A fun and easy sewing pattern by Michelle Goggins





Supplies needed:

1 piece of gingerbread-colored cotton fabric 10"H X 15"W

1 piece of one-sided fusible fleece 10"H X 15"W

White Embroidery floss (Coton Perle makes nice, bold "icing")

5 white buttons (1/2 inch diameter)

2 black buttons (3/8 inch diameter)

Thread to match fabric and buttons

Stuffing

All seam allowances are 1/4 inch throughout the pattern.

Please note: This pattern uses buttons, which are not suitable for small children.

How to sew:



Print the pattern pieces and cut them out.

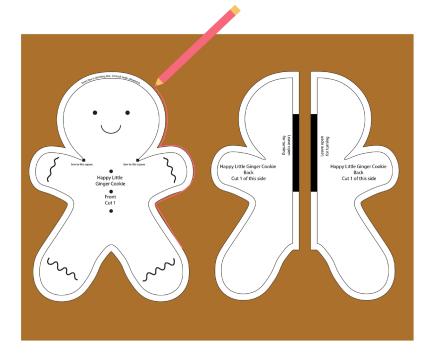


Fuse the one-sided fusible fleece to the wrong side of the gingerbread-colored cotton fabric. (Follow the manufacturer's instructions.)

Tip: Use a pressing cloth to protect your iron from the sticky fusible.



Trace around the pattern pieces directly onto the right side of the fabric with a fabric pen.



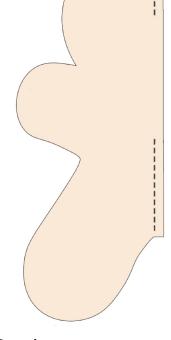


Cut out the 2 back pieces along the traced lines.

Place them with right sides together.

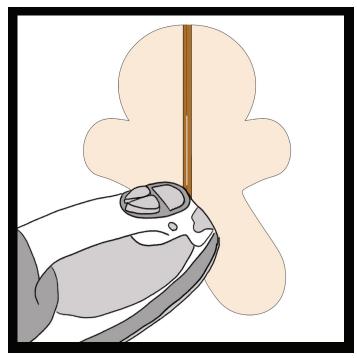
Sew the back pieces together along the straight edge, leaving a space open for turning, as indicated on the pattern piece.

Backstitch at the beginning and end of each seam.





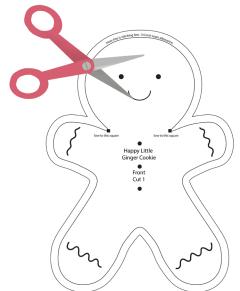
Open up the back and press the seams open. Set the piece aside.





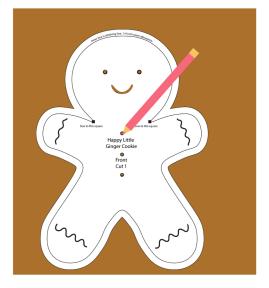
Don't cut out the front piece of fabric yet.

On the front paper pattern piece, carefully cut along the mouth and poke holes in the eye and button placements.





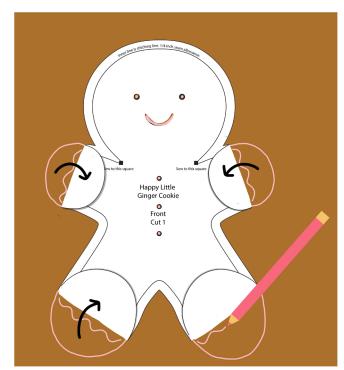
Use the pattern piece as a template to mark the placement of the eyes, buttons and mouth.





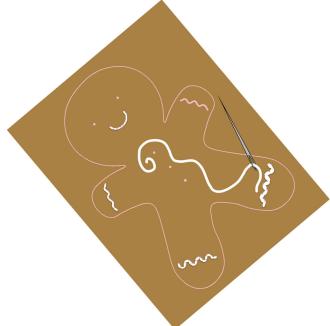
For the "icing squiggles" on the arms and legs, fold over the paper pattern piece at the squiggles.

Use this as a guide to draw free-hand squiggles onto the fabric with a fabric pen or pencil.



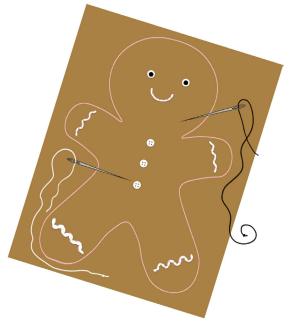


Embroider the mouth, arm squiggles and leg squiggles using a back stitch. *Please refer to the hand-sewing instructions on the last page.*





Sew on all the white buttons using white thread.





With black thread, sew the black buttons over the top of the white eye buttons, sewing through the holes in the white buttons.



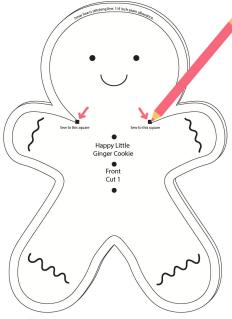
Cut out the front piece along the traced line.





Place the front and back pieces with right sides together. Use the pattern front piece to mark the squares at the neck.

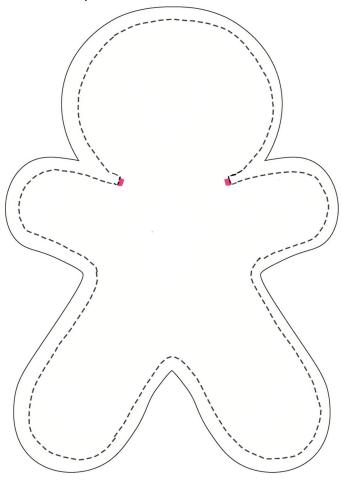
Tip: The markings will be on the wrong side (the fusible web side) of the cookie.





With the marked side facing up, sew around the entire shape with a 1/4 inch seam allowance. Sew all the way in to the marked squares.

Tip: Shorten the stitch length and sew slowly around all the curves.



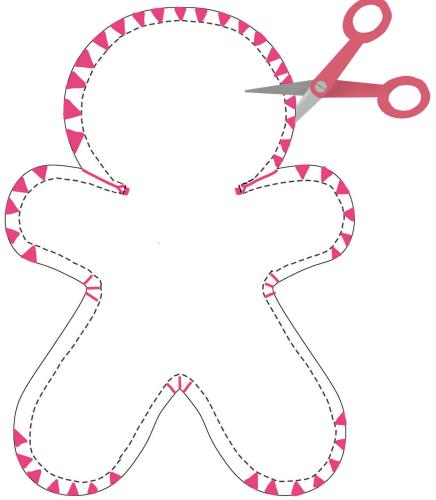
Tip: Don't sew a point at the marked squares. Sew a couple of stitches at the corner, as shown.





Clip the curves, as shown in pink, being careful not to cut the thread.

The clipping is very important for a smoothy-shaped cookie.



Cut v-shaped notches around the outer curves. Cut straight snips into the inner curves.



Turn the cookie right side out.

If there are parts of the cookie not laying smoothly, feel free to turn it wrong side out again and do some more clipping in the seam allowance.



Fill the cookie with stuffing.

Use a ladder stitch to hand-sew the opening closed with thread that matches the fabric.

Please refer to the hand-sewing instructions on the last page.



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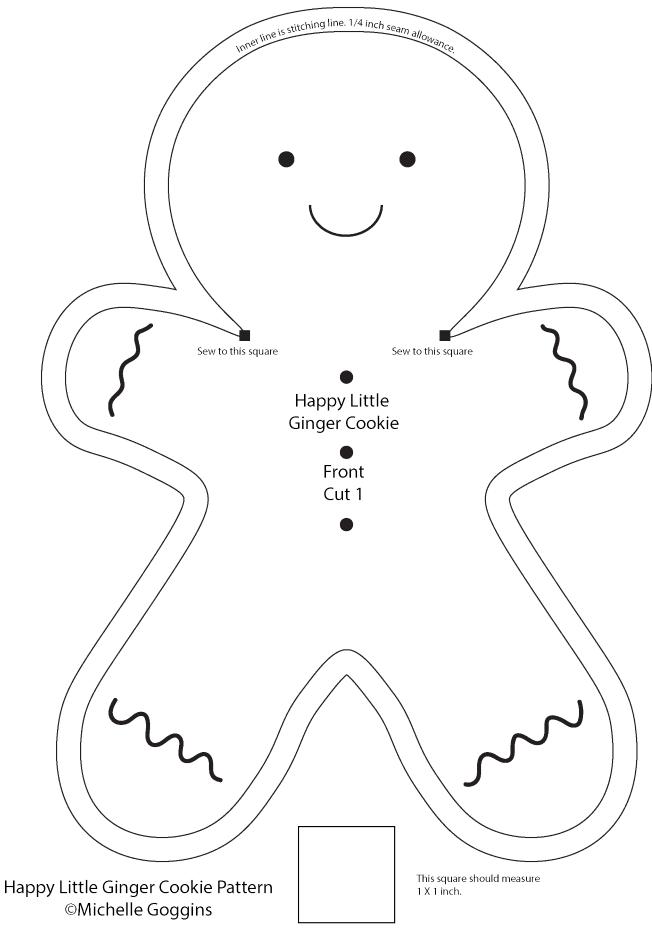
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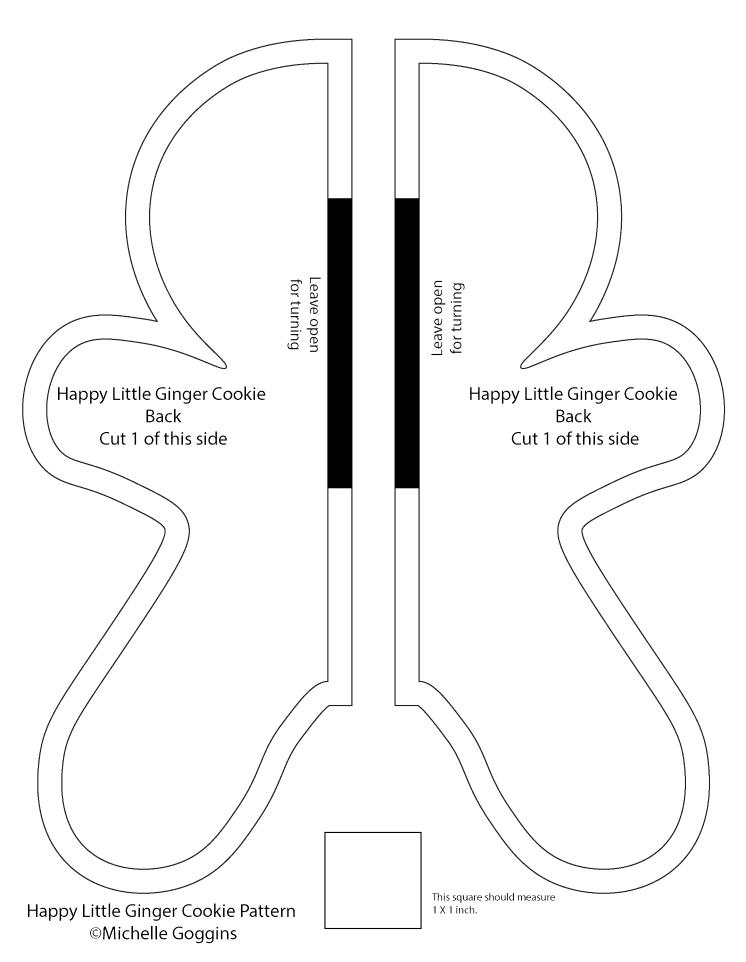
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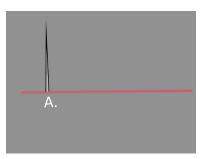




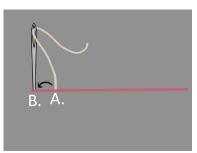
Hand-sewing instructions

How to embroider the basic back stitch:

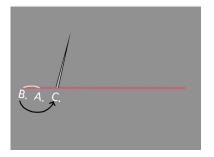
1. Thread the needle and tie a knot in one end. Bring the needle up from the wrong side of the fabric at point A on your marked line.



2. Bring the needle back down through point B, which is at the beginning of the marked line.



3. Bring the needle back up through point C.



Hand-sewing a ladder stitch:

Thread a needle and tie a knot in one end.

Bring the needle up from the wrong side of the fabric at #1.

Go back down through the fabric at #2.

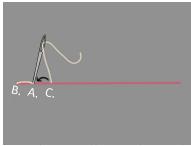
Come back up at #3, back down through #4, etc.

The dashed lines in the illustration indicate that the thread is on the wrong side of the fabric.

When the gap is closed, pull the stitches tight and tie a knot.

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4. Bring the needle back down through point A. You'll want to catch a couple of threads from the first stitch in the needle.



5. Bring the needle up through point D. Continue in the same manner until the marked line is completed. Tie a knot.

