



Technique: Machine Sewing

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Skill Level: Confident beginner

Crafting Time: One day

Featuring Coats Dual Duty XP®

This fun cactus garden never needs water! Wool felt, or felted wool, gives it a natural look, that will be admired by all who see it! Hand stitching using Coats Dual Duty Plus Hand Quilting thread create the details.

Supplies

- Coats Dual Duty XP® all-purpose thread
- Coats® Dual Duty Plus Hand Quilting thread
- 3 felt green rectangles, 9" x 12" (22.86 x 30.48cm) in different shades of green
- 1 felt beige rectangle, 9" x 12" (22.86 x 30.48cm) piece of wool felt or felted wool for "sand"
- ¼ yard (.23m) wool felt or felted wool for "pot"
- ⅝ yard (.11m) or scraps of pretty batiks for flowers
- One straight sided drinking glass approximately 4" (10.16cm) high and 3" (7.62cm) across
- Fabric glue
- Quilt Basting Clips
- Fiberfill
- Beads

Cutting

From "The Pickle" pattern:

(8) pieces from wool felt or felted wool

From "The Chub" pattern:

(3) pieces from wool felt or felted wool

From "Long Arm":

(2) from Long Arm 2

(1) from Long Arm 3

From "Pot" fabric:

(1) rectangle the height of the glass plus 1" (2.54cm) x the circumference of the glass plus 1" (2.54cm)

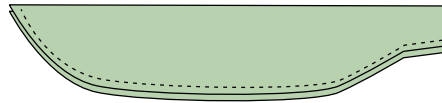
From flower fabric:

(5) large and three small flowers

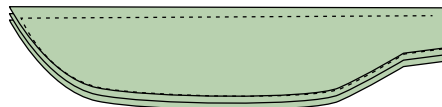
Make the cactus.....

The Pickle:

1. Stack the first two pieces one on top of another.
2. Using one strand of Coats Dual Duty XP® thread, whip stitch the curved edges together.



3. Stack the next piece, and stitch the straight edges together.



4. Continue stacking and stitching, stitching through two layers only. This will insure that the curved edge stitching is on the outside, and the straight edge stitching is on the inside. This will enable the cactus to have "in and out" sides!



5. The last seam has to be a curved edge. Otherwise, the cactus will be inside out!

6. Stuff very lightly! Then tack through the inside seams so that the cactus has a nice shape.



7. Stitch the opening closed.
8. Thread hand needle with four strands of Coats® Dual Duty Plus Hand Quilting thread.
9. Chainstitch the outer seams.
10. Chainstitch about ¼" (.635cm) in from the edge as shown.



11. So, right now it looks just like a pickle! But just wait, when it is planted, and when it blooms, it will look like the cutest little cactus you have ever seen!

The Chub

1. Using one strand of Coats Dual Duty XP® thread, whip stitch together the three Chub pieces leaving the bottom open for stuffing.
2. Stuff with fiberfill.
3. Stitch the opening closed
4. Chainstitch over the seams, and stitch three rows of chainstitch between the seams as shown.



The Long Arm

1. Stitch Long Arm 2 between the Long Arm 1 pieces as shown.



2. Stitch Long Arm 3 to Long arm 1 as shown.



3. Stitch the remaining seam leaving the bottom of the cactus open for stuffing.



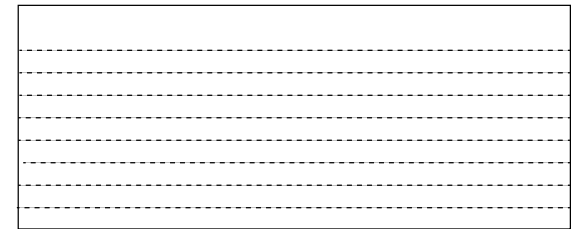
4. Stuff and stitch the bottom opening closed.



5. Thread needle with four strands of Coats Dual Duty Plus Hand Quilting thread. Chainstitch over the seams.
6. Stitch several rows of chainstitch between the seams.

Pot those Cactus...

1. Place the glass on the felted wool or wool felt. Trace a circle the size of the glass bottom.
2. Cut out the traced circle. (There is no seam allowance.)
3. Following the diagram, mark the stitching lines on the rectangle of fabric you cut for the "pot".



Bottom

4. Chainstitch on the lines using different colors, that coordinate with the flower fabric.



5. Fold the stitched rectangle you cut right sides together matching the short edges and stitch a ½" (1.27cm) seam.
6. Place the "pot" cover over the glass
7. Place the cut circle inside the seamed outside and whipstitch it in place using a matching Coats Dual Duty XP® all-purpose thread.



8. The "pot" cover extends 1" (2.54cm) above the top of the glass. Squirt glue on the inside of the glass, where the fabric will extend over the glass. Bring the fabric around and place the quilt basting clips in place to hold it while the glue dried.

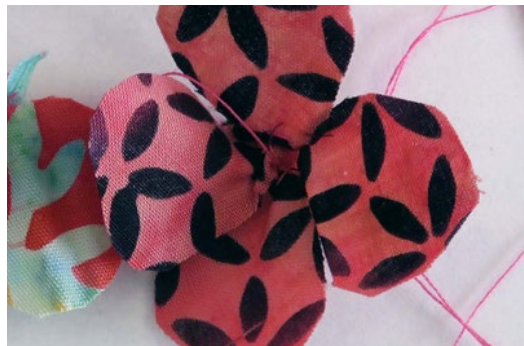
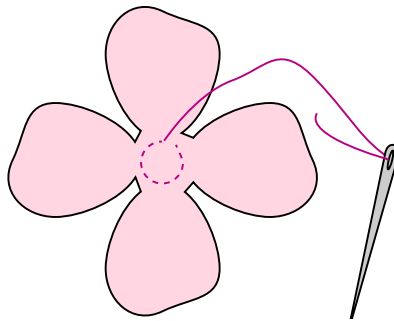


9. When the glue dries, remove the clips. Don't leave them on too long, check them after a few minutes, because it is possible for the glue to soak through the fabric and glue the clips in place. You don't want that!

Let's make them bloom....

Put one large and one small flower stacked on the "pickle", two large and one small stacked on the "chub", two large on the long arm of the "long arm" and one small on the short arm.

1. Use one strand of Coats Dual Duty all-purpose thread.
2. Stitch a running stitch in a small circle in the center of each flower and gather it up.



3. As needed, stack the flowers and tack them together.
4. Stitch several beads in the center of the flowers.
5. Tack the flower to the top of each cactus.



Time to plant.....

1. Place the cacti in the pot and pin them together.
2. Thread with one strand of green Coats® Dual Duty Plus Hand Quilting thread.
3. Tack the cacti together in several places.



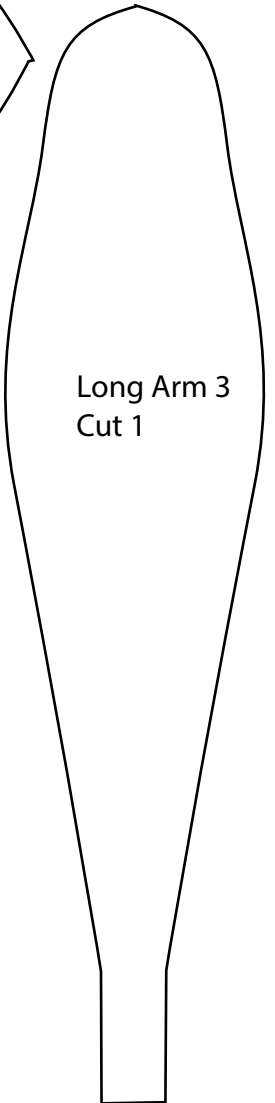
4. Tack the group of cacti onto the center of the "sand" fabric.



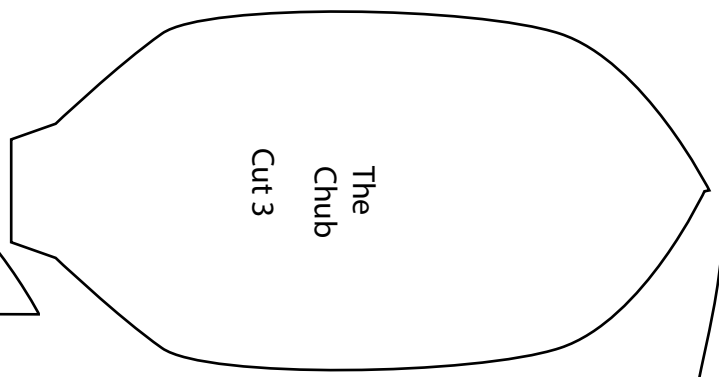
5. Place a handful of fiberfill under the cactus, and wrap the "sand" around it.
6. "Stuff" it into the pot.



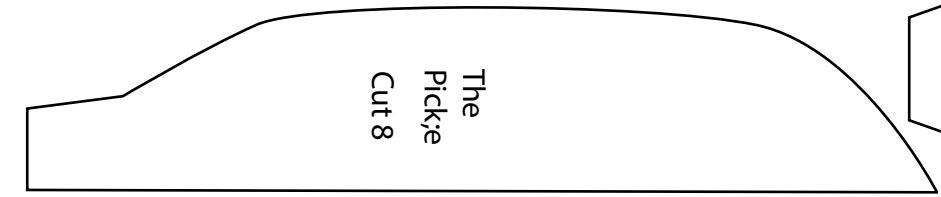
7. To secure them, squirt some of the fabric glue around the edge where the "sand" fabric meets the glass. Let dry.



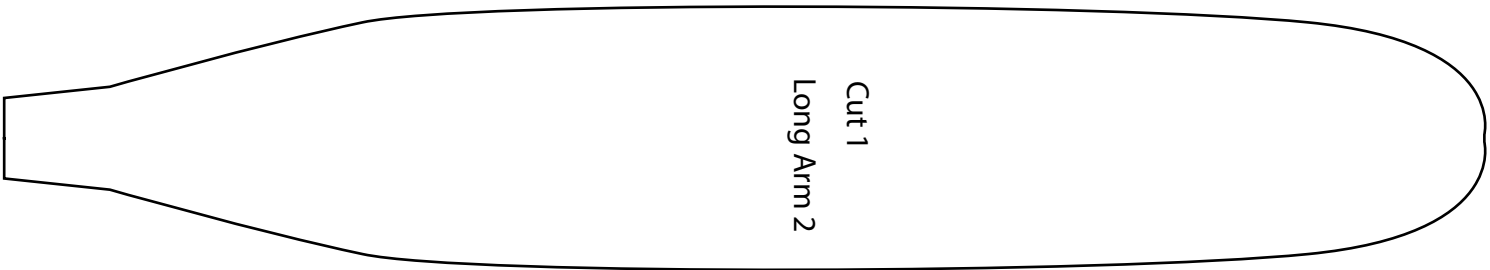
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Cut 1



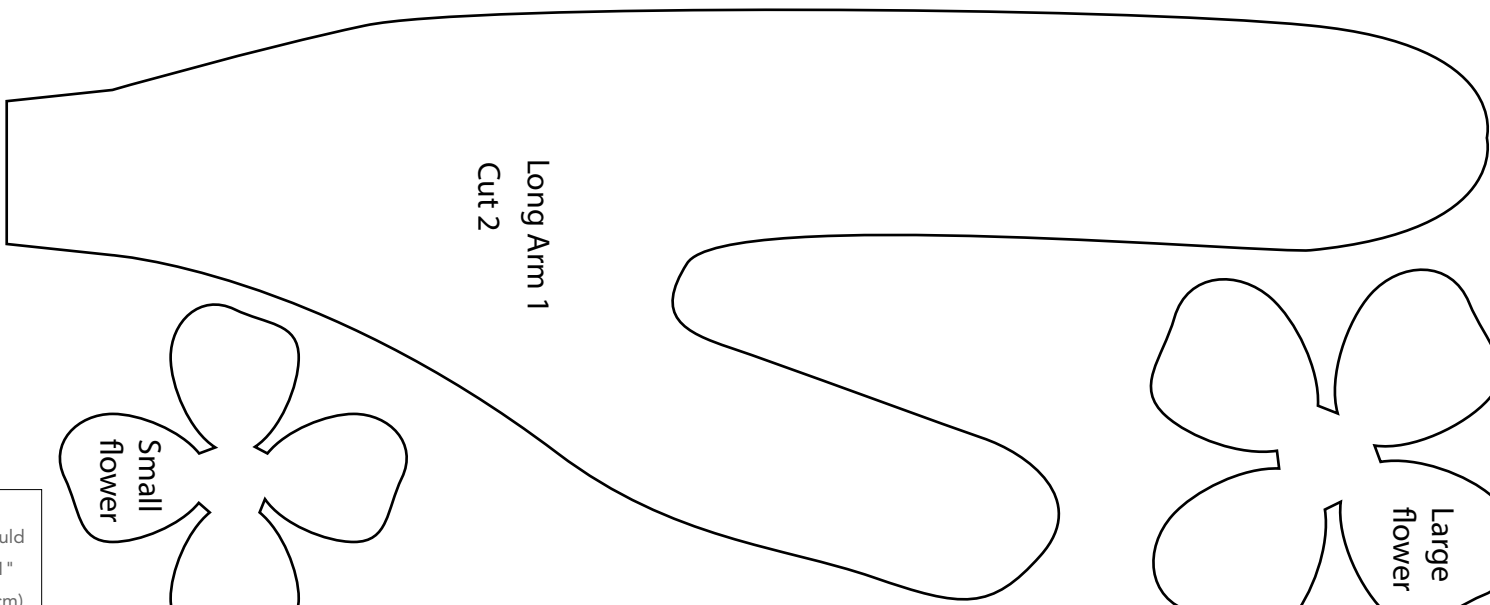
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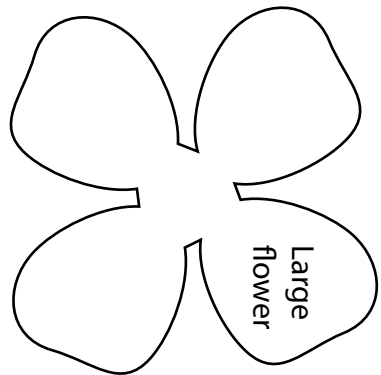
The
Pickle
Cut 8



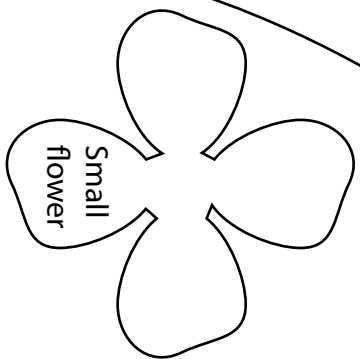
Cut 1
Long Arm 2



Long Arm 1
Cut 2



Large
flower



Small
flower

This square should
measure 1" x 1"
(2.54cm x 2.54cm)
when printed.

*** Measure templates before cutting to confirm printing at 100%***