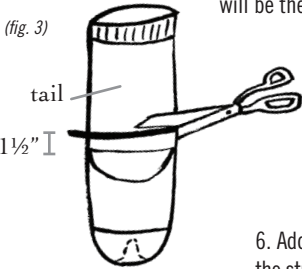


## HOW TO MAKE A SOCK SQUIRREL

**Gather your supplies!** You'll need one sock, stuffing, two or four buttons, scissors, needle, thread, and something like chalk to draw on the sock. In our instructions, **cut** = ———, **sew** = - - - -. Enjoy!

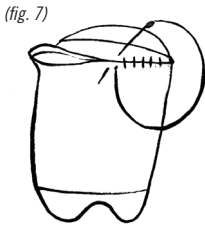
(You only need one sock to make a squirrel! Use the other to make another squirrel friend!)

1. Turn the sock **inside out**. Lay the sock flat with the heel facing up.
2. To make your squirrel's legs, sew through both layers of the sock, following the route shown in the picture. (It can be helpful to draw the pattern on your sock first.) (see fig. 2)
3. Cut off the top of the sock about 1½" above the heel. This will be the tail. Set that piece aside for now. (see fig. 3)

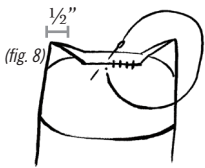


4. Cut between the legs to separate them. Be careful not to cut your stitches!
5. Turn the sock right side out. Use your fingers or the end of a wooden spoon to make sure the legs are turned all the way out.

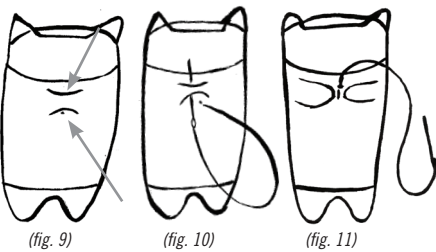
6. Add some stuffing through the large hole. Be sure to get the stuffing down into the legs, but don't stuff too firmly near the top.



7. Sew the large hole shut in a straight line. Fold the fabric edges into the hole as you sew so they are hidden. Add stuffing as needed. (see fig. 7)
8. To make your squirrel's ears, fold the middle of this sewn edge toward the heel of the sock. Starting about 1/2" in from the corner, stitch the top edge down. Stop when you are about 1/2" from the other end. The little ends that stick up are the ears! (see fig. 8)

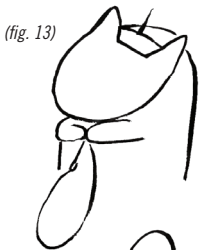


9. Now make your squirrel's front paws. Pinch together about 1" of fabric just under your squirrel's chin. Try to get some stuffing in there, too. Make a knot at the base of the pinched fabric. (see fig. 9)



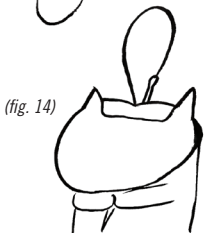
10. Guide the needle in at the base and out at the top of where you are pinching. Be careful not to sew into the heel of the sock. Repeat this stitch once in the same place (in at the bottom, out at the top). (see fig. 10)

11. Pull the stitch snug. This forms your squirrel's little front paws. Tie a knot to keep the stitch tight, but don't cut the thread. (see fig. 11)



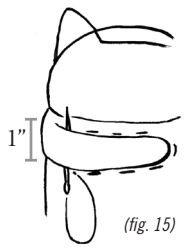
12. Put your thumb under the squirrel's chin, and put your index and middle fingers on either side of the seam on top of the squirrel's head. Squeeze slightly to flatten the head.

13. Starting from the underside of the paws, guide your needle through the heel of the sock up through the top stitching, between your fingers and centered on the head. Be careful not to poke yourself! (see fig. 13)



14. Carefully dive the needle back into the fabric about 1/8" down the back of your squirrel's head, emerging under the paws. Keep the thread slightly taut to create a squirrely hunch. Sew a knot! (see fig. 14)

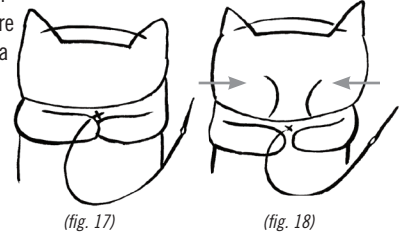
15. Now make the arms. Pinch together about 1" of the fabric to the left of the paws. Sew behind where your fingers are pinching. Keep the stitches tight. (see fig. 15)



16. Repeat to the right of the paws.

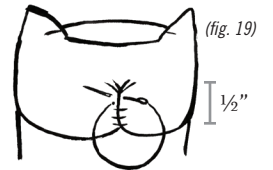
17. Now let's make your squirrel's face! Make a knot just above where the paws meet. (Don't cut the thread until you're all done with squirrel's face, after step 23.) (see fig. 17)

18. Pinch the sides of the bottom half of your squirrel's face together so that there is extra fabric above the knot. Poke the extra fabric in so that it is hidden in the fold between the two cheeks. (see fig. 18)



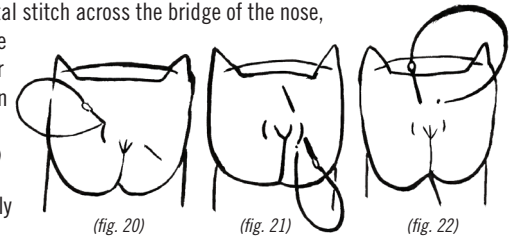
19. Hold the cheeks together. Sew the two cheeks together. Sew a knot about 1/2" up the heel. (see fig. 19)

20. To create a nose, make a vertical stitch about 1/4" on the left side of the small crease at the top of the seam you just created. Pull the stitch tight to accent the nose shape and tie a knot. (see fig. 20)



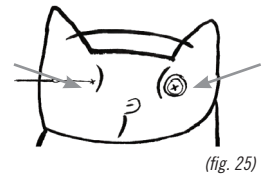
21. Repeat on the right side of the crease. (see fig. 21)

22. Begin a small horizontal stitch across the bridge of the nose, poking your needle into the stuffed animal. Guide your needle down and out again to emerge at the base of the cheek seam. (see fig. 22)



23. Keep the thread slightly taut. Sew a knot to secure. Now you can cut the thread!

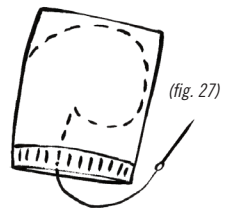
24. What kind of eyes does your squirrel have? Big bulgy eyes or small beady eyes? (We like to use a smaller button on top of a larger button for an observant look.) Attach a button to the left of your squirrel's nose, but don't cut the thread.



25. Pinch the sides of your squirrel's face together and carefully guide the needle through to where the other eye will be. Sew a knot to keep the face slightly pinched. (see fig. 25)

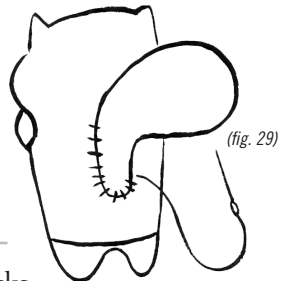
26. Attach the other button eye. Make sure it is level with the first eye.

27. Finally, give that squirrel a bushy tail! With the remaining piece of the sock **inside out**, stitch the outline of the tail through both layers of fabric. (It can be helpful to draw the pattern on your sock first.) (see fig. 27)



28. Cut out the shape and turn it right side out. Stuff the tail.

29. Place the tail on your squirrel's back. Stitch up one side of the tail where it meets the back and then down the other and across the bottom. (see fig. 29)



Now go bake an acorn pie with Minnie!

These instructions can be used on any socks. If you would like a **PRINTABLE LIFESIZE PATTERN** or step-by-step photo instructions, please visit [www.monkeysockmonkey.com](http://www.monkeysockmonkey.com)

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