



cheeky monkey

Take a pair of argyle pattern golf socks
and make them into an adorable monkey.

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YOU WILL NEED

- ◆ Pair of new socks
- ◆ Toy filling
- ◆ 2 buttons to draw around (for the eyes)
- ◆ Marker pen or erasable marker pen
- ◆ Scraps of felt for eyes
- ◆ Basic sewing kit

TOOLS

- ◆ Sewing machine



It's easy to transform a prettily patterned sock into an adorable cheeky monkey toy using stuffing and little scraps of felt for his eyes. Treat your monkey to a new pair of socks to ensure he looks as pristine as possible; we think he suits the classic argyle pattern perfectly. When you cut your sock bear in mind that the heel is exactly the right shape to use for the monkey mouth, so keep it intact.

HOW TO MAKE

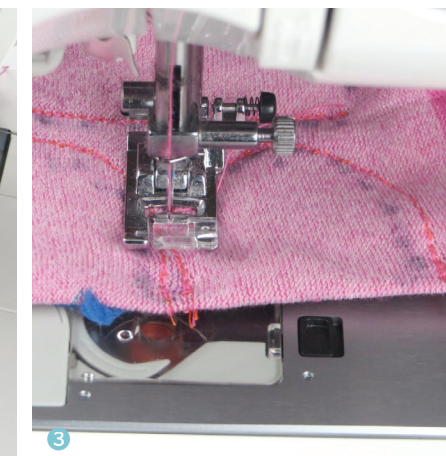
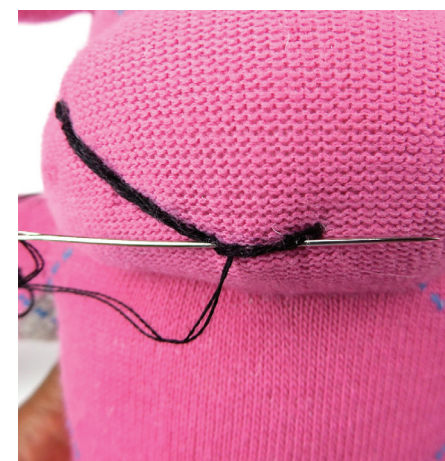
- 1 Turn the socks to the wrong side. One sock will be used as the main body including the legs and the other for the arms, tail, ears and mouth. On the main body mark out the legs ending approx 3.75cm (1½in) below the heel. Mark out the ears, tail and arms on the second sock. The arm marking should stop approx 3.75cm (1½in) below the heel. The heel will be used as the mouth for your sock monkey.
- 2 Machine stitch the leg markings making sure you stitch either side of the straight leg line (so you can just cut through once sewn).
- 3 Machine stitch all other marked sections.
- 4 Cut through the centre of the main body legs and snip off excess fabric especially around the curved foot.
- 5 Cut around your ears, arms, tail and then

cut the heel – this will be the mouth.

- 6 Make a small hole in the 'bottom' of your monkey (the heel of the main body). Turn all pieces to the right side and stuff with filling. Once stuffed, loosely stitch the openings, this makes it easier to sew the arms, tail, ears and mouth to the main body.
- 7 Once all your monkey limbs are sewn in place, make the eyes from white and black felt scraps. You can cut your circular felt eyes freehand, using buttons as your template.
- 8 Mark where the eyes will be positioned and handstitch them in place.
- 9 Mark out your smile shape with erasable pen – give your monkey a big beaming smile.
- 10 Using a doubled contrasting thread or embroidery thread, make a simple back stitch to stitch the smile. ☺

"The eyes and smile will give your sock monkey its charming personality!"

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This little fella looks smart in his diamond suit

TIP

If you don't have toy filling use a **supersoft pillow filling**. Don't overstuff as your sock monkey will become too rigid

