

TO GRANDMOTHER'S HOUSE PANEL INSTRUCTIONS

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Take your imagination on an early literacy adventure with the To Grandmother's House fabric collection. Tell the story of this beloved fairytale with a twist, through storybook quilt patterns, playful fabrics, felt dolls and more! Come enjoy apple pie and fresh strawberries at Grandmother's House - because Family Is Forever!

What sweet projects will you make with this fabric collection? Children's dresses, matching "grandma and me" aprons or even book bags? The possibilities are endless.

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Teach, play, and act out the complete Fairytale Story of Little Red, Grandmother, and of course, the Wolf with the To Grandmother's House Felt Doll & Bag set! Embellish the felt dolls with hand embroidery, or simply cut and play! Enjoy the keepsake bag with fun flaps to explore in Grandmother's Cottage.

Why not use the felt dolls as embellishments on clothing, bags, or create your own bookmarks. Be creative and applique the Storybook Characters onto your favorite quilt or hoop art to decorate a playroom!

Join the Storybook Felt Panel Sew-Along and check out WWW.SEWASTORY.COM/FABRIC for other projects using this panel such as quilt patterns, applique pillow patterns, and more.

NEEDED SUPPLIES:

- (1) To Grandmother's House Storybook Felt Panel (FT14379-PANEL)

OPTIONAL SUPPLIES:

- (2) pkgs Craft Extra Firm Non-Woven Stabilizer
- 36" x 48" basic, white craft felt for back of dolls
- Embroidery floss for embellishments
- Hand sewing needle and thread
- Plastic Snaps (or velcro) for bag closure
- Scrap of batting for handle of bag
- ½" non-fraying ribbon for bag tags
- Pinking shears

PANEL INSTRUCTIONS:

Please read through all the directions first before starting. Assume ¼" seam allowance. Sew with Right Sides Together (RST) unless otherwise stated. Press all seams in the direction of the arrows on the diagrams unless otherwise stated.

RST: Right Sides Together
RSO: Right Sides Out

The instructions below are for making the To Grandmother's House Storybook Felt Panel as originally intended. Follow the steps in the order shown.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Carefully cut out all the pattern pieces on the outer cut lines.



MAKING THE FELT DOLLS:

2. Optional: Embellish the Felt Doll with any hand embroidery details or sew on sequins or buttons. Caution: Be aware of age appropriateness for any added embellishments.



3. Layer a Felt Doll, optional Craft Extra Firm Non-Woven Stabilizer and white craft felt RSO. Cut out the stabilizer and backing felt generously around each shape and pin in place.



4. Using a coordinating thread color, sew in the marked seam allowance with a shortened stitch length (1.5- 2mm). Note both 1/4" and 1/2" seam allowances are given for age and skill level options.



5. Trim the stabilizer and the backing felt to match the top printed Felt Doll outline with even, smooth scissor cuts. (Use a sharp, small pair of fabric scissors).



6. Repeat this step for all the Felt Doll Characters, Animals, and Accessories.



YOUR FELT DOLLS ARE COMPLETE!

TO MAKE THE PLAY MAT / BAG

To make an EASY-SEW METHOD refer to the instructions on the fabric panel. Join Jennifer's SAL and download the full, FREE, PDF instructions at WWW.SEWASTORY.COM/TO-GRANDMOTHERS-HOUSE-FABRIC

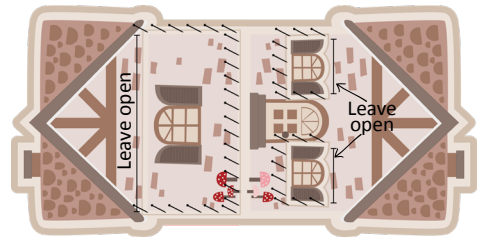
7. Prepare the handles by backing each with a piece of batting or stabilizer and folding RSO. Stitch along both sides of the handles.



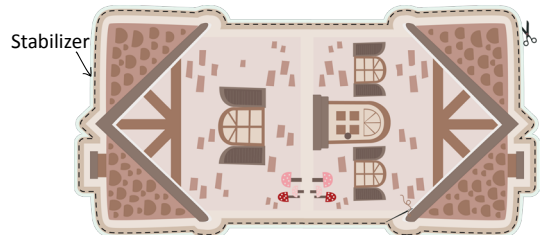
8. For extra strength, stitch vertical lines along the length of the handle in a matching thread color. Set aside.



9. Trim the pockets with a pair of scissors or pinking shears, then pin and sew all the pockets in place to the outside and inside sections of the bag, leaving the pocket opening open. Match illustrations on the main bag panels as desired. Be sure to backstitch at the start, corners, and at the end for reinforcement.



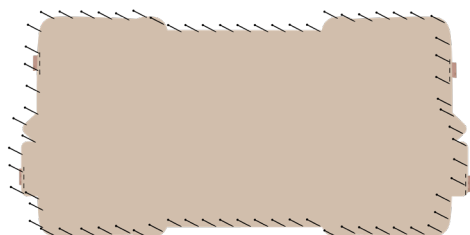
10. Layer the bag front and stabilizer by basting around the entire perimeter at 1/8" to keep the stabilizer from shifting during assembly. Set aside.



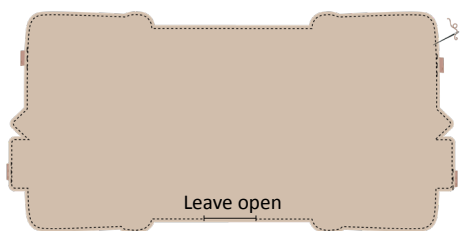
11. Position the prepared handles in place as desired. Pin the unfinished ends of each handle to lay OUTSIDE the bag. Baste the handles in place. Note: To make using the Easy-Sew Method refer to the instruction on the panel fabric.



12. Sandwich with the prepared backing, RSO. The handle ends will be INSIDE this layered sandwich. Use pins to secure the entire perimeter.



13. Sew around the perimeter of the bag, leaving an opening for turning.



14. Using a small pair of scissors, carefully clip around the perimeter of the entire seam allowance ($\frac{1}{4}$ " or $\frac{1}{2}$ " of your choice) and notch out all the inside corners. Turn the bag RSO through the bottom opening. Push corners out with a point turner.



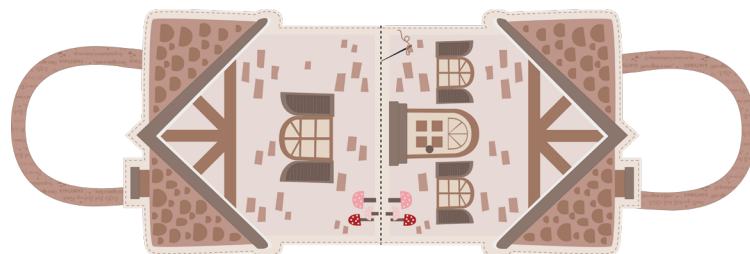
15. Finger press the entire seam allowance or CAREFULLY press with a cool iron. Note: Heat from a hot iron can melt the acrylic felt panel. If you choose to iron, make sure to do a TEST press on a scrap of panel felt fabric first.



16. Using a coordinating thread color, stitch around the entire perimeter of the play mat/bag to give the edges a nice, clean finish.



17. Using a quilting ruler and an invisible marker, draw the seam line for the fold of bag. Sew along the drawn fold lines.



18. Make closures for the bag flap. I highly recommend using snap (Kam snaps) and a snap button tool for safety, age appropriateness, and aesthetics to close the play mat bag and the bag charms. Velcro is also a good option. Make sure to position the flap snaps correctly by testing before you adhere them permanently. Follow the manufacturer's directions to secure the snaps correctly and safely.



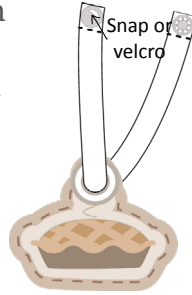
19. Next, make optional Bag Charms using the same instructions as the Felt Doll assembly (steps 2 - 5) with any of the desired shapes.



20. Place a small gromet or stitch around the button hole at the top of the bag tag. Puncture the hole with a sharp, pointed tool. Repeat this process for all the Bag Charms.



21. Insert a non-fraying ribbon through the gromet in the Bag Charms. On either end of the ribbon, sew a hem to secure. Attach a snap or velcro to either ribbon end. Repeat this process to attach the snaps to the Bag Charm flaps.



22. Snap the Bag Charms around the handles, place the prepared Felt Dolls into the Bag Pockets, close the play mat and your To Grandmother's House Felt Project is ready to begin hours of imaginative play and exploration.

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BE CREATIVE! Use these Felt Dolls as applique, decorations, or even bookmarks!

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Why not use a second set of Felt Dolls and make embellishments on clothing, bags, or create your own bookmarks. Be creative and applique the Storybook Characters onto your favorite quilt or hoop art to decorate a playroom! Enjoy and share your dolls using the hashtags [#TOGRANDMOTHERSHOUSEFABRIC](#), [#FELTDOLLPANEL](#), [#SEWASTORY](#), [@SEWASTORY_JENNIFERLONG](#), [#RILEYBLAKEDESIGNS](#), and [#ILOVERILEYBLAKE](#).

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