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Felt cloud baby rattle

There is something about clouds that is just really cute. They look great in the nursery and make nice baby toys. That is why I decided to make a cloud baby rattle. You can use it for all sorts of things. In the crib, on the baby gym, on the stroller, in the play box, carrier, etc. It's not even that hard to make. Read this tutorial to find out what you'll need and how you'll make one.



You will need:

1. The printed template
2. White felt
3. Non-woven interfacing (when your felt is thin)
4. White, black and pink thread
5. Needle
6. Sewing pins
7. (Fabric) scissors
8. Toy stuffing
9. Wooden ring
10. Wooden beads
11. Waxed cotton string
12. Mini toy rattle

- 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 cloud. Iron the felt and use some non-woven interfacing to make it a bit stronger if your felt is thin. Place the paper cloud on the felt and cut it out twice.
- Step 5:** Sew eyes, a mouth and rosy cheeks on the front of the cloud.
- 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 cloud together. You might need to cut the string a little shorter, so it won't stick out at the bottom.
- Step 7:** Sew the two cloud parts together. Leave some space to add toy stuffing and the toy rattle. Finish it off and you're done!



How to start your cord:



