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Hey y'all, today I have a super easy tutorial to make a cheap DIY dog toy from fabric scraps and, well, trash. I sew these DIY dog toys from left over fleece, and my poodle loves them. He thinks they're a great dog treat, then promptly destroys them, lol! But I'd much rather he destroy these scrap fabric dog treats that cost me nothing than have to constantly buy him toys at the pet store. The great thing about dogs is that they generally don't care if the toys they get are perfectly cut or sewn. I make them rectangular-ish, but you could make them bone shaped, circular, or any other shape you can cut out. The shape isn't what seems to engage my dog's mind, instead it's the texture of the fabric and the challenge of getting the crinkle out. My pup will find these even if I hide them, which is a fun game for him. He also likes to play fetch with these a few times before he settles down to chew holes in it. Sometimes I get a good grip on it and we play tug of war. But mostly my pooch loves the mental stimulation of tearing things apart. He likes to take the cover off a tennis ball, and he loves to pull stuffing out of toys from . So these are a good alternative for us since I always have scrap fabric for them. But, hopefully this goes without saying, you should always watch your pooch with any toy, including a diy toy. You don't want them to ingest small pieces of the toy as they tear it. To make your own pet toy like this you'll need: Scrap fabric. My dog seems to prefer fleece type fabrics, but you could try denim, old t-shirts, etc. I would caution against old socks if you have a sock snatcher like my dog. That could make it hard for them to distinguish which socks they're allowed to chew and which they're not. Potato chip bag – this is what I cut up to make the crinkling noise. I don't wash the bag, and I use a pair of scissors separate from my fabric scissors to cut it. Sewing machine, thread, etc. I don't recommend hand sewing these if your dog is destructive like mine, hand stitching seems much easier for them to rip out in longer pieces of thread. To make your own dog toy, watch the video below or on YouTube here. Time needed: 10 minutesHow to sew a DIY Dog Toy Cut out fabric I cut two pieces that are about a 6 inch by 8 inch rectangle, but proportions and shape can vary. Cut out crinkle material I use an empty potato chip bag for this, and cut it so that it barely extends into the seam allowances of the toy. I use half inch seam allowances. Sew the toy Place the fabric pieces right sides together and add a layer of potato chip bag material. Stitch around the edges, leaving a gap to turn the toy. Sometimes I double stitch 1/8 inch in from the first line. Finish the toy Turn the toy right side out and fold the raw edges at the gap to the inside. Stitch the gap closed on the machine. And when you're done sewing these toys, you can also check out the dog sewing tutorials below to see how to make a dog bed and how to sew a dog bow tie. Sew a variety of fabric toys for your favorite doggie with this collection of over thirty free dog toy sewing patterns gathered from all over the web! Make stuffed toys, fabric-covered balls, pull toys and more for your dog. And one benefit to sewing your own dog toys is the cost savings. Dogs can be quite hard on toys. And if your doggie tends to destroy toys on a frequent basis, it can be cheaper to make them yourself than to continually buy ready-made toys to replace them. Plus, sewing your own toys can give you the opportunity to repurpose materials you already have, such as old jeans and sweaters. Plus, you can have fun with the design of your toys, customizing them with your own fabrics and shapes. And since dogs tend to be quite hard on toys, choose a sturdy fabric that will stand up to lots of chewing such as cotton duck, denim, or upholstery fabric. And reinforce the seams you sew. And some basic safety advice: Choose a toy that's appropriate for your dog. For instance, if you know your dog would rather eat a toy than play with it, giving him a stuffed fabric toy probably isn't a good idea. And consider your dog's size. Toys that are too small for a dog can pose a choking hazard. So generally speaking, choose large toys for large dogs and give smaller toys only to smaller dogs. Don't add embellishment to your dog toys like ribbons, strings, ties, tails, or buttons that could be chewed off and swallowed. And if you choose to add fabric appliques to your toys, make sure they're sewn on securely. And repair or replace any toy that becomes damaged. And supervise your dog during play, especially with softer toys that can be chewed apart more easily. For more information about dog toy safety, click here, here, and here. This scene repeats itself: I return from the pet store bearing a squeaky plush toy that cost as much as a rump roast. I toss it to my golden retriever Ike, who de-stuffs, decapitates and de-squeaks it in a matter of minutes. Then he looks up at me, tongue hanging out, as if to say "What next?" Pet toys can be expensive: Ike can tear through a $12 toy in 10 minutes. But no worries — you can make your own dog toys for a fraction of the cost and sometimes free. 12 Cheap, Easy DIY Dog Toys Your Pooch Will Love Not only can DIY dog toys save you money, but you can often repurpose things that you may otherwise throw away. Plus, they're fun to make! Just remember to always use materials that are safe for your pet, monitor playtime and inspect toys for damage. Here are some easy homemade dog toys Ike recommends: 1. Fleece Stuffies Two identical circles are sewn together after stuffing it while making a fleece stuffie, a DIY dog toy, in St. Petersburg, Fla. Tina Russell / The Penny Hoarder Ike loves to chew stuffed toys, but he doesn't need anything fancy to have fun. Cost to buy new: $5-$19 Cost to make: about $1.50 What you need: ¼ yard fleece fabric: about $1 (varies) A few handfuls of stuffing: 50 cents Needle and thread: Free, if you have it lying around Instructions: Cut two identical shapes out of fleece. Decide which sides of the fabric you want to show on the outside of the toy, and place those together. Sew around the edges, leaving a small opening for the stuffing. Turn the toy inside out and stuff. Sew up the opening. Experiment with different fabrics to find out what your dog prefers. Try using an old T-shirt: it will save you money, and your dog will enjoy your scent. 2. Restuffable Stuffie Felt squares are added into an old rabbit while making a restuffable stuffie, a DIY dog toy, in St. Petersburg, Fla. Tina Russell / The Penny Hoarder Some dogs, like Ike, can unstuff a toy in seconds. To prevent your dog from swallowing fluff from toys, try making this Kol's Notes Restuffable Dog Toy. Cost to buy new: $5-$19 Cost to make: about $1.20 (varies with size of toy) What you need: Felt squares: 30 cents each New or old dog plush stuffie: Free if you have one lying around Scissors: Free if you already have a pair Instructions: Cut the felt squares into long strips. Cut a slit in the toy and unstuff it. Restuff the toy with the long strips of felt and sew it shut. 3. Socktopus If you're not especially handy with a needle and thread, no worries. This DIY dog toy involves no sewing. Cost to buy new: $7.50 Cost to make: Free! What you need: Instructions: Lay two socks in an "X." Tie the bottom sock up around the top sock at the middle. If you can find more socks, repeat the tying until you reach eight "legs." If you don't have enough socks, don't worry, your dog won't care if your socktopus doesn't have eight legs. Note: If your dog cannot differentiate its socktopus from the laundry, this may not be the toy for you! 4. Bouncy Sock Here's another simple, no-sew toy involving a sock. Cost to buy new: $6.99 Cost to make: 65 cents (or free if you have an old tennis ball lying around) What you need: Instructions: Stuff the tennis ball into an old sock. Knot the top of the sock. Voila! 5. Treat Ball Any toy with food inside grabs Ike's attention, and this Tennis Ball Treat Dispenser from Instructables is so easy to make. Cost to buy new: $9.95 Cost to make: 65 cents, plus a few treats What you need: Treats: Free if you use whatever you have for your dog Instruction: Cut a slit along seam to make a flap. Insert dog treats of your choice through the flap. Watch your dog try to get them out. 6. Rope Tug A DIY rope tug dog toy made from a pair of jeans in St. Petersburg, Fla. Tina Russell / The Penny Hoarder For some dogs, there's nothing more fun than gnawing a rope. Cost to buy new: $5.99-$12.99 Cost to make: about $2.00 What you need: Instructions: Cut rope to your desired length and tie a knot on both ends. If you're handy with knots, try a square knot, monkey's fist, or even cat's paw (meow!). 7. Braided Tug Here's another durable DIY dog toy for chewers. Cost to buy new: $9.99 Cost to make: Free What you need: Ripped, faded or outgrown jeans: Free Instructions: Cut the jeans into three strips of your desired length. Tie strips at the top. Braid the strips together, then tie them at the bottom. 8. Crinkle Toy Store-bought dog toys often feature a plastic water bottle inside. Use your own for savings. Cost to buy new: $6.99-$15.99 Cost to make: Free What you need: Empty plastic water bottle: Free Instructions: Simply pull the sock over the empty water bottle and tie the sock at the top. That's it! 9. Seat Belt Buddy Cost to buy new: $7.99 Cost to make: Cost varies What you need: Old car seat belt: Cost varies Instructions: If you happen to have access to a junk car, cut off a length of seat belt, removing the buckle. Knot the ends. If you don't have access to a junk seat belt, you can pick one up at a scrap yard. 10. Hose Tossing Ring Don't throw away that leaky garden hose. Follow these instructions to make Wisebread's Tossing Ring for your dog. Cost to buy new: $6.99 Cost to make: Free What you need: Instructions: Cut the hose to your desired length. Slide the stick into one end of the hose, then bring the other end of the hose around and slide it over the protruding end of the stick. This will form a ring to toss to your dog. 11. Treat Yourself Bottle This Kol's Notes Treat Dispensing toy is a fun, interactive DIY dog toy. Cost to buy new: $11.99 Cost to make: 99 cents to $2, plus a few treats What you need: Empty wide-mouth plastic bottle: Free if you have one; otherwise, try the dollar store Treats: Free, if you use what you normally have in the house for your dog Instructions: Remove the lid and ring from the bottle's neck. Compress the ball and squeeze it inside the bottle. Add the dog treats. For more of a challenge, use two or three balls. 12. Flirt Pole This toy is great for an active dog. New ones run as much as $49, but you can make this Puppy Leaks Flirt Pole for much less. Cost to buy new: $22 Cost to make: $5.30, if you use an old dog toy you already have What you need: Instructions: Oscar, the dog, plays with a DIY restuffable stuffie in St. Petersburg, Fla. Tina Russell / The Penny Hoarder Cut a length of pipe; you will hold this like a fishing pole to lure your dog. Cut the bungee cord so it's longer than the pipe. Push the bungee cord through the pipe opening and out the other side. Tie a knot at both ends of the cord so it won't pull through. Leave a few feet of cord hanging out the top of the pipe. Tie your dog's favorite toy to the loose end of the cord. Tempt your dog with the toy — if your dog is quick, you'll have to be quicker! Your Turn: Which of these DIY dog toys is your dog's favorite? Peggy Frezon is contributing editor of All Creatures magazine, and author of Faithfully Yours, the amazing bond between us and the animals we love, and other books about pets. Peggy and her husband currently share their home with two senior dogs, and do therapy dog work with their golden retriever, Ike. Ready to stop worrying about money? Get the Penny Hoarder Daily Privacy Policy Does your furry best friend deserve a wardrobe upgrade or two? Do you dream of making them adorable toys or snuggly stuffed animal pals? Well, unleash your inner fashionista and grab your sewing kit. This awesome collection of 34 dog sewing patterns has everything you need! We're talking charming bandanas, comfy sweaters, and fun toys that'll spark endless playtime. You'll find easy patterns for all skill levels, from beginner pup-stitches to seasoned sewists ready to tackle more complex projects. So, get ready to stitch up some serious puppy love! Imagine the wagging tails and happy barks as your doggo rocks their brand-new outfit or chases after a handmade toy. Dive in, unleash your creativity, and let the fun begin! Jump to: This DIY dog poop bag holder offers a functional solution to the common challenge of carrying your furry friend's waste. This holder ensures that you're always prepared during walks without sacrificing style. If you're looking for a cozy addition to your pet's space, consider this DIY dog bed pattern. The step-by-step guide makes it simple to create a personalized bed for your canine companion. Are you searching for a heartfelt gift for your furry friend? This heart pet toy DIY allows you to craft a love-filled plaything for your dog. The sewing pattern ensures hours of joy for your pet. If you want to keep your puppy's paws warm during the winter months, consider sewing your own winter dog boots with this easy-to-follow pattern. It's the best way to protect your dog's feet! Whether you're prepping for a costume party or just want to add a touch of whimsy, this tutorial on how to make real easy dog but creative costumes for Halloween is a must-try. This DIY provides a versatile accessory that can be customized to match any occasion or mood. Whether you prefer plaids, florals, or quirky prints for your dog, this bandana pattern is for you. This dog crate cover tutorial offers a practical and aesthetic solution to beautify your pet's living space. This DIY project allows you to create a cover that complements your home decor. If you're a pet parent who loves to travel, consider making this dog travel hammock. This DIY project ensures a comfortable and secure space for your dog during car rides. This Christmas stocking adds a festive touch to your holiday celebrations. The pattern allows you to create a special stocking for your dog, complete with adorable bone and kiss-shaped decorations. This DIY project allows you to breathe new life into worn-out socks, creating a lovable plush toy for your pet. Engage in a fun crafting experience while giving your dog a cuddly playmate! If you're looking for a fashion-forward accessory that allows your pup to stand out, this project is perfect for pampering your pet in a personalized style. It's complete with a playful tutu that adds flair! This DIY project offers a timeless and dapper coat that not only keeps your pup warm but also showcases a classic tweed design. This coat ensures your dog steps out in style. Are you searching for a versatile wardrobe for your four-legged friend? This collection of dog clothes patterns provides a variety of options to suit your pet's style and comfort. This dog Halloween cupcake costume is a delightful way to celebrate the spooky season with your pet. The sewing pattern is a sweet and festive cupcake with colorful frosting and sprinkles. Whether you're preparing for a chilly day or a special event, this doggy pleated wool coat pattern is a stylish solution. It provides the perfect balance of comfort and style. If you're in the mood for a quick and quirky project, try this easiest upcycled dog tie ever. This DIY sewing pattern turns old fabric scraps into a fashionable accessory for your furry friend. Meet Humphrey the Hound – a free pattern that lets you create an adorable stuffed toy for your dog. This DIY project provides step-by-step instructions for crafting a cuddly hound-shaped plushie. This yoyo stuffed dog pattern offers a playful way to make a unique toy for your pet. The DIY guides you through using colorful yoyos to create a stuffed dog that your furry friend will love to play with. This DIY project provides instructions for creating cute and fun slipcovers that can be easily switched out, allowing you to customize your pet's look for different occasions. This DIY allows you to upcycle old denim into sturdy and attractive toys for your pet. Whether your dog loves to fetch or chew, these handmade toys provide entertainment in an eco-friendly way. This DIY stuffed squeaky shark toy is the perfect project for crafting a playful companion for your furry friend. The pattern guides you through creating a huggable shark toy with an extra squeaker. This DIY allows you to create custom outfits that suit your dog's style and personality. Whether you prefer casual tees or practical jackets, this collection ensures your pup is always dressed in fashion. Are you in search of a small dog coat pattern that you can easily sew yourself? This DIY project provides a tailored solution for keeping your little canine companion warm and stylish. Whether you prefer outdoor adventures or need a practical solution for rainy days, these water-resistant dog coats are a must-have. It keeps your dog dry and comfortable. This DIY dog coat sewing pattern is a versatile and customizable solution for creating a coat that suits your dog's individual needs. You can tailor it to your dog's size and style preferences. If you're a fan of crafting and functionality, this Scottie door stop is an adorable addition to your home. The included free dog patterns also offer opportunities to craft various dog-themed items. This no-stuffing bunny dog toy is a delightful and practical DIY project for pet owners looking to create a durable and mess-free toy. It ensures hours of play without the risk of scattered filling. You can spread holiday cheer with this easy DIY dog toy for Christmas. The sewing pattern allows you to create festive and engaging toys for your pet during the holiday season. If you want to give your pup a unique and upcycled wardrobe piece, this tutorial provides step-by-step instructions for creating an adorable sweater sleeve dog coat with flair. This wool doggie sweater dress is perfect for pet owners who enjoy adding a touch of elegance to their dog's attire. This DIY creates a sophisticated wool sweater dress adorned with embellishments. This DIY pet food mat offers a practical solution to messy meal times. The sewing pattern guides you through creating a durable and easy-to-clean mat that keeps your pet's feeding area tidy. Are you searching for a cozy and adorable addition to your dog's nighttime routine? These cute dog pajama sewing patterns provide a comfortable and personalized solution. This Eloise dog dress sewing pattern is perfect for pet owners who want to add a touch of elegance to their furry friend's wardrobe. This sewing pattern ensures your dog steps out in sophistication. Whether your dog needs a new playmate or you want to craft a unique gift, this sewing pattern ensures a huggable and charming puppy doll companion for your furry friend. My friend's dog Biscuit LOVES fabric dog toys. She tosses them around in the air and sometimes use them as a pillow. If your dog is like Biscuit, then making them adorable homemade dog toys out of scrap pieces of fabric with an easy printable dog toy pattern will be fun for your dog and if you are a crafty person – fun for you too! This is a great starter project for how to make dog toys to sell. That's because these make great dog toys to sell at a fair or craft show and you get to be environmentally conscious – reduce, reuse, recycle. You get to be frugal. And this pattern can be used with nearly any fabric – so you can create dog toys that are marketable by season or sports team. Before we get into the instructions let's take a look at what fabric to use for your scrap fabric dog toys. First, let's take a look at what fabric you should use. The best fabric to use for dog toys depends a great deal on how heavy a chewer your dog is. Cotton T shirt fabric is great to make dog toys with. But… the heavier the chewer he is, the heavier the fabric you should pick. I prefer natural fabrics like cotton and wool, because they don't contain micro plastics like synthetic fibers do, and if your dog does tear them apart then they will just degrade in their bodies and get pooped out. Here are the instructions for making your scrap fabric dog toys – this pattern requires a bit of sewing. I also have instructions for 6 no sew dog toys here: Materials: Old 100% Wool SweaterCraft FeltsqueakerPattern Instructions: The first thing you want to do is felt your sweater by washing it in hot water. It will shrink a lot and become thick and lose a lot of stretch.Now cut the body of the kitty monster out of the main sweater.Cut strips of the sleeves for arms and legs, and the eyes and nose from your craft felt.Stitch the eyes to the front body piece. You can stitch on the pupils of the eyes or use a permanent pen to mark them.Now stitch the nose down.Beginning at the nose with a small zigzag stitch and stitch a mouth.Now sandwich the squeaker, and the arms and legs in between the top and bottom body pieces and pin all around.Now stitch all the way around your kitty's shape.Clip the excess threads and you are finished. A big shout out to My So Called Crafty Life for this pattern. Other Uses for These Wonderful Homemade Dog Toys There are a few other uses for these types of dog toys besides just giving them to your own dogs. Whether you want to sell dog toys at a crafting fair or do a project for a shelter, this craft works well. In fact, use your imagination, because this one is really versatile. This craft is great for making a lot of dog toys both inexpensively and quickly. Which makes it work well for creating DIY dog toys to bring to craft shows or to sell on platforms like Etsy. When you sell at events or online, it's always a good idea to keep seasons in mind, because people do like to buy themed gifts for their dog. So in December you may want to make dog toys with a Valentine's theme and in September you may want to start prepping for Christmas and Hanukkah. Dog owners also like to celebrate their sports teams and make their dogs "fans" so when creating DIY dog toys that will sell you should keep in mind your local teams and team colors. Just make sure you are complying with licensing laws! If you're part of a service organization or Scouting troop, you can ask your members to bring in the scraps for this project and then do the project together, or you could make dog toys out of old clothes to bring to your shelter. Be sure to ask the shelter what the requirements are for donating toys. Different shelters have different rules.Making special toys for our dogs is fun and can be very rewarding. I hope you love this craft and get some great ideas. Please note that many links in this post are affiliate links. If you click a link and buy something, I might earn a commission. If you're looking to sew a softie as a gift – you can't go wrong with a dog pattern! Everyone loves a cute stuffed doggy, NOT just kids (as you'll see from the feedback photos in this post!) Dog toy patterns are fantastic for using your stash of dog prints, beautiful batiks and not to mention faux fur or any textured fabric! AND you don't need to stick to doggy shades – you can use any colour you like for a plush puppy! Funky Friends Factory has 7 dog patterns for you to enjoy! There's Kip the KEEPSAKE DOG pattern, Digger & Dixie Dachshund pattern, Butch Bulldog pattern, Puppy Dog Pete pattern, Poppy Puppy pattern, Lucky the Labrador pattern, and the Kawaii Kuties Dog pattern. BUT which Dog Pattern is right for YOU? This post has all the info you'll need to help you decide which Dog Pattern is the best for plush toys, memory toys, keepsakes & beginners! Bookmark this post in your browser because you'll want to visit this page a lot! OK, Let's take a look at ALL the dog toy patterns… 1. Kip the KEEPSDAKE DOG Pattern This playful pup with his floppy ears and adorable puppy-dog tail, is a perfect pattern for sewing a child's best friend. He is an unjointed 'sitting toy' designed for memory toys, decor or playtime. He has floppy , "easy arms" which are sewn into the seams plus his nose can be sewn by machine or hand (or even glued on!). This is the BEST Dog pattern for keepsakes made from baby clothes. ALSO great for embroidery machine owners, those wanting to perfectly center fabric designs, and pet memorials. What Size is the Keepsake Dog toy pattern? The Keepsake Dog toy finished size: 31cm (12inches) from table to top of head! He has "fixed" legs, so he stays in a seated position. Here is a pic of me with 3x Kip the KEEPSAKE DOGs – so you can see the size! Are you are looking for a dog pattern that is the SAME SIZE as Melody Memory Bear of Ben the Beginner Bear? Kip the KEEPSAKE DOG Pattern is the pattern for you! This is great if you are sewing keepsakes to sell and a customer orders different toys for the same order! Kip is the same height as Melody Memory Bear Pattern and Ben the Beginner Bear! Is there a Photo tutorial for this Memory Dog Pattern? YES! I have created a step-by-step photo tutorial so you can see EXACTLY how to sew Kip the KEEPSAKE DOG Pattern – with lots of clever toy making tips and tricks! As usual, you can access the tutorial using the link in the See-Me-Sew section of the pattern. (*Please check you typed this link in correctly, ~> or you'll get an error page! 😩) Here you can see the Keepsake Dog Pattern sewn by Paula Blevins for her grandson. And this Keepsake Dog was sewn by Emma Boulton for her granddaughter. Look a Keepsake Dog looks great in any fabric! Click HERE to buy the Keepsake Dog Pattern 2. Puppy Dog Pete Pattern The Puppy Dog Pete Pattern is a nice easy pattern. I often recommend this dog pattern for beginners. Pete has universal appeal as he's just a cute floppy dog! This is the BEST Dog pattern for a baby toy or baby shower gift. ALSO great for a baby or toddler, beginners looking for an easy first pattern, and as a quick project to gift with a quilt. Pairs well with Kitty Kate for a combo cat and dog gift. What Size is the Puppy Dog Pete Pattern toy pattern? The Puppy Dog Pete finished toy size is Finished Size: 15"/38cm in length. At his regular size, Pete is a perfect size for a baby toy or a baby keepsake sewn from baby clothes! Here you can see a keepsake Puppy Dog Pete sewn by Wanda Harbour Kirkman. For a child over 3, you may want to enlarge the pattern to 120% for a cuddly companion. Here you can see the Puppy Dog Pete Pattern sewn by Alicia for her daughter. Is there a Photo tutorial for the Puppy Dog Pete Pattern? YES! I have created a step-by-step photo tutorial so you can see EXACTLY how to sew the Puppy Dog Pete Pattern – with lots of clever toy making tips and tricks! As usual, you can access the tutorial using the link in the See-Me-Sew section of the pattern. (*Please check you typed this link in correctly, ~> or you'll get an error page! 😩) Here you can see the Puppy Dog Pete Pattern sewn by Alyssa King… she SUPER-SIZED him for her son! And this Puppy Dog Pete was sewn by Deb LaBelle… looks like her baby isn't too keen on parting with his puppy pal! And this Puppy Dog Pete was sewn by Teresa Coates, in gorgeous long-pile Shannon's Cuddle fabrics. Look Puppy Pete looks great in any fabric! Click HERE to buy the Puppy Dog pattern. 3. Digger & Dixie Dachshund Pattern Everyone loves a Dachshund and this dog toy is super cute and very huggable! The Digger & Dixie Dachshund pattern is a frequently the first Funky Friend that people sew! (#firstfunkyfriend). This dog pattern includes 2 options – Dixie with her tail down and Digger with a cute upright 'puppy' tail. This a step up in difficulty from Puppy Pete because he has footpads and a tummy gusset…as do all the toys standing on 4 legs. This is the BEST Dog pattern for home decor and dachshund fans! ALSO great for teens, keepsakes that need a long space for text, and to make a plush dog that other dogs think is real!. What Size is the Dachshund toy pattern? The Dachshund finished toy size: 25cm (10 inches) tall and 36cm (14 inches) long. Here you can see the Dachshund pattern sewn by Judy Brown Hansacker for her grandson Is there a Photo tutorial for the Dachshund Dog Pattern? YES! I have created a step-by-step photo tutorial so you can see EXACTLY how to sew the Dachshund pattern – with lots of clever toy making tips and tricks! As usual, you can access the tutorial using the link in the See-Me-Sew section of the pattern. (*Please check you typed this link in correctly, ~> or you'll get an error page! 😩) Here you can see the Dachshund pattern sewn by Michelle Arnold, for her own doggy! And this fantastic fluffy the Dachshund toy was sewn by Kara Dover for 3 happy kids! And this fantastic fluffy the Dachshund toy was sewn by Sandy Thurlow for her great nephew. Look – a dachshund toy looks great in any fabric! Click HERE to buy the Dachshund pattern. 4. Butch & Bella Bulldog Pattern This dog pattern includes 2 options – Butch the British Bulldog and Bella the French Bulldog (different ear option included). Butch the Bulldog is a popular gift for adults, and especially those with sports or military affiliations with a bulldog mascot. He looks especially cute in plaid! This is one of the more difficult dog patterns simply because his face has quite a few small pieces. (If you are a beginner, I would try one of my EASY patterns first). This is the BEST Dog pattern for bulldog fans! ALSO great for military and uniform keepsakes, sports fans, as a gift for adults, and to make a plush dog that other dogs think is real! What Size is the Bulldog toy pattern? The Bulldog finished toy size is 13inches/33cm (long) 10inches/25cm (tall!) Here you can see Monika Wright with an armful of awesome Butch Bulldog toys she sewed as Christmas gifts! …and here is one of the happy recipients! Is there a Photo tutorial for the Bulldog Dog Pattern? YES! I have created a step-by-step photo tutorial so you can see EXACTLY how to sew the Bulldog pattern – with lots of clever toy making tips and tricks! As usual, you can access the tutorial using the link in the See-Me-Sew section of the pattern. (*Please check you typed this link in correctly, ~> or you'll get an error page! 😩) Here you can see the Butch Bulldog pattern sewn by Jenell Wilbanks – I think her bulldog likes his new friend! And this is Butch Bulldog sewn as Bella the Frenchie by Susan Therrien as a gift for her daughter. A bulldog toy doesn't have to be brown/natural colours! Click HERE to buy the Bulldog pattern. 5. Poppy Puppy Pattern This adorable doggy, with its big endearing eyes, will win the heart of anyone you make her for! Poppy Puppy is the biggest dog pattern and super realistic to real dogs, who tend to think she is real! Everyone seems to find this pattern easy to follow. I've only seen 1 question in our pattern group about her, ever! This is the BEST Dog pattern for fans of spaniels! ALSO great for kids over 2 years old, clothing keepsakes, and to make a plush dog that other dogs think is real! What Size is the Poppy Puppy? The Poppy Puppy Pattern finished toy size is: 33cm(13inches) tall and 40cm(16inches) from nose to tail tip. Here you can see the Poppy Puppy Pattern sewn by Eleanor. Is there a Photo tutorial for the Poppy Puppy Pattern? YES! I have created a step-by-step photo tutorial so you can see EXACTLY how to sew the Poppy Puppy Pattern – with lots of clever toy making tips and tricks! As usual, you can access the tutorial using the link in the See-Me-Sew section of the pattern. (*Please check you typed this link in correctly, ~> or you'll get an error page! 😩) Here you can see the Poppy PUPPY Pattern sewn by Mary Sumerack… her doggy thought Poppy is real!😊 This Poppy PUPPY sewn by Kirsty Barnett. I think this is going to be a life-long friendship! And here is the Poppy PUPPY Pattern sewn by Monika Groh for her daughter for Christmas.. even BIG kids love a toy dog for Christmas! Look Poppy Puppy looks great in any fabric! Click HERE to buy the Poppy PUPPY Pattern. 6. Lucky the Labrador Pattern Lucky Labrador is a great all-around popular dog option. His tongue and tail make him look extra playful! He's so cute you'll want to make a lovable and loyal companion for everyone who has a Labrador or can't have one! This pattern does have a lot of pieces so I wouldn't recommend this pattern for beginners but if you really want one, I'm not going to stop you – everyone needs their own PUPPY! This is the BEST Dog pattern for fans of Labradors! ALSO great for for kids over 2 years old, for pet memorials, clothing keepsakes, and a dog to accompany the Patch Pussycat pattern, and to make a plush dog that other dogs think is real! What Size is the Lucky Labrador toy? The Lucky Labrador Pattern finished toy size is: 30cm(12inches) tall, 38cm(15inches) long, nose to tail! Here you can see the Lucky Labrador pattern sewn by Orsolya Czili. Is there a Photo tutorial for the Lucky the Labrador? YES! I have created a step-by-step photo tutorial so you can see EXACTLY how to sew the Lucky Labrador pattern – with lots of clever toy making tips and tricks! As usual, you can access the tutorial using the link in the See-Me-Sew section of the pattern. (*Please check you typed this link in correctly, ~> or you'll get an error page! 😩) Here you can see the Lucky Labrador pattern sewn by Judy-Blankenship-Eaton for her granddaughter. And this Lucky Labrador was sewn by Kathy Provencher. Awwww sweet! And here is the Lucky Labrador pattern sewn by Monika Groh… looks like she's found a friend! A Labrador toy looks great in any fabric! Click HERE to buy the Labrador pattern. 7. Kawaii Kuties Dog Pattern Finally, there's the Kawaii Kuties Puppy Dog. He's an easy "front and back only" style toy with a little felt vest. The Kawaii Kuties Dog Pattern includes the super cute doggy jacket with full instructions. (He can exchange clothes with the other Kawaii Kuties in the range of Animal Dolls that were inspired by my trip to Japan). This is the BEST Dog pattern for kids to sew! This easy pattern make a perfect first sewing project for a beginner because it is QUICK and FUN to make. What Size is the Kawaii Kuties Dog Pattern? The Kawaii Kuties Dog Pattern finished toy size is: 15"/38cm in length. Here you can see the Kawaii Kuties Dog pattern sewn by Shirley Smith. She used pink plain and pattern fleece for her Valentine's Doggy. and added some fun novelty eyes to compliment the red muzzle. Is there a Photo tutorial for the Kawaii Kuties Dog Pattern? YES! I have created a step-by-step photo tutorial so you can see EXACTLY how to sew the Kawaii Kuties Dog pattern – with lots of clever toy making tips and tricks! As usual, you can access the tutorial using the link in the See-Me-Sew section of the pattern. (*Please check you typed this link in correctly, ~> or you'll get an error page! 😩) Here you can see the Kawaii Kuties Dog pattern sewn by Helen B. She combined a cute dog paw print quilting fabric with some brown batik for a more subtle look. Stephanie P. sewed this sweet Kawaii Kuties Dog from fleece fabrics. A Kawaii Kuties Dog looks great in any fabric! Click HERE to purchase the Kawaii Kuties Dog pattern. It's so EASY to enter the Pattern GIVEAWAY! ALL you need to do is post a photo of a FUNKY FRIENDS FACTORY toy that you have made on the Funky Friends Factory Facebook Page . At the end of each month I draw a winner and post the winner's name on the Blog the following MONTH. I have an Album on Facebook for all the MAKEROFTHEMONTH winners. You can check it out HERE! NOT on Facebook? ENTER by email! 😊 *** You can send me your photos by email too! So come on! Share your photos ~> The next winner could be YOU!!! . Till next time, Happy Sewing, Pauline xxx Updated on July 23rd, 2019Show your dog how much you love them by sewing them their very own handmade dog toy just for them! Homemade dog toys are the ultimate luxury for the pampered pooch! You can create something that perfectly matches your dog's personalities and toy preferences. Making your own dog toys is also a great way to save money because in many cases you can use materials that you already own. Plus, using old clothes or blankets that belong to you will make your dog love the toy EVEN MORE because it smells of their favourite person – YOU! Read on for my favourite FREE handmade dog toy sewing patterns. Some of them are so adorable, I'm not sure I would even be able to part with them to give them to my dogs! Disclosure: This post contains affiliate links, which means that I will earn a commission if you click through and make a purchase (at no additional cost to you). 17 free dog toy sewing patterns to download I've put together a list of my favourite free dog toy sewing patterns and projects to download. There's a handmade dog toy idea here for every type of dog – whether your dog would do anything for a squeaky toy, or if their favourite pastime is pulling the stuffing out of their toys. Crafting for your dog is so much fun as you know your efforts will be hugely appreciated! 1) Quick & easy dog bone toy 'The Spruce' is well known for its easy to make craft projects, and this dog bone toy is no exception. There are step-by-step instructions with photos to make this an easy sewing project for beginners to follow along with. 2) Crochet dog toy If you love to crochet, then this pattern from Lime Green Lady could be the handmade dog toy pattern for you! I love all the different colours that the creator has made these toys in – it's a whole rainbow of dog bones! 3) No-stuffing bunny dog toy If your dog is prone to ripping apart his teddies, this no-stuffing bunny toy by Lia Griffith could be the answer. You won't need to worry about your dog tearing the toy apart and accidentally eating any of the fluff, because there isn't any! 4) Water bottle dog toy This is a great idea for you to do your part from the planet by recycling a plastic water bottle into an interactive toy for your dog. My dogs would LOVE this, as crunching up plastic bottles is one of their favourite activities. This would be a safer option as they get all the fun noises of the bottle but the lining of the toy will protect them from any sharp edges on the bottle. 5) Upcycled denim dog toys Turn your old pair of jeans into a unique bone-shaped toy for your dog. Your pooch will LOVE this toy from Pillar Box Blue, because it smells of you! Plus, denim is a really strong fabric, so this is a fairly hard-wearing dog toy – great for those who like to play a little bit rough. 6) Rubber chicken crochet pattern Time for another dog toy crochet pattern, and this time it SQUEAKS! This fab crochet idea from Natalina Craft is super cute and comes with easy-to-follow step-by-step instructions. The pattern comes with both English and French instructions. 7) Candy Crush dog toy Are you obsessed with playing Candy Crush on your phone? I have to admit, I've never played it, but I've got friends who are a little bit addicted to it… This DIY dog toy from Sew Doggy Style is based on a 'color bomb' power up in Candy Crush (yeah, I don't know what that is either – but the toy looks great!). 8) Sweater dog toys Here's another great idea for turning your old clothes into dog toys. This post from Erika Kern shows you how to make a dog toy from your old jumpers. It's worth clicking over to the site just to read her heart-warming adoption story of how she met her dog Gracie. 9) Valentine's Day homemade dog toy Mwahhhhh… who wants a kiss? Dalmatian DIY is one of my favourite websites for finding wonderful sewing projects for dogs, and this fun Valentine's Day themed project is no exception. How cute does that Dalmatian look holding those oversized lips in his mouth? 10) Shark dog toy I had to follow up from the craft project above with another fabulous dog toy from Dalmatian DIY. This creative shark shaped sewing pattern is probably my favourite from this whole collection. With pearly white teeth, thick grey fabric and a cheeky smile, this shark will not only be a winner for your dog, but will charm your heart too! I can almost hear the Jaws music playing… 11) Christmas doughnut dog toys Just in case these mini doughnut toys aren't cute enough, will you just LOOK at that adorable little doggie face! I think I'm in love… These fun holiday themed dog toys from Pretty Fluffy are made from socks (yes, really!) which make them super quick and easy to make. 12) Fabric scraps DIY dog toy If you've got loads of fabric scraps laying around that you can't quite bring yourself to part with, why not turn them into a dog toy? Using scraps is great because it's a cheap way to make dog toys, and you can mix-and-match loads of different colours to make sure your toy grab's your dog's attention. Tennis balls are used to add an extra fun dimension to these toys. 13) Re-stuffable soft dog toy If your dog destroys toys in a couple of minutes then why not make them something that they can safely unstuff as many times as they wish? This is a very quick sewing project for dogs as you basically just unstitch a shop-bought soft toy, remove the filling and then replace it with different filling that you can easily put back in once it comes out. 14) Sock toy creature Turn an old sock into a much-loved dog toy with this fun sewing tutorial. This toy uses more old socks for the stuffing, so if your dog manages to pull out the poor sock animal's insides then they will be met with more socks to play with! 15) Squeaky doughnut dog toy That's right – another project from Dalmatian DIY – I just can't help myself! This fun donut dog toy is a real winner for dogs that like to carry their toys around with them as they can fit their mouth around the rim of the donut shape. Plus, how could I NOT include this project with all those amazing doggie expressions in the photo! 16) Squeaky doggie bones If you have some old dog toys that your dog doesn't really play with any more, you can remove the squeakers and turn them into exciting NEW toys for a fraction of the price of buying new ones from the store. Laura Griffin has shared a free printable pattern for making dog toys using wonderfully colourful fabric scraps. 17) Squeaky snake handmade dog toy Okay, okay, I've done it again… The final free dog toy sewing pattern is yet another from the wonderful Dalmatian DIY #sorrynotsorry. This clever little snake has lots of sections to hide squeakers for an interactive fun toy for your dog. I'm a dog mom to a Shih Tzu that would do ANYTHING for a squeaky toy, so this would be a great one for me to make for him. How do you make homemade dog toys? One of the easiest ways to make handmade dog toys is by sewing them. Sewing homemade dog toys is a lovely way to show your love towards your dog. Not only do they end up with something that's been made especially for them, but you can tailor the shape, colours and style of toy to your dog's personal toy preferences. You don't even need a sewing machine – many of these dog toy patterns can be sewn by hand with a needle and thread. If you love sewing, and you love your dog… well, it's a no-brainer to combine your two passions to create something wonderful that both you and your dog will enjoy! What do I need to make homemade dog toys? If you're thinking about making your own DIY dog toys, then there are a few things you'll need to get started. Needle and thread If you are going to be hand-sewing your toys rather than using a sewing machine then you'll of course require a needle and thread. It might be worth investing in a sewing kit like the one below so that you have a wide range of thread colours and needle types to choose from. [amazon box="B075CVD3HQ" template="horizontal"] Fabric scissors A good pair of fabric scissors will make cutting out the dog toy patterns MUCH easier. To keep your fabric scissors sharp, make sure you never use them on anything other than material – especially paper and that can blunt scissors.