FABRIC ACTIVITY BOOK (Quiet book)

Fabric activity books are intended to help develop fine motor skills but should still be fun and look very professional. As these may be sent all around the world, they should not contain words. Let's give these children our very best. QUALITY IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN QUANTITY.

Materials needed:

Various fabric for details, pages should be of a thick durable fabric such as denim, sturdy broadcloth, etc. Thread, yarn, zippers, buttons, embellishments Grommet and metal rings for binding (optional)

Guidelines

Should include 10 different fabric pages of different activities such as braiding, buttons and zippers, weaving, telling time, counting, textures, lacing, etc.

No words or letters

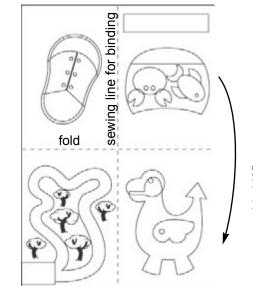
No religious symbols, flags or military themes

No fabric with raw edges (except fake fur,felt or vinyl), all pages and details should be finished with seams/hems Binding may be done by sewing pages together (shown below) or with Grommet/rings

All details should be securely attached

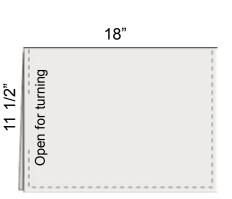
Be creative!

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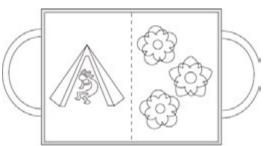
Sewing pages together These dimensions work well for the patterns given here, but are

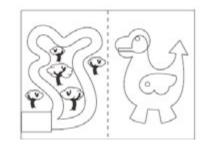
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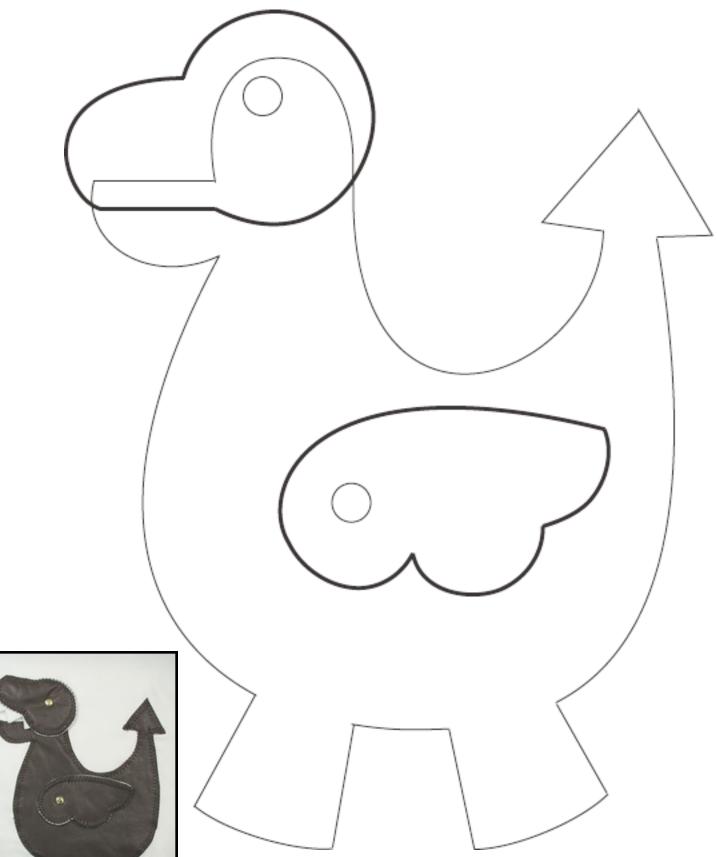
Above are common dimensions for a finished 8 1/2" x 11" book. Place the activities facing out. Any sewing should be done at this point, so the construction of the activities will go through only one page layer.

Fold the 23" wide side in half to 11 1/2". The activities are inside. Sew around the outer edge using a 1/4" wide seam allowance. Leave an area open that is large enough to turn the unit right side out. Press the edges so they are straight and well defined. Make two of these four page units





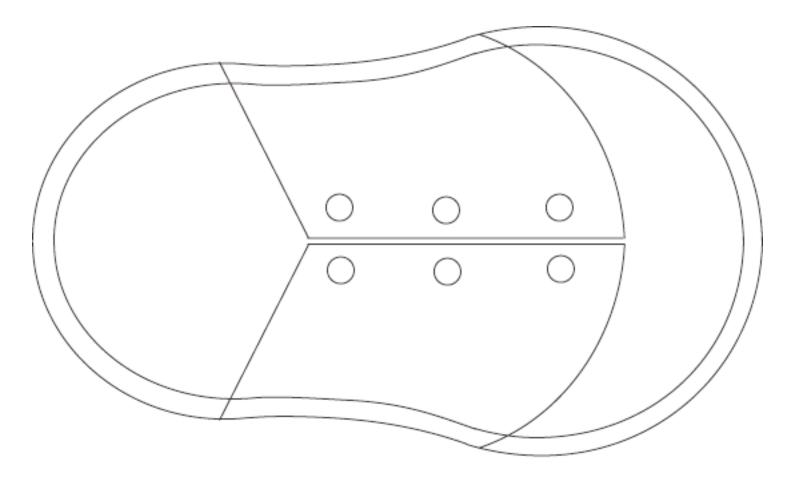
Make a two page unit that measures 12"1/2 x 18 1/2". To make optional handles, cut two 3" x 20" strips and sew them right sides together lengthwise, turning them right side out so they are nicely finished. Baste the handles so they will be in the position as shown above. Cut fabric for the cover that also measures 12 1/2" x 18" 1/2. Sew the two-page unit and cover fabric right sides together. Leave an area open and turn the unit right side out. Press the edges and close the opening. Stack all the units so the centers are aligned and sew the center lines for make the binding. The cover will be slightly larger.



Use vinyl and cut out the shapes. The lighter line is cut as one piece and the darker lines are the moveable pieces. The moveable pieces are sturdier if two layers are zig zagged together. Add felt teeth. Zig zag the body to the page. Brads provide the joints for the moveable pieces.



The shoe is cut from vinyl. You may use one layer for the sole or two to make a contrasting color for the rim of the sole. Cut the lacing flaps separate and add grommets for the holes for the laces. Put them in place and zig zag around the outside edges to attach to the page. Add a lace and tie.



To make the fish bowl, sew two pieces of fabric together to make the water and gravel. Cut it to the shape of the fish bowl. Zig zag across the top so it is attached to the page. Fold a piece of clear vinyl and place the fold across the top. Zig zag around the bowl, leaving the top open. Trim the vinyl to the rounded part of the bowl, leaving the top open and reinforced by the fold. Make the fish by cutting the main body from two pieces of felt(heavy line). Insert a magnet and zig zag around the fish catching the fins and pinchers between the two

layers. Tie a washer to string and a dowel for the fishing pole. Make a pocket to

keep the parts.



Use 1" strips of vinyl stitched on two basket sides to allow for weaving. Felt is used for the flowers. Whip stitch the leaves to the back of the flowers and add button holes and buttons to attach the flowers to the page.

The Tent is cut from vinyl. Cut out the center rectangle and add a zipper. Zig zag the lines of the Tent, leaving the flaps so they open.Cut the Indian out of felt and glue it inside the door. Instead of the indian, fabric with interesting pictures may be added under the tent.

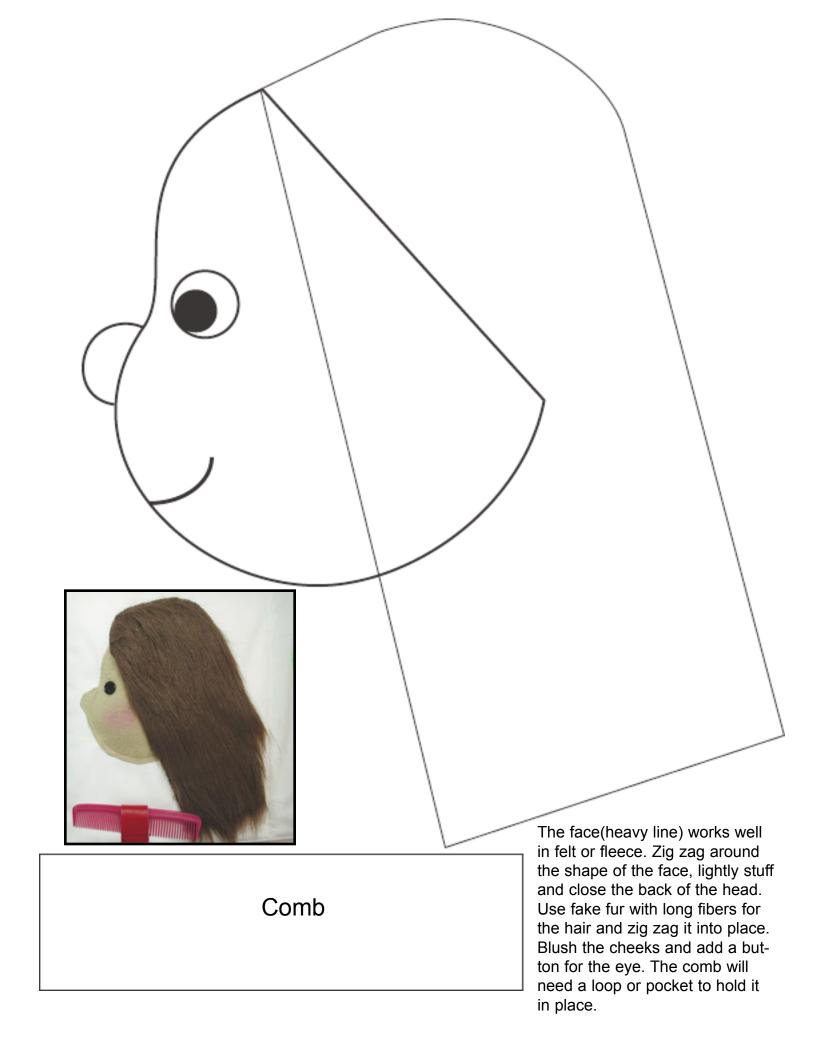


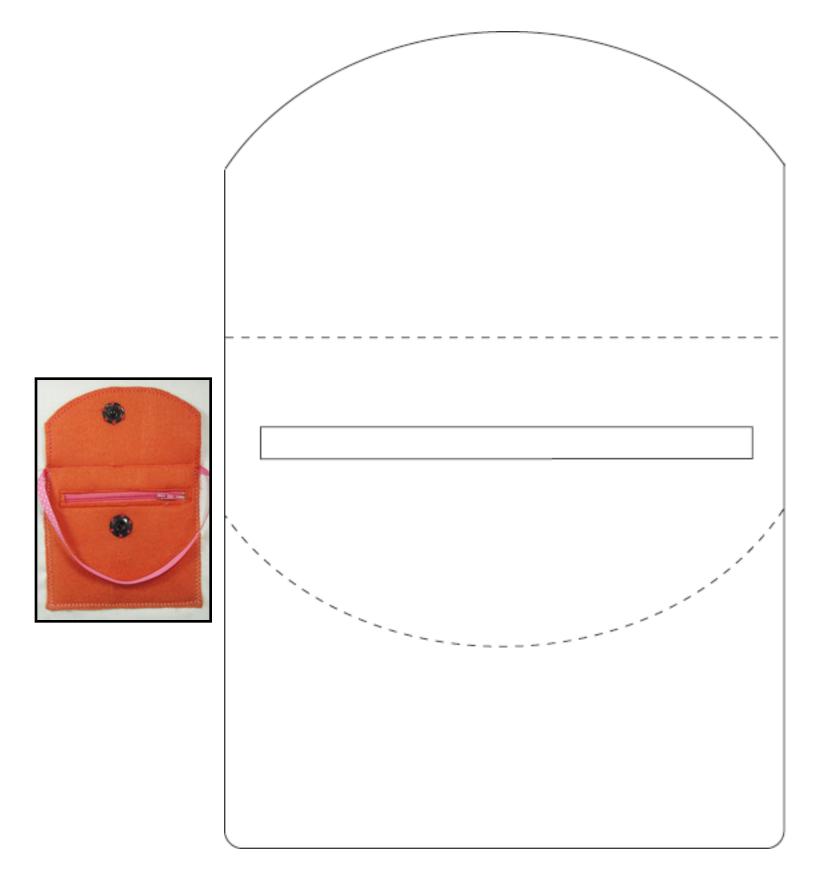
zipper

The road is black vinyl, cut and zig zagged to the page. Trace the tree and color them with fabric markers and paints. The car is held by a pocket that is $3 \frac{1}{2} \times 3^{\circ}$. Fold one 3° side, sew half way down. Spread the lower half and sew three sides to the page for a garage.

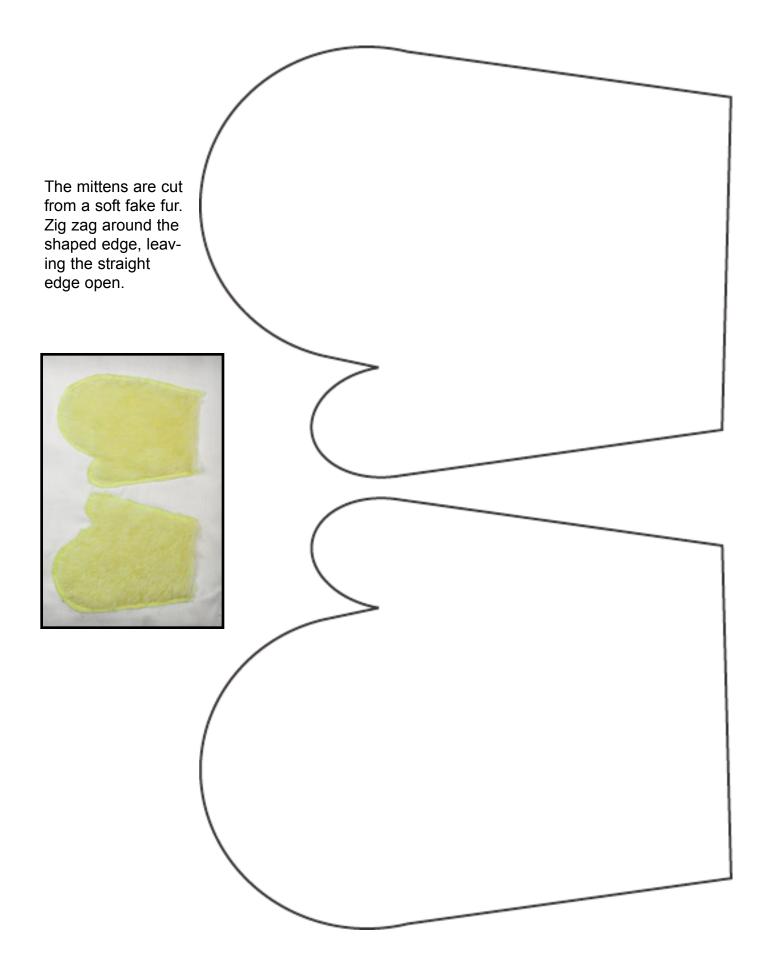
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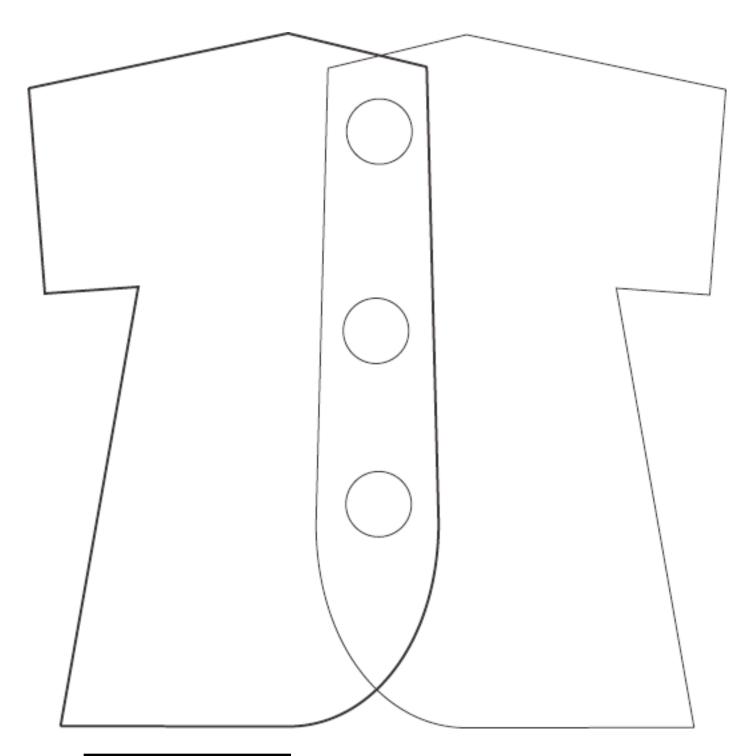






The purse is made with a double layer of felt. Cut the center rectangle out and add a zipper. Zig zag the moveable flap. Zig zag the lower part of the purse to the page. Straight stitch across the base of the flap. Add a snap for a closure.







Each side of the dress was made by placing two pieces of fabric right sides together. Sew around the outside shape, leaving a small area for turning right side out. Once it is turned, press the shape so it is well defined. Close the opening that was left for turning right side out. Sew button holes on one side and buttons onto the other side. Sew the dress sides, sleeve and shoulders to the page, leaving the center open for button practice.