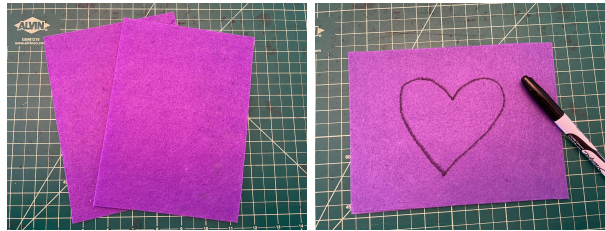


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Maker Skill: Hand Sewn Stuffie (hidden seam)

Use this technique to create a stuffed object like a pillow or stuffed animal with a hidden seam. This example uses a [running stitch](#).

1. Layer two similar-sized pieces of fabric on top of each other. Draw the shape of your pillow or stuffie on one side of the fabric using a marker. This line will be hidden on the inside of your stuffie.



2. Create a border about half an inch away outside of the outline of your shape. Pin the two pieces of fabric together, then cut your shape along the outer border.



3. Begin sewing along the inner outline using a running stitch. Continue stitching around the outline until you have almost reached your starting point. Make sure to leave a 2-3 inch gap between your first and last stitch.



4. Turn your stuffie inside out by pushing the far edge through the gap, so that the sewn seam is hidden on the inside of the stuffie. Stuff your stuffie by pushing stuffing through the gap in the seam.



5. Sew the gap in the seam closed using an invisible ladder stitch. Create a small stitch on one side of the seam, then the other, without pulling the thread to close the gap between the seams. Repeat a few times, alternating sides. Then, pull tightly to close the seam, tucking in the edges of the fabric as necessary with the needle. Repeat until the seam is fully closed, then tie a knot.

