



Patched Piggy

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I made my pig using fabric pulled randomly from my scrap bag. The three main body pieces were cut from different fabric, as were both sides of his ears. I think this mixed-up, multi-coloured pig is great fun and very useful for holding dressmaking pins or jewellery.

You will need:

Fabric for the left side of the body, right side of the body and underbody - see pattern
 Scraps of fabric for the ears, nose, tail and patches
 White embroidery thread, crochet cotton or stranded cotton for decorative stitching
 Large buttons for the eyes x 2
 Small buttons for the nose and under tail x 3
 Pipe cleaner for tail
 Plastic bottle cap (mine was from a plastic salad dressing bottle)
 Thin ribbon
 Wadding or similar for padding nose
 Stuffing – cut up material, old tights or similar

Go to the project page at <http://www.susanpenny.co.uk/patched-piggy/> to learn Blanket Stitch.

This is what you do:

Print out the pig pattern pieces. Cut each piece carefully on the solid line. Transfer the darts and markings for the ear position, tail position and where the underbody joins the top fabric.

From your chosen fabric and using the trace A, cut one underbody. The trace includes a 6mm ($\frac{1}{4}$ in) seam allowance and four darts shown as pointed oval shapes.

The trace for the left and right side of the pig is numbered B, and should be cut twice from fabric - you will need to turn the trace over to cut the second side. The trace includes the ($\frac{1}{4}$ in) seam allowance.

For the nose, cut a rectangle of fabric 16x6cm ($6\frac{3}{8}$ x $2\frac{3}{8}$ in) or large enough to fit around the outside of your plastic bottle cap, adding a 20mm ($\frac{3}{4}$ in) overlap on one short side. Cut a circle of fabric just larger than the top of the bottle cap – I cut a 5cm (2in) diameter circle.

Cut four ears using the trace C, and a rectangle of fabric 28cm (11in) x 2.5cm (1in) wide for the tail - this includes a 6mm ($\frac{1}{4}$ in) seam allowance.

From the fabric scraps cut rectangles of fabric for the patches to be sewn on the side of the pig.

To assemble the ears

Place two ear pieces, right sides together. Sew around the two curved sides with a 6mm (¼in) seam allowance. Leave the bottom edge open. Make small snips into the seam allowance on the curved edges and at the point to ease the seam and make it easier to turn. Turn the ear to the right side, press carefully and turn 6mm (¼in) in on the bottom edge, press in place.

Using embroidery thread, crochet cotton, or whatever scraps of thread you have in your work basket, make a row of running stitches around the curved edge of the ear on the right side, about 6mm (¼in) in from the edge. This is for decoration only. Use the same thread to close the bottom edge of the ear with blanket stitch. Repeat for the other ear.



Blanket stitch around the top edge of the nose.

To assemble the nose

Wrap a small amount of wadding around the bottle cap. Lay the circle of fabric cut for the top of the nose on the cap. Turn under the seam allowance on one long edge on the rectangle of fabric cut for the side of the nose, and press in place. Wrap the fabric around the nose. Close the side seam using small, neat stitches. Tack the nose side to the top of the nose. Using crochet cotton or embroidery thread, blanket stitch the side to the top of the nose. Fold the bottom rough edge of the fabric into the bottle cap. The nose is now ready for attaching later.

To assemble the tail

Fold the tail fabric in half lengthways and machine stitch down both long edges with a 6mm (¼in) seam allowance. Turn through to the right side. Cut a length of pipe cleaner for the tail. I made mine 15cm (6 in), then fold it in half. Insert the folded pipe cleaner into the tail fabric, push up the fabric to fit the pipe cleaner and stitch the end securely to seal.



Pin, tack then sew the 4 darts on the underbody.

To assemble the body

On the underbody fabric, pin, tack then sew the 4 darts. Place the underbody and one of the fabric sides, marked B on the pattern, right sides together. Pin, tack and then stitch with a 6mm (¼in) seam allowance, from the nose to point E marked on both pattern pieces. You may have to ease the seam slightly in places. Repeat with the other side of the underbody.



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Place the tail at point D, on one side fabric piece, with 6 mm (¼in) of the cut end of the tail facing outwards. On top, place the other side piece of fabric, right sides together, matching the seams. Pin, and then sew along the top seam of the pig, joining the sides together, from the nose opening to point E – the tail will be caught in the seam.

Turn the pig to the right side, ease out the tail, and stuff well through the nose opening.

Adding the ears, nose and patches

Place the ears in position on the pig, using the line marked on pattern B for position. Pin, tack and then sew using small neat stitches the ears to the pig's body.

To add the nose, with the extra fabric tucked inside the bottle cap, place the nose on the pig. Tack in place, and then carefully stitch the nose with neat stitches.

Fold over the edges of the fabric rectangles cut for the patches to the wrong side of the fabric. Press in place. Pin the patches onto the pig - move them around until you like the position. Pin and tack in place. Using embroidery thread or crochet cotton, make a row of big running stitches just in from the edge of each fabric patch.

Add buttons for the eyes, buttons for the nose holes, and a button just below the tail. You could add a small ribbon bow to the tail and tie a length of the embroidery thread around the nose.

The patches and buttons can be added as you are assembling the pig, but I prefer to add them after the pig is stuffed.

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Porker goes retro! You can use any combination of fabrics to give this pig a modern or vintage look. Here he is dressed for the 80s - he still looks cool.

SIDE OF PIG



