

THINGS YOU WILL NEED TO MAKE A SOCK CROCODILE:

2 socks • scissors, needle, and thread • stuffing • 2 buttons

HOW TO MAKE YOUR SOCKODILE

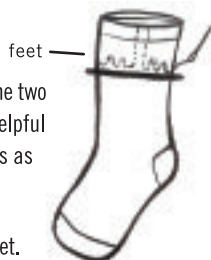
Sock One

1. Turn the first sock inside out.

2. Stitch through both layers of the sock to sew the outlines of the two front feet, following the route shown in the picture. (It can be helpful to draw the pattern on your sock first.) Make very small stitches as you go around the toes. Each tow should be about 1/2" long.

3. Cut straight across the sock to remove the piece with the feet. Set this piece aside for now.

4. Turn the sock right side out. This will be your crocodile's head and body. Stuff the sock lightly. You can add more stuffing later when the tail is attached.



Sock Two

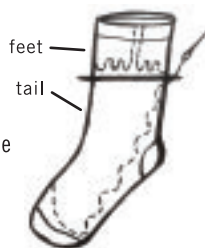
5. Turn the second sock inside out.

6. Stitch through both layers of the sock to sew the outlines of the back feet and tail, following the route shown in the picture. (Yay! More tiny croc toes!) Make very small stitches as you go around the toes and the bumps on the tail.

7. Cut straight across the second sock to remove the piece with the feet. Set this piece aside for now.

8. Carefully cut out the tail. Turn it right side out. Make sure you get the bumps, too! Stuff the tail.

9. Attach the tail to the body. Fold the edges of the fabric in as you sew to create a tidy seam. The bumps of the tail should be on the same side as the heel of Sock One. Add stuffing if needed.



10. Make a small stitch in the middle of each bump of the tail. This will help the bumps hold their shape.

11. Your sock croc needs eyes! Pinch together the fabric of the heel of the sock to make space. Sew your button eyes on through both layers of the heel fabric.

12. Fold the middle top of the heel fabric over. It should slightly overlap the eyes. Stitch it down.

13. Put a smile on your crocodile, if he needs it. Or you can skip this optional step. Pinch together two small folds of fabric on one side of your crocodile's long snout. Sew the two folds together. Knot your thread frequently. Sew until you reach the toe of the sock, but don't sew across the toe. Repeat on the other side.

14. Now for the nose. Make a knot just below the tip of the nose, in the center. Guide your needle to emerge on the top side of the snout, about 1" back (toward the eyes) from where you started. Pull this taut to make your crocodile's nose stick up. Sew a knot to anchor the stitch, but don't cut the thread yet.

15. Sew back into the nose in the same spot. Guide the needle to come out on the right side of the front of the nose. This will be your crocodile's nostril!

16. Make a small horizontal stitch, but guide your needle to emerge from the same spot on top of the nose, in the middle. Tie a knot.

17. Repeat steps 15 and 16 on the left side for the left nostril.

18. Your croc gets from place to place on his tiptoes! Find the feet pieces you sewed earlier, and carefully cut out all four feet. Turn the pieces right side out. Use a chopstick or pencil to make sure the toes are turned all the way out.

19. Firmly stuff each foot. They should be a bit round. Attach to your crocodile's body, and now you have a sockodile!



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