

Step-by-step guide to making a set of...

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# Juggling Balls

Our Juggling Balls are all filled with rice to make them catchable

## You will need:

Coloured felt (catalogue no. 209637 or 209338)

Sewing thread (catalogue no. 209950)

Needles (catalogue no. 209572)

Glue (e.g. Power Pritt Gel, catalogue no. 701702)

Black pen or felt tip

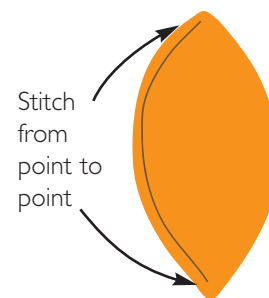
A quantity of uncooked rice

All of the juggling balls are made using the same basic pattern then customised with felt pieces to make whichever design you want.

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## To make the Pumpkin and Eyeball Juggling Balls:

- 1 To make a paper pattern take a piece of paper 9 x 5cm, fold it in half then in half again. Draw an arc between the top and side corners of the non-folded edges and cut out. When you open out the pattern it should be leaf-shaped.
- 2 Use the pattern to cut four leaf-shapes from felt (4 x orange for the pumpkin and 4 x white for the eyeball).
- 3 Take two pieces of felt of the same colour and sew down one side from point to point. Take the remaining two shapes of that colour and sew them together in the same way. You now have the two halves of your juggling ball. Match up and pin the two halves together and sew around, ensuring that you leave a 4cm gap in one side to put in the filling.
- 4 The opposite seam to the one with the gap in it will run down the middle of the front of the ball.
- 5 For the pumpkin – cut two circles for eyes and a jagged mouth from black felt and sew in place, taking care to only sew through one layer of fabric. If this seems a bit tricky you can glue the face on instead, however this will make the juggling balls a bit less pliable.
- 6 For the eyeball – cut a large circle of coloured felt for the iris and sew in place, then sew on a smaller circle of black felt for the pupil. The eye has a white highlight to make it look more real. To put this in, cut an even smaller circle of white felt and attach it to the edge of the pupil. If this seems a bit tricky you can glue the circles on instead, however this will make the juggling balls a bit less pliable.
- 7 To fill the juggling balls we have used uncooked rice as this gives them a heavy, pliable texture. Fill each juggling ball with rice through the hole in the seam you left earlier, then oversew or ladder stitch to secure the gap.
- 8 Your juggling balls are ready to use!



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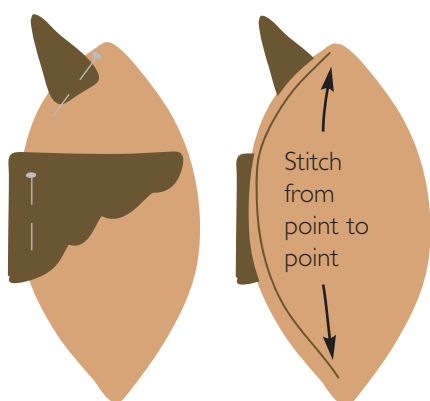
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The bat is made in a similar way to the pumpkin and eyeball, however the wings and ears are attached at the same time as making the basic ball shape, which does make it a bit more challenging.

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### To make the Bat Juggling Ball:

- 1 Use the pattern you made for the pumpkin and eyeball juggling balls to cut four leaf shapes from brown felt. These will form the bat's body.
- 2 Cut out 2 x bat wings, and 2 x triangles for ears, from black or brown felt.
- 3 Begin by positioning one of the wing and one of the ear shapes on a body shape as shown in the diagram. Pin the pieces in place, then place another body shape on top and sew around from point to point.
- 4 Repeat step 3 with the remaining pieces of felt. Remove the pins.
- 5 You now have the two halves of your juggling ball. Match up the points and pin the two halves together. Sew around the whole ball, ensuring that you leave a 4cm gap in one side to put in the filling later.
- 5 For the bat's face cut eyes from felt (we have used yellow but any colour should work) and sew in place. If this seems a bit tricky you can glue the circles on instead, however this will make the juggling balls a bit less pliable. Use black pen to draw pupils in the eyes.
- 9 To fill the juggling ball we have used uncooked rice as this gives a heavy, pliable texture. Fill the juggling ball with rice through the hole in the seam you left earlier, then oversew or ladder stitch to secure the gap.
- 10 Your juggling ball is ready to use!



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