

### **SWEATER KNIT FLOOR POUF** | SEWING



| Technique:     | Sewing                   |
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| Skill Level:   | Intermediate             |
| Crafting Time: | Weekend                  |
| Finished size: | 28" (71.12cm) diameter   |

# Featuring Coats® Button & Craft Thread

Whether you need a bit of extra seating, or just something to cuddle with while you watch TV, this sweatery floor pouf is just the ticket.

# Supplies

- Coats® Button & Craft Thread
- Coats Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread
- 1% yds (1.72m) sweater knit, 60" (152.40cm) wide
- 12" (30.48cm) square double-sided fusible foam)
- Large-eye hand sewing needle
- Non-stick pressing sheet
- Polyester fiberfill (approx. 5 pounds [2.27kg])



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# Cutting

#### From sweater fabric:

Fold the fabric into quarters. Mark 29" (73.66cm) along each folded edge as the radius and cut a 58" (147.32cm) diameter circle. Divide the circle into eight equal sections and pin-mark each around the perimeter.

(1) 12" (30.48cm) circle

#### From fusible foam, cut:

(1) 9" (22.86cm) circle

### Marking

Using the pattern provided, mark large darts on the circle wrong side, centered over the 1/4th circle markings. Darts should be equally spaced around the circle perimeter.

### Assemble the Pouf

- With right sides together, fold the darts together, matching the stitching lines on both sides. Sew along the marked line, tapering to a rounded point at the lower dart end. Repeat for all the darts.
- 2. Trim the dart folds, leaving  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.27cm) seam allowances and press each dart open.
- 3. Using two strands of the Button & Craft Thread, knot the end securely. Create a running stitch ¼" (.64cm) from the edge around half of the circle perimeter. Wrap the thread ends around a small safety pin to temporarily secure. Repeat with the other half of the circle
- 4. Gather up the threads as tightly as possible on the first half of the circle and knot securely.
- Pull up the threads on the second half of the circle, but do not tie off.
- 6. Stuff the pouf to the desired fullness, pulling the second half of the stitching tightly around the filler. Tie off the second half of the stitching.
- 7. Again using a double strand of Button & Craft Thread, pull the opening edges tightly together as much as possible and sew long stitches across the gap, pulling the edges together in multiple directions. The resulting hole should be just about 3" (7.52cm) across. Tie off the threads securely.

# Finishing

- 8. With right sides up, center the 12" (30.48cm) sweater circle over the foam circle and fuse in place using the non-stick sheet under the circle.
- 9. Turn the circle over and pull the sweatering around to the foam circle wrong side. Fuse in place.
- Center the covered foam circle over the pouf opening and pin in place.
- Securely hand stitch the circle over the pouf opening, catching stitches into the folds of the pouf.

