

Kangaroo Chatelaine

For use with the Lady Chatelaine pattern

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Supplies for Kangaroo:

1 piece of light weight suede cloth 10.5" x 18" (27 x 46cm)

(This is a firm knit not a woven, Bucksuede or Doesuede are a couple brand name)

2- Black beads about 5mm

Armature wire 1-7" (18cm)

1-14" (36cm)

6-8" long hemostats

Needle nosed pliers

Long darning needle for sculpting. (This should pass through your eye beads easily.)

Cotton quilting thread or buttonhole thread to match your body fabric. (This is for needle sculpting.)

Colored pencils

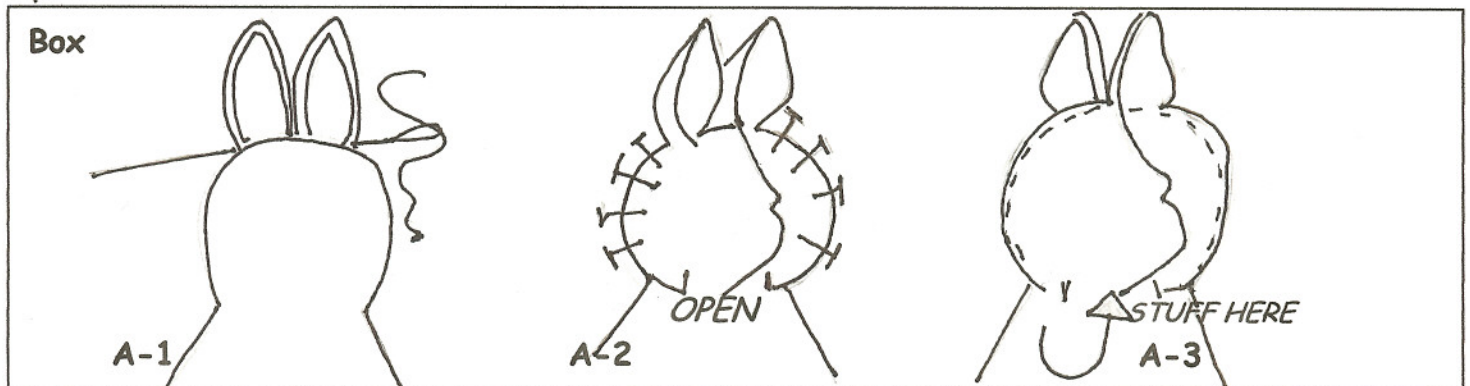
Black Pigma pen .005

A color picture of a kangaroo. (Try Google Images.)

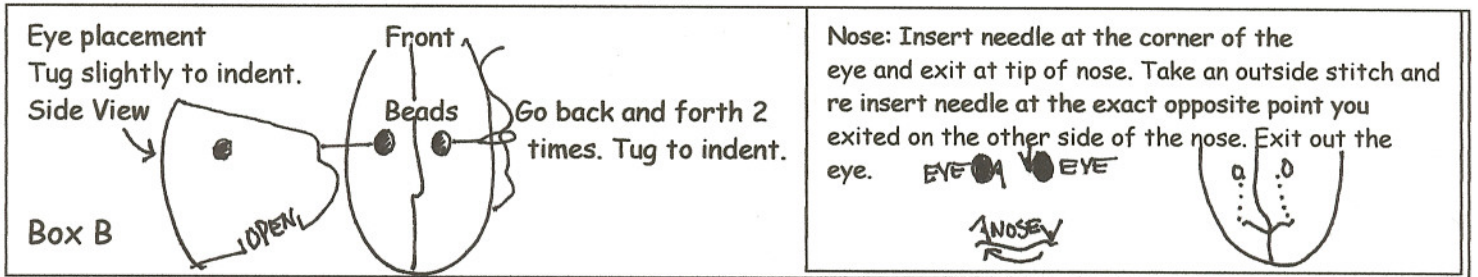
Follow the basic directions given in the pattern for making the "Floating Body". Stuff this body firmly and leave the opening in the head open. I don't place any embellishments onto the scissor pouch but you can if you so desire. The extra pattern pieces for the legs, snout, ears and tail are all sewn using the template method. Please note that the solid lines for these pieces are sewing lines. The dotted lines are cutting lines. Please sew directly on the solid lines and cut on the dotted lines. Don't add any seam allowances as they are already built into the pattern.

Making the Kangaroo:

- 1) Take the ears and position them into the opening on the top of the head. Arrange them so that they are standing straight up. Ladder stitch the ears into place. (See Box A-1)
- 2) Take the snout and center the seam to match between the ears. Note: the side with the opening section goes toward the bottom of the face. The bump will form the nose. Pin into place as shown below. (#A-2) Ladder stitch the perimeter of the snout to the head and then stuff firmly though the bottom opening of the snout. (#3) There should be a bit of "give" when you squeeze it.

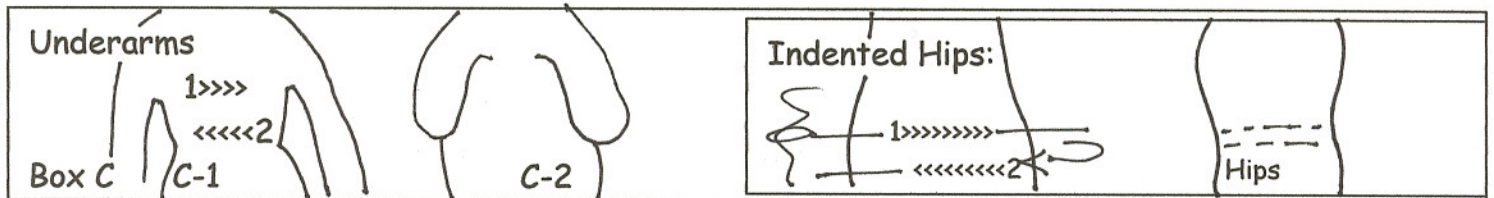


3) Thread your sculpting needle with a single strand of buttonhole or quilting thread place a knot in one end. Follow the diagrams in Box B to insert the eyes and make the nose and snout. Use the Pigma pen to highlight the nose once you have placed the nose stitch.

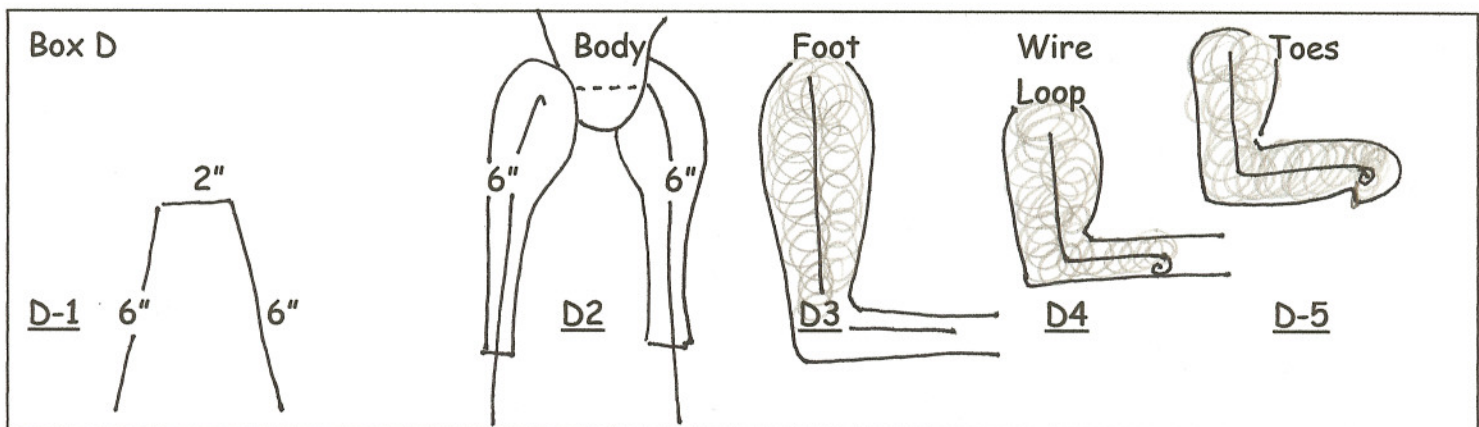


5) Sculpt the body underneath the arms by sewing a stitch back and forth between point 1 and 2. (See Box C -1below) Tug slightly to indent. Make the front paws by sewing an outside stitch completely around the wrist. Tack in place and pull to form the wrist. C-2

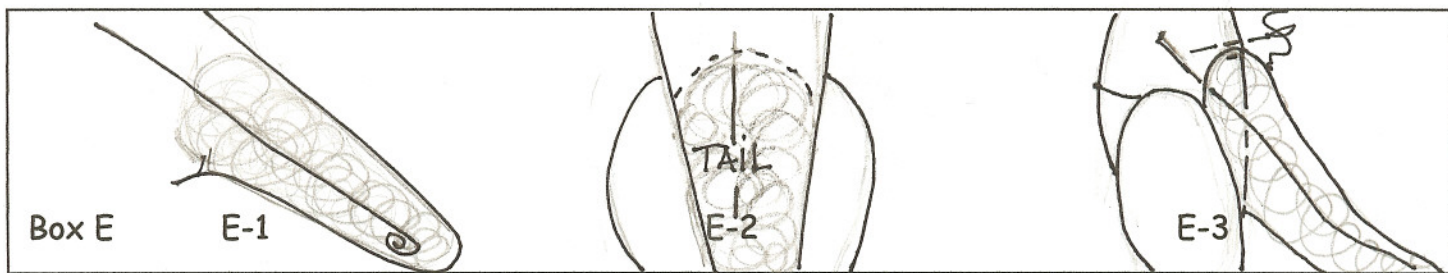
To form the hip, sew back and forth between point 1 and 2 as shown in the diagram below. Give a gentle tug each time to form the hip socket where the legs will rest. Do this until the indent holds of it's own accord. Knot off and clip the thread.



6) Take the 14' piece of wire and measure 6" in at each cut end. Make a slight bend at each of these points. See D1 below. Set aside. Take the body and insert a needle at the spot just slightly above where the deepest point of indentation is located at the hip. Insert a long needle through the body and out the opposite side. Make sure the exit point is level with the entrance point. Remove the needle and thread the 14" piece of wire through the body at the point where you removed the needle. Center the wire so that it is even on both sides. Look at the pattern templates and mark where the clip mark should be on each inside leg piece. Make a tiny snip and then thread the legs onto each side of the wires. (D-2) Using your hemostats or your stuffing tool, insert the Fiberfil into the upper part of the leg until you arrive at the fill line noted on the template. At this point, place a 45° bend in the wire to form the foot.(D-3) Do this with both wires. Using your needle nosed pliers, turn under about 1/2" to 3/4" and form a loop (D-4). Proceed to stuff the foot until you come to the end of the loop. Take the excess fabric and roll it under the foot to form the toes. Tack into place. (D-5)



7) Take the 7" piece of wire and turn under $\frac{3}{4}$ " to form a loop just as you did for the feet. Insert the loop into the tail and proceed to stuff around the sides of the tail wire. The wire will be longer than the fabric tail. Continue to stuff the tail until it is even with the end of the seam line. (E 1) Place it next to the back of the kangaroo between the legs. Determine where the wire will touch the body as it exits from the stuffing by placing it next to the body between the kangaroo's legs. (E2). Clip the back of the kangaroo and form a pathway for the wire angling it up toward the head. Insert the wire into the path. Snug up the tail to fit between the legs. Smooth out the top and ladder stitch it into place. (#3)



8) To finish off your creation, use a brown or grey colored pencil to draw in lines for his toes and paws. Give him a jaunty angle to his head by simply giving the head a twist to either side. Insert your scissors into the pouch and you are ready to sew. Happy stitching!

All the best,
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