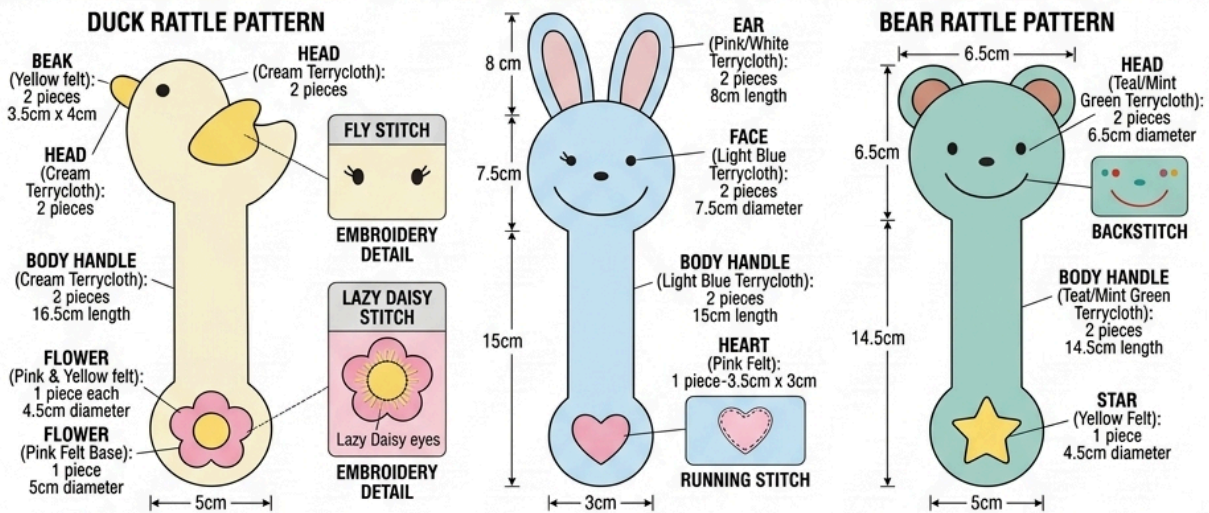


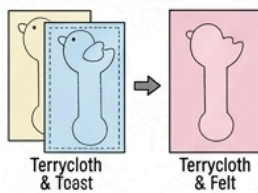
Plush Baby Rattle Tutorial (Bird, Bunny & Bear)

ULTIMATE CRIB RATTLE & TOY SEWING GUIDE

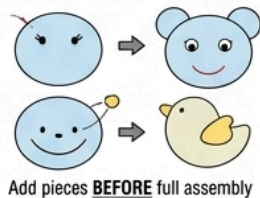


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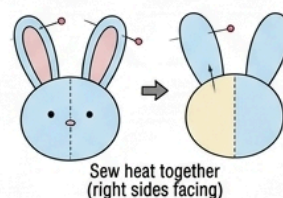
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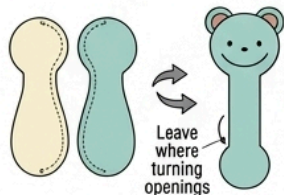
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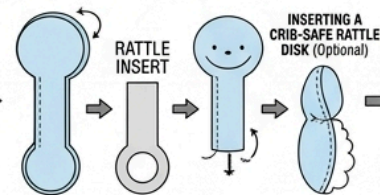
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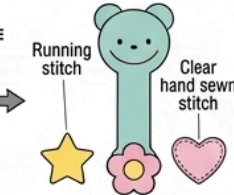
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STEP 5: TURN, STUFF, & CLOSE



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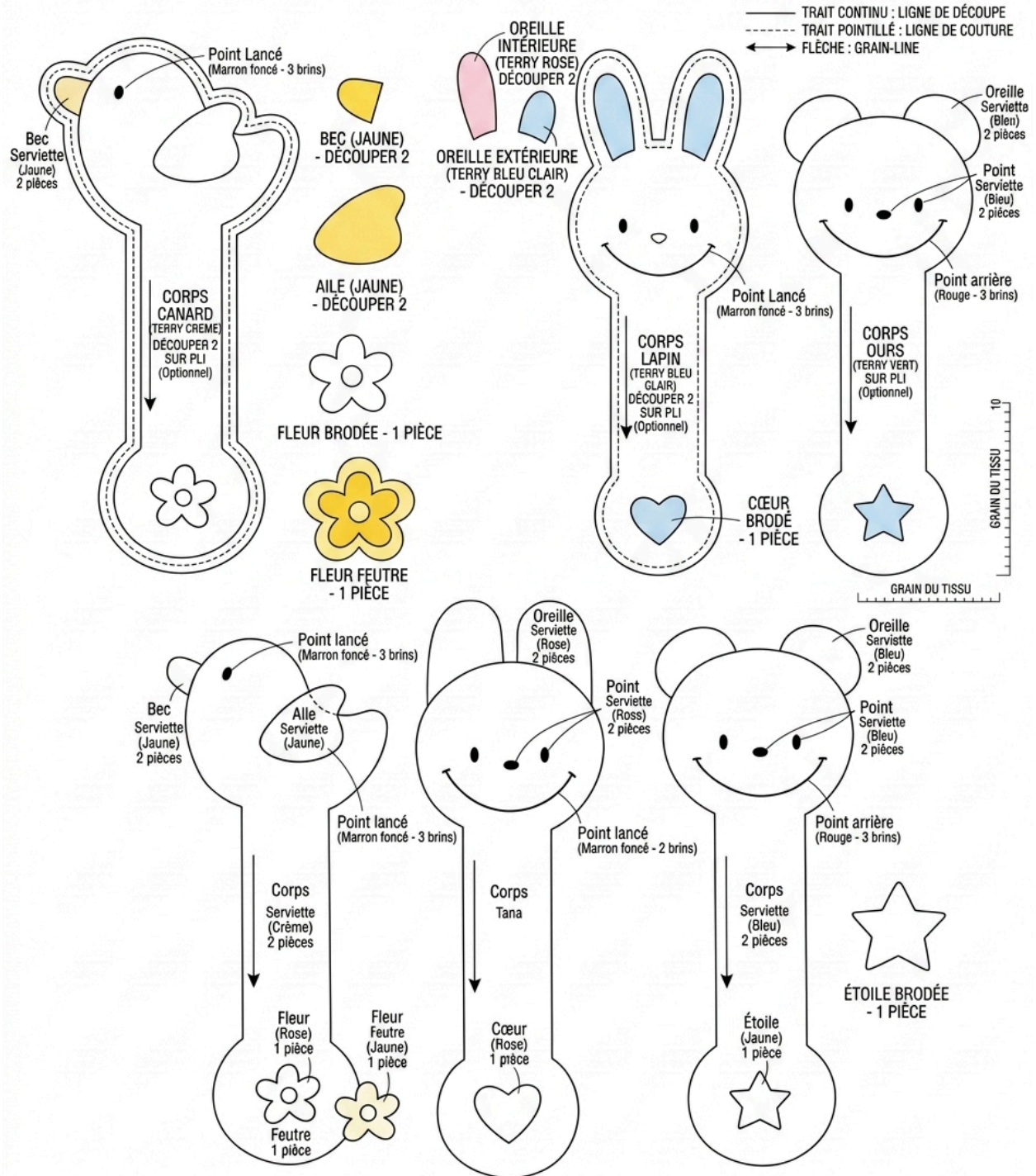


SEWING & U.S. QUILT TERMS LEGEND

- FLY STITCH:** For simple eyes.
- FRENCH KNOT:** A decorative stitch for detailed eyes.
- LAZY DAISY STITCH:** For flower center detail.
- RUNNING STITCH:** A simple forward stitch for joining and attaching details.
- BACKSTITCH:** A strong stitch for defined outlines like smiles.
- SLIP STITCH (aka LADDER STITCH):** A hidden stitch used to close the final opening.
- QUILT GLOSSARY (U.S.):**
 - APPLIQUE:** Attaching a piece of fabric to a larger background fabric (e.g., felt shapes).
 - PIECING:** Joining fabric pieces together.
 - STUFFING:** The material used to fill soft toys (e.g., polyester fiberfill).

This tutorial explains how to make the three soft rattles shown in the diagram: the bird, the bunny, and the bear. Each toy is made from soft towel fabric (“terry cloth”) with felt appliqué details and simple hand-embroidered faces. The construction is the same for all three — only the animal head shape and felt appliqué change.

PATRON DE COUTURE - LES PELUCHES HACHETTE - LAYOUT DE DÉCOUPE



Materials Needed

- Soft terry cloth or towel fabric (body)
- Felt (for wings, ears, heart, star, flower)
- Embroidery floss (black, dark brown, red/pink depending on the model)
- Polyester fiberfill stuffing
- A small baby rattle insert (optional)
- Sewing needle
- Sewing machine (optional but helpful)
- Fabric scissors
- Pins or clips
- Pattern pieces (printed or traced from the diagram)
- Fabric marker or tailor's chalk

Pattern Pieces to Cut

Each toy uses **two identical body pieces** cut from terry cloth. The felt decorations vary by animal:

Bird

- Body: 2 pieces (towel fabric)
- Beak: 2 pieces (yellow felt)
- Wing: 2 pieces (yellow felt)
- Flower: 1 felt flower + 1 felt circle (center)

Bunny

- Body: 2 pieces (towel fabric)
- Inner ears: 2 pieces (pink felt)
- Heart: 1 felt heart

Bear

- Body: 2 pieces (towel fabric)
- Inner ears: 2 pieces (contrasting felt)
- Star: 1 felt star

Step 1 — Cut All Pieces

Place the paper pattern on the fabric and trace around it. Cut:

- 2 mirror-image body pieces from terry cloth.
- All appliqué pieces from felt.

Tip: Felt does not fray, so it doesn't require hemming. Cut cleanly and evenly.

Step 2 — Prepare the Face (Embroidery Before Sewing)

Do the embroidery before assembling the toy.

Using embroidery floss:

- **Eyes:** Use satin stitch (called "*point lancé*" in the diagram).
- **Mouth:** Use backstitch (called "*point arrière*").
- **Nose:** Satin stitch or small straight stitches.

Thread thickness:

- Use 3 strands for eyes.
- Use 2–3 strands for mouth details.

Keep stitches small and even.

Step 3 — Attach Felt Appliqué Pieces

Position the felt shapes on the **front body piece**:

Bird

- Place the beak on the face edge.
- Place the wing on the body.
- Place the flower on the base of the handle.

Bunny

- Attach inner ear pieces.
- Attach heart at the bottom.

Bear

- Attach inner ear pieces.
- Attach star on the handle base.

Sew felt in place using small straight stitches or blanket stitch. Felt pieces do not need folded edges.

Step 4 — Layer and Pin

Place the **front and back body pieces** right sides together. Align edges carefully. Pin around the perimeter.

Make sure appliqué pieces and embroidery face inward so they will be protected when sewn.

Step 5 — Sew the Body

Sew around the edges using a ¼-inch (about 6 mm) seam allowance.

Important:

- Leave an opening along one straight side of the handle section for turning and stuffing.
- Stitch slowly around curves.

If sewing by hand, use small backstitches.

Step 6 — Turn the Toy Right-Side Out

Carefully turn the toy right-side out through the opening. Use a pencil or blunt tool to push out curves and the head shape.

Step 7 — Stuffing

Fill the toy with polyester stuffing. Make the head plump but keep the handle slightly firmer so it holds its shape.

If using a rattle insert, place it inside the head before filling completely.

Step 8 — Close the Opening

Fold the raw edges of the opening inward. Stitch closed with invisible ladder stitch or small whipstitch.

Step 9 — Final Touches

Smooth the toy and reshape gently with your fingers. Check all stitching is secure.

Your handmade rattle is now ready! ✨

Extra Tips

- Always double-check embroidered features are secure before giving to a baby.
- Use washable, soft fabrics.
- Avoid small loose pieces or beads.

Summary of Differences Between the Three Toys

Bird

- Beak and wing appliqué
- Flower decoration

Bunny

- Tall ears with inner pink felt
- Heart decoration

Bear

- Rounded ears with inner felt
- Star decoration

The construction method stays the same for all three — only the face shape and felt pieces differ.

If you want, I can also:

- Rewrite this as a printable PDF
- Create sewing diagrams
- Provide a checklist or cutting layout guide