

# Simple Catnip Mouse Pattern

These catnip mice are simple enough for small children to make – there are very few steps – but they can also be infinitely customized for discerning pets.



## Materials Needed:

Felt, yarn, craft thread (or embroidery floss), stuffing, catnip, and sewing tools.



## Steps:



Cut three pieces of yarn, approximately 5 inches (12 cm) long. Knot them together and braid to make the tail. Tie another knot to finish.



Cut a raindrop shape from a sheet of felt. It should be approximately 4 inches long and no more than 3 inches wide at its widest. I find it easiest to fold the felt in half and cut a lopsided semi-circle.



Sew on the eye details – two Xs using thread in a colour that contrasts the felt. If you are making these with small children, it may be helpful to draw the eyes in place first. It doesn't matter if the eyes are perfectly evenly spaced, but I try to place the centres about an inch (2.5 cm) away from the "nose" and a half inch (1.2 cm) away from the outer edge on each side.



Sew on the tail. Using the same thread you plan to close the mouse with, sew through then over the knot several times, anchoring the tail about a half inch (1.2 cm) from the bottom edge on the inside (wrong side) of the teardrop.



Sew the two sides together, oversewing, starting at the nose, until you are just over two thirds of the way along. Reinforce the seam at this point, so that the seam stays in place while the mouse is stuffed.



Stuff the mouse. Start with a small amount of stuffing, pushed into the nose of the mouse. Add a small amount of catnip ( $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp or less) then more stuffing, and more catnip in layers, ending with a stuffing layer.



Sew the end of the mouse closed and toss to the nearest cat (probably already climbing your leg)!



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