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## Felt owl baby rattle toy

I made this cutie pie as a gift, but I know I'll make it again in the future, because it is just so darn cute. During the sewing process I made some pictures to hopefully help you to make this owl yourself. Print the template, cut out the shapes and get your materials out to start. Follow the eight steps below to make this toy yourself.



### You will need:

1. The printed template
2. Felt in multiple colors
3. Non-woven interfacing (when your felt is thin)
4. Thread in matching colors
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:** Print the template and cut out the shapes. Iron the felt and use some non-woven interfacing to make it a bit stronger if your felt is thin.
- Step 2:** Place the shapes on the desired colors of felt and cut them out. (see pictures below).
- Step 3:** Sew the eyelids on, before sewing them to the body. Sew on the beak and ears as well. (see pictures below).
- Step 4:** Cut a large piece of cotton string, fold it in half and cut the end. Fold it in half again. 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 (see pictures below).
- Step 5:** Now you can start braiding a little bit (I used a macramé technique), before you put the first bead on. Pull all four strands through, braid again and add the second bead. I always braid in between every bead, to make sure that if for some reason the string breaks, not all the beads come loose. In my opinion this is a lot safer. When you think you have enough beads, end with a little braided piece of string.
- Step 6:** Turn the front of the owl over and place the four strands in 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 owl together. You might need to cut the string a little shorter, so it won't stick out at the bottom (see pictures below).
- Step 7:** Place the back of the owl on top and start sewing the body up. Leave





an opening for the toy stuffing and mini toy rattle. After putting them in you can sew the owl up (see pictures below).

**Step 8:** Place two layers of the wings on top of each other and sew together (both for the left and right wing). You might want to do this with the claws as well. After this you can attach them to the body of the owl. And that's it: you're finished! (see pictures below)

#### How to start your cord:







