

Turtle Rattle Pattern

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

Turtle Shell Pattern

Turtle Tummy (cut one)

Turtle Shell (cut one)

Turtle Head (cut two)

Turtle Feet (cut eight)

Turtle Tail (cut two)

What You'll Need for the Turtle Rattle:
Light green, dark green and tan felts, a different green felt (I used bright green with white polka dots for fun), embroidery thread to match, toy filling and folley bells (in your preferred size).

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 Turtle:

1. Cut two turtle heads, two turtle tails and eight turtle feet in light green felt. Pair up the feet, head and tail pieces in twos, pin and sew around the curve of each piece using blanket stitch in matching embroidery thread. Leave open the straight edge. Stuff with toy filling using the open ends of each part.
2. Pin all the parts positioning the head, tail and two feet either side on the turtle shell piece of felt (cut out in dark green felt). Using a dark green or black embroidery thread, sew all the turtle parts to the shell with a blanket stitch.
3. Cut out the turtle tummy in tan felt and pin to the bottom of the turtle shell that has all the turtle parts (head, feet and tail) attached. The turtle shell is larger so that it should puff up when it is filled with toy stuffing. Use a running stitch to sew the turtle tummy to the turtle shell. Remember to stop and stuff the body with toy filling and add about 5 folley bells before finishing your sewing of the body. (To get the best sound, place the bells on the bottom of the turtle's body/tummy so they are not muted by the toy filling).
5. Use black thread to create french knots as your turtle's eyes.
6. Cut out about 12 of the turtle shell pattern pieces in your chosen green felt. Please note that you will have to cut down some of these to fill the gaps, and will only fit about six full size turtle shell pattern pieces on the top of your turtle.

Position the shell pattern starting at the head, leaving a slight gap in between each full piece as you pin them onto the top of the turtle. For the moment only use full shell pieces, we will fill the gaps with trimmed felt pieces at the end.

7. Using a running stitch with matching embroidery thread attach the shell pattern pieces to the top of your turtle. Once they are attached, fill any gaps by using the remaining pieces. Trim them to size where necessary and attach in the same method as before. Your turtle is now complete!



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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. (For a softer handle add a little toy stuffing to the outside before covering in felt).
3. For extra sound place 2 or 3 more folley bells into the handle, then tuck the excess interfacing into each end of the roll. Cut a piece of matching 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 turtle with the seam at the back. Pin and sew to attach the handle to your turtle.

