Straight stiches or running stitch

Blanket stitch

Note: just do the best you can and have fun with this! There are tons of great tutorials on YouTube if you need any refreshers or beginner's lessons!

Directions

Step One:

Print out the free PDF on card stock and cut out the shapes (these will be used as your templates to cut out your felt)

Step Two:

Take your templates and place them on color of choice felt sheets

You will need 2 felt cut outs of the body of the mask as well as 2 felt cut outs of the eye shape

Step three:

Align all your pieces and make sure everything fits accordingly (trim and adjust as needed)

Step Four:

Start to sew! Start with the eye pieces on the body of the mask making sure that the eye holes line up accordingly. I used a decorative stitch here but not complicated, it as a lot like a straight stitch and I just did it to my visual desire.

Step Five:

attach the face piece lining up with the beak. I went along the edges here with a straight stitch.

Step six:

attach the beak, here I used a straight stitch again

Step seven:

Here is where you are going to attach the front and the back together. At this point I also pined in and stitched, between the front and the back, the ribbon and the elastic. Keep the decorative ribbon on the front part of the mask with the elastic behind it as to hide the elastic. I used a blanket stich on the outside of the mask and a straight stitch over the elastic and ribbon. You can also run over this part with a sewing machine to make sure it is secure.

Step eight:

Use a blanket stick on the eye holes the close the opening between the front and the back (this adds a nice detail)

Step Nine:

ENJOY YOUR HANDMADE MASK!