

Hippo Ornament

Supplies

- Craft felt in 2 colors
- Sharp precise scissors
- Ultra Fine Point Sharpie marker
- 2 black sequins for eyes (6mm size)
- 2 white sequins for eyes (8mm size)
- 3 sequins for body decoration (8mm size)
- 1/8" wide ribbon for hang loop (at least 6 inches long)
- Toothpick or straight pin

for SEWN version:

- Hand-sewing needle
- Thread to match felt colors and sequins
- Contrasting thread for details

For GLUED version:

- Craft glue (Elmer's white or gel kind is fine)
- Squeezable dimensional paint and/or glitter glue in contrasting color for details

Instructions

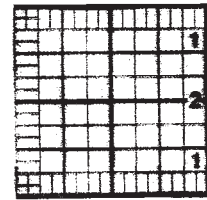
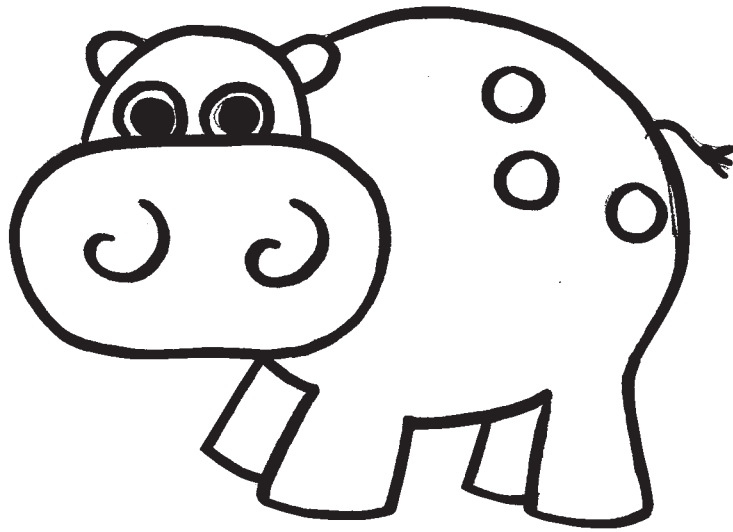
1. Print pattern – make sure printer settings are “actual size” or “no scaling” – not “fit to page”. Check scale after printing by measuring the 1-inch test square.
2. Cut out the three paper pattern pieces around the outlines.
3. Use Sharpie marker to trace the pattern pieces on the backside of the felt, with printed side facing the felt. (This is so you don't have to worry about cutting every mark off the felt.)
4. Cut out the felt pieces as precisely as you can.
5. Add nose swirls with thread or dimensional paint/glitter glue.
6. Stitch or glue white sequins with smaller black sequins on top where the eyes go on the head piece. Use toothpick or straight pin as a tool for positioning and pressing into glue.
7. Stitch or glue hang loop to one of the 2 full body pieces of felt. Make sure loop is slightly closer to the head than the center so the ornament will hang level.

If gluing, glue each layer together and finish with 3 decorative sequins on body and dimensional paint/glitter glue to define separate legs. (Optional: use toothpick to paint edge of head where it touches the body for more definition.)

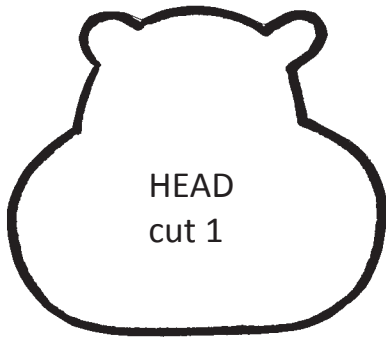
If sewing, sew all the details before attaching the back body layer (layer with loop) in order to hide all the stitches and keep the back clean. Using a loop instead of a knot is easiest when beginning a new length of thread (see photo detail of threaded needle with buttons). Whip stitch around the edges of the layers with matching thread. You can hide the thread tails after you knot off at the end by using the needle to bury the tails with a long stitch inside the layers and then trimming off. A tail can be added with four strands of thread – a short crotchet chain with a knot at the end was used in the photo example.

And that's it! Now you can give everyone a Hippopotamus for Christmas!

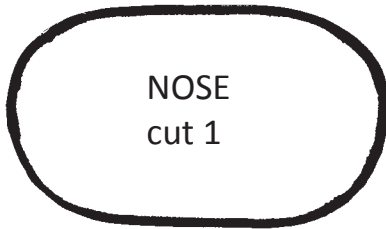
Hippo Ornament Pattern



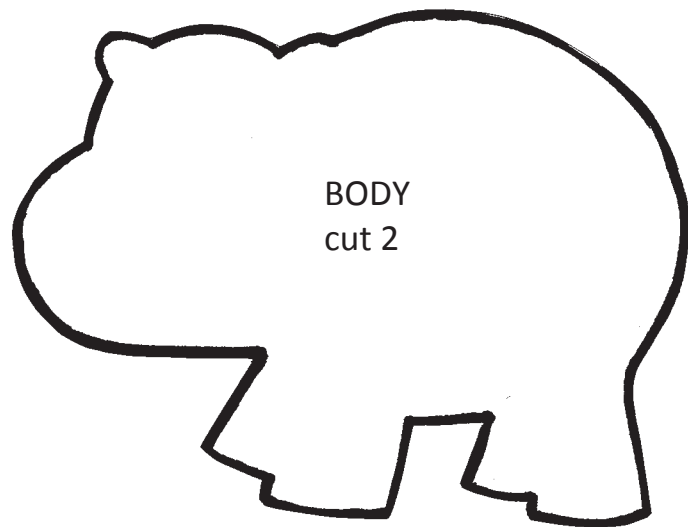
1" Test Square




HEAD
cut 1




NOSE
cut 1



BODY
cut 2

 6mm sequin

 8mm sequin