

Fruit Plush Toys



Make a trio of fruit plush toys to decorate a child's room. Use your craft cutting machine to cut Heat Transfer Vinyl for the face details, as well as to cut the fruit shapes from fabric! Stitch them up using your sewing machine. They are easy to make, and a great way to use up small bits of leftover vinyl.

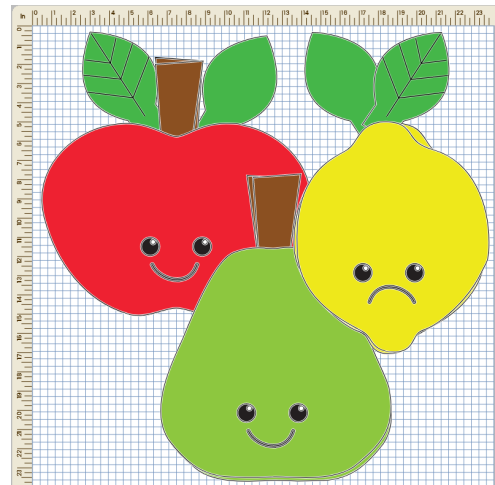
What you need

- Cotton Fabric in Green, Yellow and Red - ½ Yard (0.5m) for each toy
- Cotton Fabric Scraps in Green and Brown (for leaves and stems)
- Batting Scraps (for the leaves and stems)
- Fusible Interfacing - ½ Yard (0.5m) for each toy
- Heat Transfer Vinyl (Black)
- Heat Transfer Vinyl (White)
- Fabric Grip Mat 24" x 24"
- Standard Grip Mat 12" x 12"
- Rotary Blade
- Basic Blade

- Heat Removable Fabric Pen
- Sewing Machine
- Heat Press
- Brayer
- Weeding Tool
- Thread
- Polyester Fiberfill Stuffing
- Hand Sewing Needle

Directions

1. Open the project in Canvas. Place your fabric right side up on your Fabric Grip Mat. Use a Brayer to help adhere the fabric to the cutting mat, eliminating wrinkles or bubbles.
2. Go to the Output Menu and press Send to Machine. Follow the steps to cut the fabrics on your crafting machine. Make sure to select 'Rearrange to reduce waste' to ensure the pieces fit your material. The steps will also include drawing the stitching guidelines on the leaves.

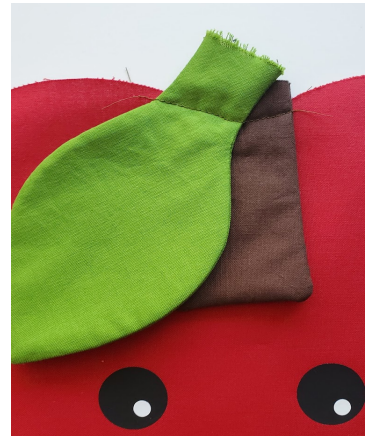


Note: When using more than one material, check all settings and customize inputs for your mat size, material type, material size, and arrangement of pieces before selecting next to begin cutting each layer.

3. Place the Heat Transfer Vinyl, shiny side down (clear liner) on your Standard Grip Mat. Follow the steps to cut the vinyl on your crafting machine.
4. Cut the fusible interfacing to fit the size of each fruit front and back section. Apply the fusible interfacing to the wrong side of each section.
5. Place one green leaf (with stitch guidelines drawn) on a slightly larger scrap of batting. Thread the top of the sewing machine and bobbin with green thread. Stitch the lines on the leaf. Repeat for the remaining upper leaf.



6. Place a plain (unstitched) green leaf face down over the stitched leaf. Stitch around the perimeter, using a ¼" (6mm) seam allowance, leaving the straight end of the stem open.
7. Turn the leaf right side out through the opening. Repeat to create the second leaf.
8. Follow the same steps to create two brown stems.
9. Use a Weeding Tool to remove unwanted iron-on pieces, leaving the design on the clear liner.
10. Position the vinyl face design as desired, then use your Heat Press to apply the vinyl to your project. Peel off the clear transfer sheet. Apply the white pupils in place on top of the solid black eyes.
11. With right sides facing down, place the finished leaf and stem at the Apple front upper center, with the raw edges of the leaf and stem extending past the Apple edge. Baste in place.



12. Place the Apple back over the Apple front. Pin and then stitch around the perimeter, using a ¼" (6mm) seam allowance and leaving a 3" (7.6cm) opening unstitched. Clip the curves and corners within the seam allowances.
13. Turn the Apple right side out through the opening.
14. Stuff the Apple with polyester fiberfill stuffing, then hand stitch the opening closed.
15. Repeat to create the Pear (with a brown stem) and the Lemon (with a leaf).

