

Sew A Ferret-Shaped Hidey-Hole

Follow these step-by-step instructions to sew a ferret-shaped hidey hole for your ferret.

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This ferret-shaped hidey-hole sewing project is a little more advanced to construct than the shoe bed. It will take longer and will test your creative skill a little more. But, with a little patience, you will have a wonderful new addition to your ferret's furniture.

Supply List

For this project, you need the following items: 1/2 yard of medium brown fake fur 1/4 yard of dark brown fake fur 1/4 yard of light brown fake fur 1/4 yard of any color fleece for the inside lining A remnant of black, white fleece for eyes A remnant of pink (or black) for a nose Fabric scraps for stuffing the legs, tail and head 1 yard of 1/2 inch foam rubber A large tablet of newsprint A felt marker Thread Scissors Long straight pins

Creating A Pattern
Follow the next seven steps to create the pattern for the ferret-shaped hidey-hole.

Ferret-Shaped Hidey-Hole Project Step #1

Creating A Pattern

Draw the bottom oval of the hidey-hole onto the newsprint about 2 inches larger than you want the bottom to be when it is completed. (Click image to enlarge.)

Ferret-Shaped Hidey-Hole Project Step #2

Creating A Pattern

Using a plush ferret as a guide, draw a ferret body shape on the newsprint. (Click image to enlarge.)

Ferret-Shaped Hidey-Hole Project Step #3

Creating A Pattern

Draw the face, mask, legs and feet. (Click image to enlarge.)

Ferret-Shaped Hidey-Hole Project Step #4

Creating A Pattern

Draw the tail. (Click image to enlarge.)

These first drawings give you a general pattern idea. Changes can be made to the pattern as you go along. After changes have been made, you can redraw your pattern so that you have a good pattern for making future hidey-holes. They make a wonderful gift to donate to SOS or a ferret shelter raffle.

Ferret-Shaped Hidey-Hole Project Step #5

Cutting Fabric & Foam

Use your pattern to cut out the fabric. (Click image to enlarge.)

Ferret-Shaped Hidey-Hole Project Step #6

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Make sure you cut enough of each piece. You need one tail, eight legs, two oval bottoms, two ferret bodies in fake fur and two in fleece for lining. (Click image to enlarge.)

Ferret-Shaped Hidey-Hole Project Step #7