

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR PUFF THE MAGIC DRAGON** **CRAFT PATTERN**

When you look at the pattern for Puff it's made up of 3 parts, body, fire (tongue part) and tail. On each piece you'll see that there is a solid black line, a row of red lines, and a row of blue dots.

### **The black line is the outline of the body, fire and tail**

You need to cut along this line, then place the body, fire and tail cut-out onto the felt and then draw the outline around it. You need to cut out 2 bodies, to be able to put them together and stuff them.

When we sew Puff, we use a few colours of felt, say blue for his body, red for his tail and orange for the fire. But it is totally up to you.

### **The Red Line is where your stitches need to go**

For this pattern we've used the in and out stitch (tacking). You'll see where the tail and fire need to be inserted, follow the line of stitches to see how they get fixed into place.

### **The Blue Line is the insertion line**

For this pattern it will show you where and how far in to insert the fire and tail.

## **LET'S DO THIS.....**

You now have 2 pieces of felt that are body shaped. One that is fire shaped, a triangle that will be inserted at the end of the tail. If you do not want to sew beads onto your Puff then just move onto step 2. Otherwise let's go to step 1.

### **STEP 1**

Thread your needle, making a knot at the bottom to stop the thread from pulling through the felt. A helpful tip...After you've inserted the thread into the eye of your needle, tie a half knot just underneath the eye. This is done so that your child's thread doesn't keep coming out of the eye. This keeps frustration levels down (and you don't constantly have to rethread needles!

Now choose your first bead. Poke your needle from the back of the Body part felt to the front. Then thread a bead onto the needle. Poke the needle into the front of the felt, and pull it through to the back. Try and get it as close to the point that you brought it through in the first place.

Now you do that all over again until you have enough beads on the side of your Puff to make you happy!

Do this to both body parts, don't forget to sew his eyes on, if you're not using the stick on kind. The eye beads go as close to the bulge in front of his ear as possible. Then move onto step 2.

## **STEP 2**

Place your 2 body parts back against back and pin them together. Now you need to thread a needle in a contrasting colour thread and start stitching from the top of Puff's nose all the way around the top of his back to just in front of his tail. It's up to you, but we don't go up and down the zig-zag scales on his back, we just sew in a straight line underneath, that way his scales stand up.

## **STEP 3**

The you need to insert the triangular tail piece as shown in the diagram, sew over it following the suggested red lines on your pattern, and continue sewing until you get to just past the middle of his tummy.

## **STEP 4**

Tie off you thread with a double stitch and stuff Puff full of stuffing, including his head. Now carry on sewing, until you get to the underneath of his neck. I generally pop a small bell into Puffs' tail with the stuffing, so that he makes a jingling sound. The kids love it!

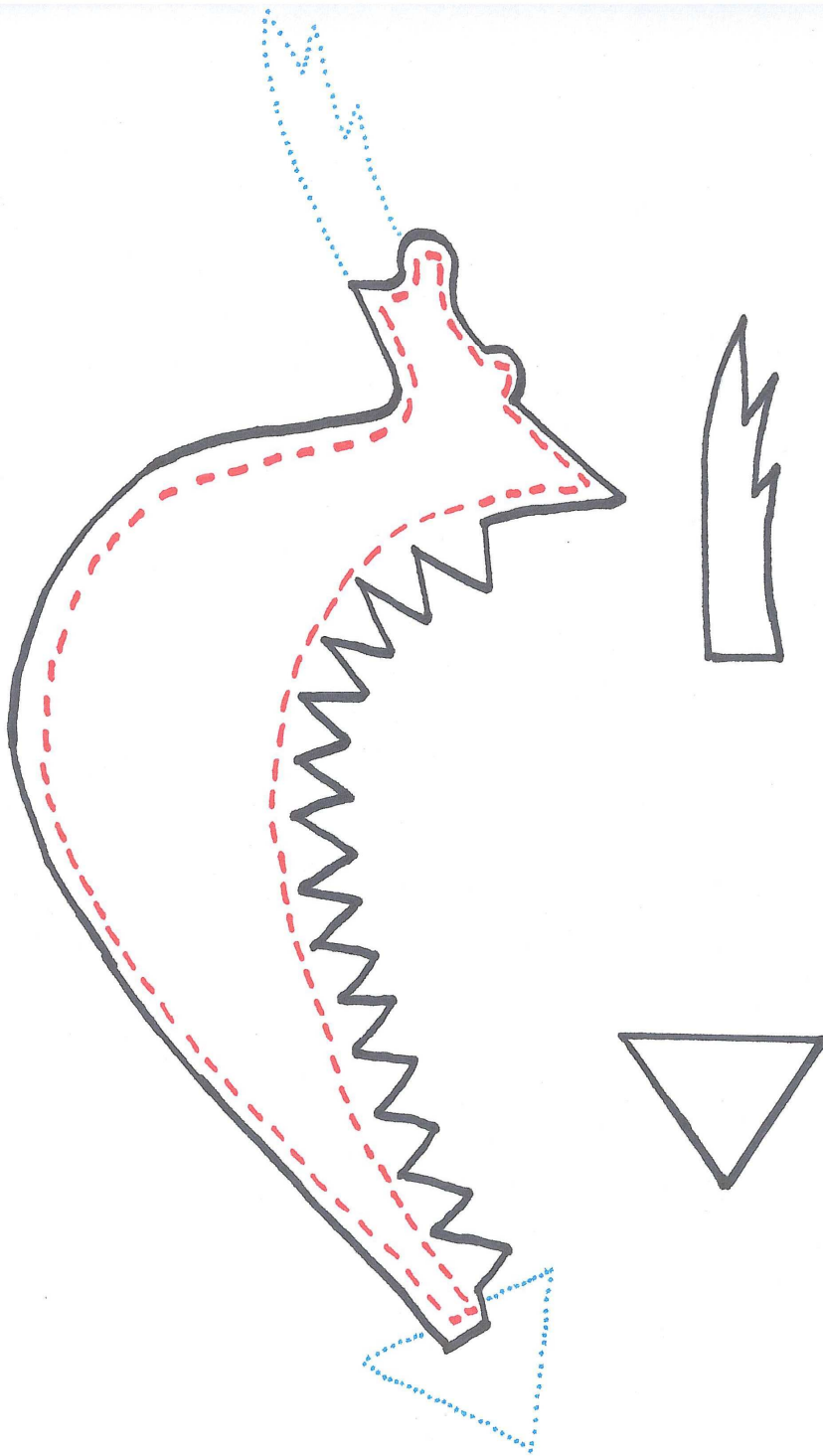
## **STEP 5**

Insert your piece of "fire" into Puffs mouth, again following the suggested depth on your pattern, then sew over it and continue sewing until you get to your first stitch again.

That's it, you're finished! Now it's time for a cup of tea. Knowing you're enjoying a well deserved break.

How many children experience the joy of crafting with their Mom? Too few I think. Yours are the lucky ones' today. They've been cherished. Thank you for using our kids craft patterns, I hope you enjoy using them as much as we do.

**PS. Look out for the "Baby" Puff pattern that Juliette insisted I make, apparently it was time Puff had a baby! He's coming soon.**



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