

SOCK MONSTERS 101

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YOU WILL NEED:

At Least one SOCK

THE KIND THAT IS LONG
ENOUGH TO AT LEAST
COVER YOUR ANKLE

NOT THE KIND THAT LOOKS
LIKE YOU'RE NOT WEARING
ANY SOCKS



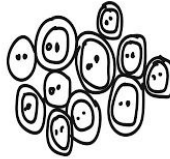
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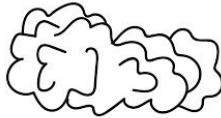
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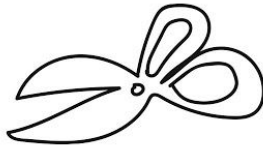
Buttons



Cotton Stuffing



Scissors



ProTip: Fabric Scissors should only be used for fabric, cutting paper with fabric scissors can make them dull. If you need to, you can sharpen your scissors by using them to cut some folded up aluminum foil or sandpaper.

Getting Started

The First thing you need to do is change the orientation of your sock



TURN your SOCK THIS Way and FLATTEN it out

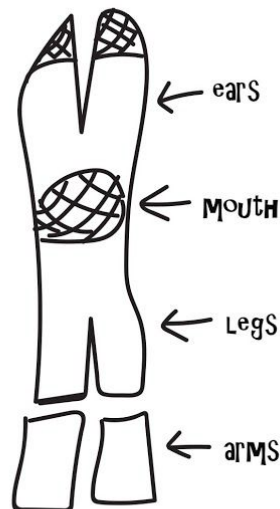
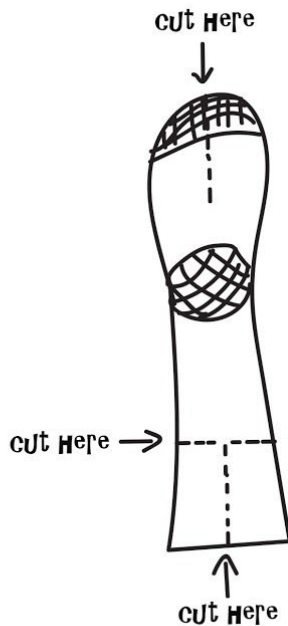


The Heel Will be the Mouth of your Monster

Now you can start cutting!

These directions are for a simple rabbit style monster. After you master this, you can create your own designs with more arms and legs and tentacles.

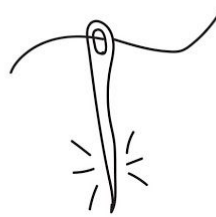
----- CUTTING LINES



How to correctly thread a Needle For Sewing

1. Cut off a piece of thread as long as your arm.

2. Thread it through the eye.

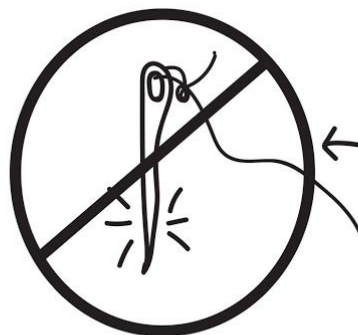


3. Double your thread by pulling it through until your ends meet up & tie a big double or triple knot at the end.



DO NOT tie your thread to the needle.

(That's how you thread a needle for weaving, not sewing)

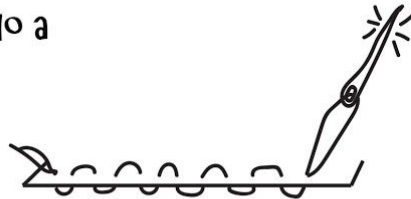


Seriously, don't do this.

Stitches

YOU ONLY NEED TO LEARN ONE STITCH FOR THIS PROJECT. IT'S CALLED A WHIP STITCH OR A BLANKET STITCH (BUT WHIP STITCH SOUNDS MORE EXCITING AND DANGEROUS).

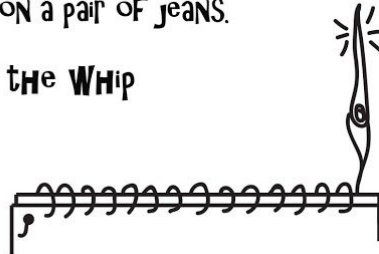
MOST PEOPLE KNOW HOW TO DO A RUNNING STITCH, LIKE THIS:



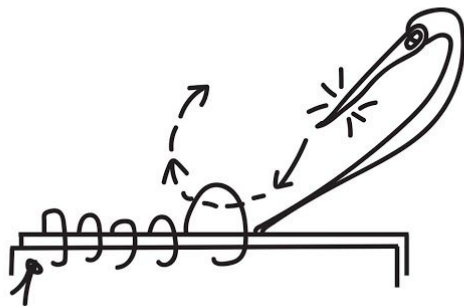
THE PROBLEM WITH THE RUNNING STITCH FOR THIS PROJECT IS THAT SOCK MATERIAL IS SUPER-STRETCHY AND IF ONE STITCH BREAKS, MORE CAN POP OUT IN A ROW AND YOUR SEAMS WILL FALL APART - JUST LIKE THE HEM ON A PAIR OF JEANS.

SO, I RECOMMEND USING A VARIATION OF THE WHIP STITCH FOR YOUR SOCK MONSTER.

A WHIP STITCH LOOKS LIKE THIS:



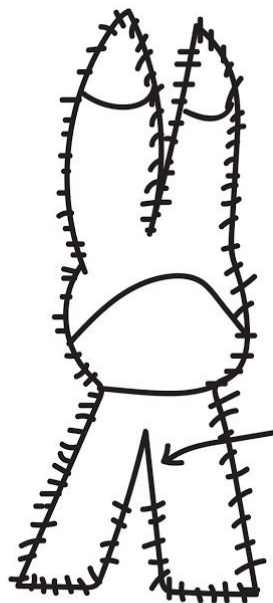
TO MAKE YOUR WHIP STITCH EVEN BETTER, TIE A KNOT IN EACH STITCH. TO MAKE A WHIPSTITCH KNOT, SEW FRONT TO BACK, THEN GO BACK OVER THE TOP. BUT, BEFORE YOU PULL YOUR STITCH TIGHT PUT YOUR NEEDLE THROUGH THE LOOP OF THREAD YOU HAVE CREATED. THIS MAKES A KNOT SO THAT EVERY STITCH IS A KNOT.



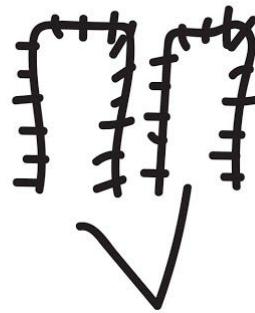
SEW FRONT
TO BACK &
THROUGH
THE LOOP.
THEN
REPEAT -
AGAIN, AND
AGAIN, AND AGAIN..

Now For the Sewing part -

TURN your SOCK MONSTER
INSIDE-OUT For Sewing
THIS WILL HIDE your STITCHES

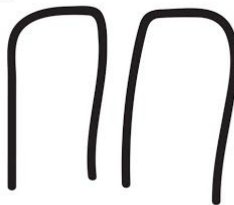


Leave a gap Here so
you can Flip it right
Side out Later



Leave the ends
of the arms open

Flip the arms right-Side out



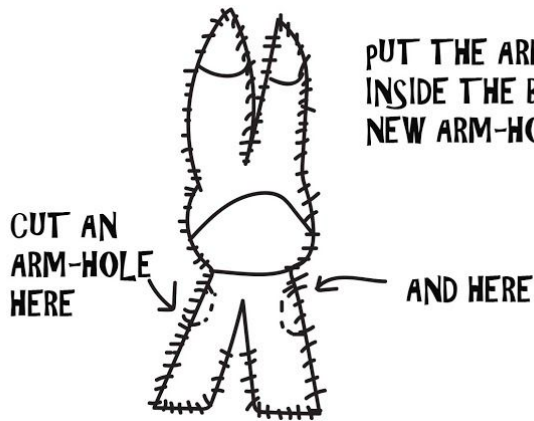
But, Leave the body
INSIDE-OUT

Just trust me, it Will Make
Sense Later

NOW, We're going to attach the arms

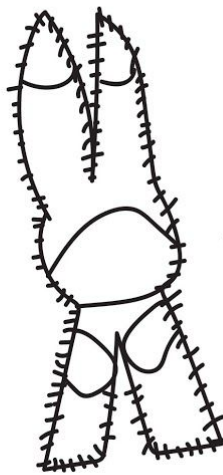
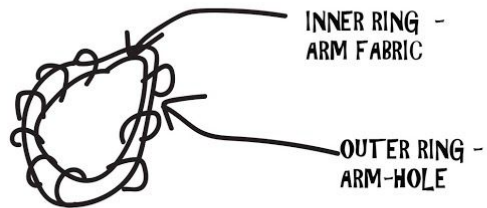
This part is a little tricky

It's Tricky to rock a rhyme, to rock a rhyme that's right on time
it's Tricky...it's Tricky (Tricky) Tricky (Tricky)



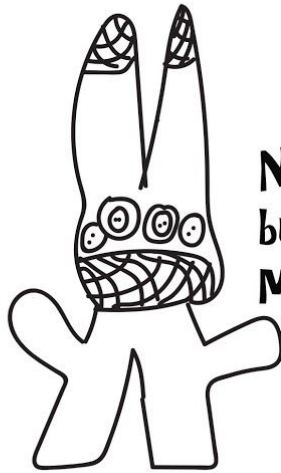
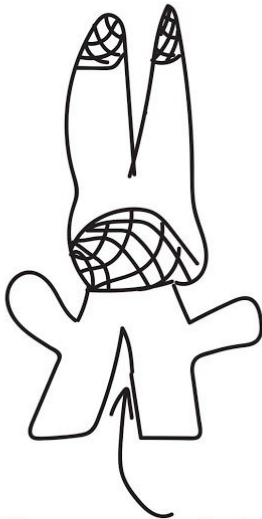
PUT THE ARMS RIGHT-SIDE-OUT
INSIDE THE BODY USING YOUR NIFTY
NEW ARM-HOLES YOU JUST CUT

SEW ALONG THE EDGE OF THE
ARM-HOLE TO ATTACH THE ARMS



X-RAY VISION -
YOU CAN SEE THE
ARMS INSIDE!

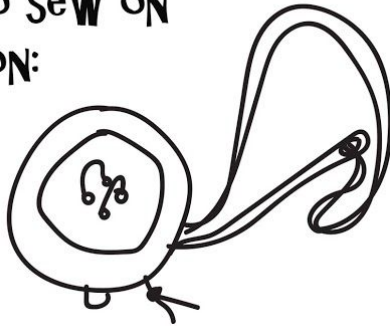
Now you can Flip it right-Side-out and STUFF it.



Now add SOME
button eyes - as
Many as you Want!

After you STUFF it,
SeW this opening closed

How to SeW on
a button:



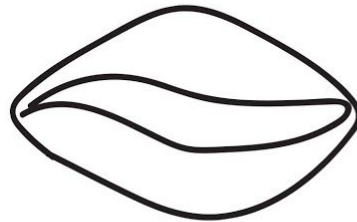
Start by SeWing through the
Fabric, then use the HOLES in
the button to SeW up
through the button and go
back in another HOLE.

then put your Needle
through the Fabric and go
back up through the button
again. repeat this 5-6 times
to Secure your button.

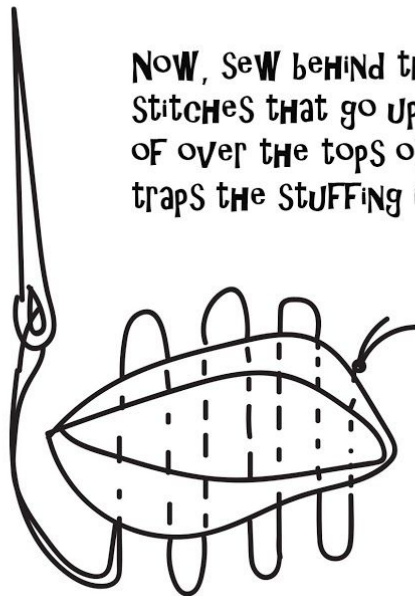
Before you cut the thread, be Sure to tie a KNOT by PASSing
through a Loop - the Same as the KNOT For the Whip Stitch

MAKING THE MOUTH

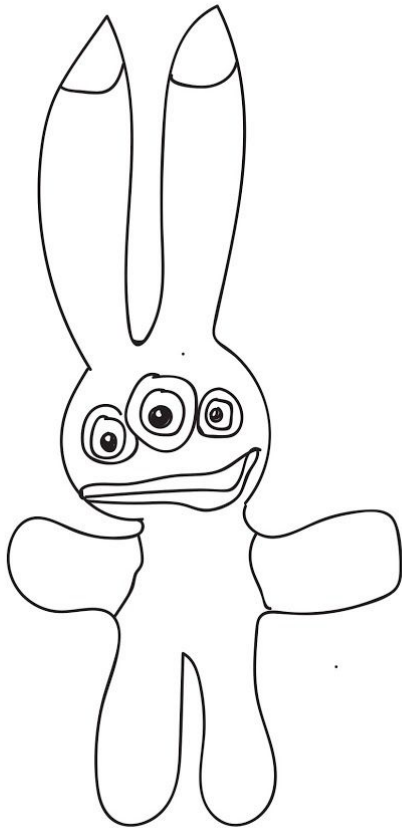
TO SEW THE MOUTH, TAKE THE HEEL AND SQUEEZE IT INTO LIPS WITH SOME STUFFING TRAPPED INSIDE.



NOW, SEW BEHIND THE LIPS MAKING STITCHES THAT GO UP AND DOWN INSTEAD OF OVER THE TOPS OF THE LIPS - THIS TRAPS THE STUFFING INSIDE.



**TADA! Your SOCK MONSTER is
complete!**



**Be Sure to give it
a NAME and THINK
about Writing a
Story about it.**

**Try Making New
MONSTERS by
adding and taking
away SHAPES FROM
the basic pattern.**

