

## Activity: Autograph Elephant

### Materials:

- 1/3 yard firmly woven fabric in a solid color
- matching thread
- package polyester batting
- 10 inches 1/4 " - 1/2" wide ribbon or cord for tail
- 1/4" diameter buttons for eyes

### Sewing Tools:

- sewing machine, shears, fabric marking chalk or pen,
- straight pins, hand sewing needle, stuffing tool

### Directions: (Enlarge pattern as needed.)

1. Pin elephant pattern to fabric, following grain lines. Cut 2 of the elephant body and 4 ears. Transfer markings to fabric.
2. With right sides together and raw edges even, stitch two ear sections together with 1/4" seams. Leave open at top between the large O's. Clip curves, carefully. Do not cut stitching. Press.
3. Turn right side out. Press. Baste raw edges together.
4. To make the pleat, fold along the solid line and bring the folded edge to the broken line. Baste across pleat.
5. Repeat for second ear, forming pleat to create a right ear and a left ear.
6. On right side of the elephant body, place one ear between large O's on top. Baste in place. For tail, fold the 10" piece of ribbon or cord in half. Baste the tail to the elephant at the O marking, with the raw edges together.
7. Attach the second ear to the other body half in the same way.
8. With the right sides together, place the two body sections together, having raw edges even. Pin. Stitch using a 1/4" seam allowance. Leave opening between small o's for turning and stuffing. Carefully clip curves and corners of the elephant legs, without cutting stitching line.
9. Turn right side out and stuff elephant firmly through the opening. Use a stuffing tool to get the stuffing into the smaller areas, such as the trunk and legs.
10. Hand stitch opening closed using a hidden stitch. Tie a knot in the end of the tail. Sew a button at the marking on each side for the eyes. The eyes could be satin stitched with embroidery floss.
11. Start collecting your friend's autographs using a permanent marker fine tip pen.



