

SOCK MONKEY

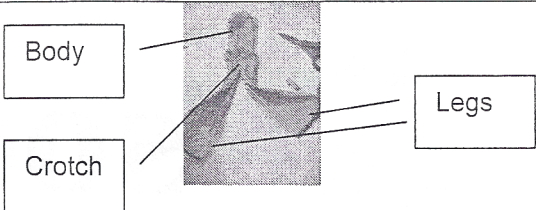


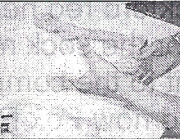

Sock dolls were popular around the 1900's. The Nelson Knitting Mills in Rockford Illinois first made the original Rockford red heeled sock in 1890. In 1920 the mill soon began packaging the directions for the sock monkeys with each pair of socks after a customer fashioned a doll and sent it to the company. The Nelson Knitting Mills was purchased by Fox River Mills in 1992 and now Fox River makes the *Red Heel Monkey Sock*.

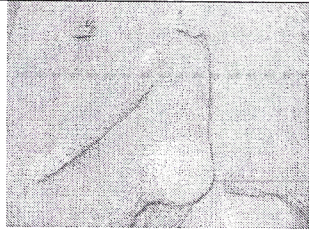
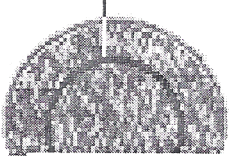

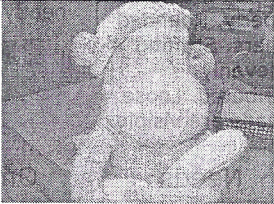
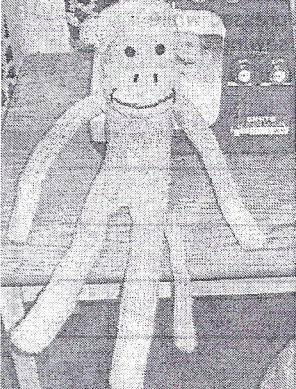
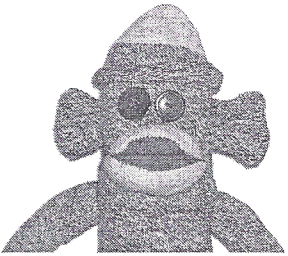
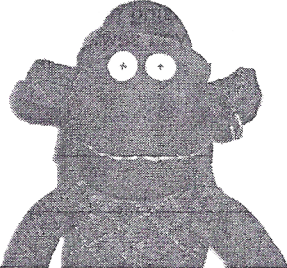
Tools: scissors, ruler, pen, needle, pins, and sewing machine (optional)

Materials: 1 pair of socks, off-white thread, polyester fiber fill stuffing, black and red embroidery thread, buttons or googly eyes (optional)

Instructions:

<p>Turn the sock inside out.</p> <p>Lay the sock so the heel is facing toward you. The toes are the top of the sock, and the opening is the bottom of the sock (see picture).</p>	
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<p>Use a ruler to find the center of the sock and, with chalk or tailor's wax, mark the center line of the sock from 1 ½" below the white heel to the bottom opening. Cut, through both layers of the sock along this line.</p>	
<p>Sew each of the "legs" up, using a ½" seam. Pin first to make the sewing easier. Be sure to leave an opening at the "crotch" (top of the legs) for stuffing.</p>	
<p>Turn the "monkey body" right side out. First do the legs, using the method shown in the picture. Then turn out the rest of the body.</p>	
<p>Stuff the body and legs through the "crotch" hole.</p>	
<p>Whip stitch "crotch" closed with off-white thread.</p>	
<p>Fold the sock flat in a side profile position (see picture).</p>	
<p>For the hat, cut out the white toe area of the sock, leaving about ¾" area of brown around the cut out.</p>	
<p>For the tail, measure 1" in from the left fold and mark line with pen. Cut along the mark to form one long, 2" wide rectangle.</p>	
<p>For the snout, cut out the heel area, leaving a ½" area of brown around the cut out, to turn under.</p>	
<p>For the arms, cut the remaining area above the heel into two rectangular pieces.</p>	
<p>For the ears, use the remaining piece of sock below the heel. With the sock doubled, cut out 2 identical half circles - because the sock is double you should end up with 4 pieces.</p>	
<p>Sew the tail and arms by pinning right sides together, sewing a ¼" seam down the long side of each rectangle and curving the seams at the bottom to give rounded "hands" and tail. Turn right side out (a pencil or knitting needle can help with this!). Stuff firmly.</p>	

<p>Make markings on the body of the monkey to indicate where the tail, ears and arms will be attached. The tail should be attached on the upper part of the white heel ("butt".) The ears should be attached to the upper part of the white toe ("head") and the arms should be positioned just under the neck.</p>		
<p>For the ears, with right sides together, sew a 1/4" seam around rounded sides of ears. Turn right side out, then fill lightly with stuffing. Turn under 1/4" at opening. Top stitch 1/4" inch in from rounded sides (see picture). The ears should be positioned with the top half of the ear in the white area of the head, and with the bottom half of the ear in the brown area. Turn your monkey to the sides and center the ears. Whip stitch ears to monkey body</p>	<p>TOP STITCH LINE</p> 	
<p>For the snout, center, position, and fasten lower area of mouth with pins to the body. Whip stitch the bottom of the snout onto the body, then fill with stuffing. Continue to whip stitch around the top of the snout until completely attached to body.</p>		
<p>Determine placement of eyes and mouth. For the eyes, you can use buttons, googly eyes, or you can embroider the eyes. Mouths can be embroidered, sewn on fabric etc. Use your creativity and personalize your monkey</p>		
		

Instructions compiled from <http://breezeb.tripod.com/crafts/sockmonkey.html> and from Anne Queen's TDSB Begin To Sew Summer Workshop, 2008.

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Rubric: Sewing Project Evaluation - **SOCK MONKEY**

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	Needs Improvement 5 pts	On the Way 7 pts	Almost There 8 pts	Wow 10 pts
Hand Sewing 10	Needs Improvement The stitches are not the correct stitch. Very noticeable.	On the Way Stitches are either too long or too wide apart. The closure is not tight or knotted correctly.	Almost There Most of the stitches are the correct length or width apart.	Wow Hand sewing is done correctly. Stitches are correct length and width apart. Closure is invisible.
Seams 15	Needs Improvement Seams are not the correct width. Seams are not straight.	On the Way Seams are too wide.	Almost There Seams are puckered or stretched.	Wow Seams are the correct width and are not puckered or stretched.
Finishing 15	Needs Improvement The corners are not trimmed and turned properly. Rounded corners. Stuffing is not evenly distributed. Loose threads are visible.	On the Way The stuffing is not evenly distributed. The opening is not neatly sewn closed.	Almost There The corners are not trimmed and properly turned.	Wow The SM is turned and corners are trimmed and square. The opening is neatly sewn closed. The stuffing is evenly distributed. (Sock monkey)
Overall Appearance 10	Needs Improvement The project does not look neat. Pressing not done as you sew.	On the Way	Almost There	Wow The project looks very neat and shows that it was pressed while sewing.

Comments:

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