

How to make a Ladybird Puppet

You will need:

Polar fleece material in black and red
Black adhesive felt
Wobbly eyes
Sewing machine
Black cotton
Scissors

Directions:

- 1). Cut out template A and pin onto the black polar-fleece. Cut around this. Flip this template over and pin it on to the black polar-fleece so that the reverse side of the template is showing. Cut around this.
- 2). Cut out template B and pin onto the red polar-fleece. Cut around this template. Pin the red material onto the middle of a black template A piece. Attach this by sewing a single line down the middle of the red template B piece.
- 3). Pin the two black template A pieces together so that the reverse of the material is showing. The red ladybird wings that you've just attached will be tucked very gently inside this. Be careful when sewing these two black pieces together that you don't sew the ladybirds wings into the seam as well.
- 4). Once you've sown around the edges of the black pieces, leaving of course the bottom open so that the child can slip their hand in, turn the material inside out so that the right side of the puppet is now showing.
- 5). Cut circles out of the black adhesive felt and stick on to the ladybird's wings. Attach two wobbly eyes to the little black head of the ladybird and voila! You now have a beautiful ladybird puppet to give away to a child.

People who you could make the ladybird puppets for are...

- Foster Children
- The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Organisation
- St. Vincent de Paul to be put in food parcels going out to families in need.
- Children in hospital