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Felt cactus baby crinkle toy

Everyone is into cacti at the moment. They are prickly, but somehow look great in your home. So why not make a toy out of it? A soft version of course!

In this file you will find the template, I will tell you what you'll need, describe step by step how to make it and I have added some pictures of how to start the toy.

In the other toys I added recently I used a mini rattle, but since the shape of the cactus won't allow such a bulky toy, I replaced it with a bit of crinkle sheet. It makes a different sound that baby's love as well.



You will need:

1. The printed template
2. Green felt
3. Non-woven interfacing (when your felt is thin)
4. Green and black thread (and some glue)
5. Needle
6. Sewing pins
7. (Fabric) scissors
8. Toy stuffing
9. Wooden ring
10. Wooden beads
11. Waxed cotton string
12. Crinkle sheet

Step 1: Cut 2 pieces of waxed cotton string (about 90 cm each). Fold them in half, so you will have a loop at the end (see pictures below).

Step 2: Place the wooden ring over the loop, pull the string through the loop, with the wooden ring in between. You should end up with four strands to work with. Braid a few times using macramé (see pictures below).

Step 3: String one bead. Braid a few times using macramé again. Continue this with the four other wooden beads.

Step 4: Print the template and cut out the cactus. Iron the felt and use some non-woven interfacing to make it a bit stronger if your felt is thin. Place the paper cactus on the felt and cut it out twice. Also cut one cactus shape out of the crinkle paper.

Step 5: Sew black crosses on both pieces of felt.

Step 6: Turn the front around and lay the string cord right down the middle. Make sure the braided piece sticks out a little bit. Gently attach the string to the felt, to make sure it stays in place as you put your cactus together. You might need to cut the string a little shorter, so it won't stick out at the bottom.

Step 7: Take the back of the cactus and glue or sew the crinkle sheet on, to make sure it stays in place.



Step 8: Sew the two cactus parts together. Leave some space to add toy stuffing. Finish it off and you're done!

How to start your cord:



CACTUS

