

# Lady Beetle Rattle Pattern



Lady Beetle Body  
(cut two)

Lady Beetle Wings  
(cut two)

Lady Beetle Head  
(cut two)

Spot

What You'll Need for the Lady Beetle Rattle:

Red and black felt, embroidery thread to match, toy filling, foilie bells (in your prefered size) and 6mm black ribbon.

What You'll Need if you are Making a Handle for the Rattle:

Matching felt of your choice, embroidery thread to match, toilet roll, and interfacing/wadding.

Directions for the Lady Beetle:

1. Cut two lady beetle body and lady beetle head pieces in black felt. Then cut two lady beetle wings in red felt. You will need approximately 9 black spots cut out, however this may vary depending on how you decide to position them on your lady beetle.

2. Pin and sew around the curve of the two lady beetle head pieces using blanket stitch in black embroidery thread, leaving open the straight edge. Stuff with toy filling using the open end.

3. Pin together the two lady beetle body felt pieces, positioning the head on the body between the two layers. Double two small pieces of black ribbon, tying knots in the top where the ribbon folds over. Position and pin these on the top of the lady beetle head between the top layer of the lady beetle body felt. Stitch everything in place as you sew around the outside of the lady beetle, using blanket stitch. Remember to stop and stuff the body with toy filling and add about 5 foilie bells before finishing your sewing of the body. (To get the best sound, place the bells on the bottom of the beetle's body so they are not muted by the toy filling).

4. Use white thread to create french knots as your lady beetle's eyes.

4. Position the two wings so that one is over-lapping the other on the top of the body. Blanket stitch using red embroidery thread from about half way along one wing, along the top (near the head) to half way along the second wing. They should look like the wings are open and your beetle is flying.

If you prefer you can sew the spots onto the wings before attaching them, but can be done before or after. I used alternating thread (red on black felt spots) and used a simple running stitch to attach the lady beetle spots to both of the wings.

Directions for the Rattle Handle:

1. Cut the toilet roll length ways and make it the diameter you feel is best for the handle. You may need to trim some of the card board from the roll. Simply use thread to tie around the top, bottom and middle of the roll holding it to the size you want.

2. Cut a piece of interfacing/wadding to wrap around the toilet roll to make it a soft handle to hold. Over hang this on each end (these will get tucked into each end of the roll). Pin and sew the interfacing/wadding in place along the seam.

3. For extra sound place 2 or 3 more foilie bells into the handle, then tuck the excess interfacing into each end of the roll. Cut a piece of felt that will wrap around the roll, just overlapping. Again any excess felt on either end can simply be tucked into the roll. Pin and sew along the seam of the felt using a blanket stitch in matching embroidery thread.

4. To close the bottom end of the handle, position the handle on a piece of felt, draw around the circle of the end of the roll, cut out and stitch around to attach.

5. Position the handle on the bottom side of your finished lady beetle with the seam at the back. Pin and sew to attach the handle to your beetle.

I have made these rattles with a handle, but they can be made without to simply use the pattern for a lady beetle toy.



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