

# Dinkelmaus



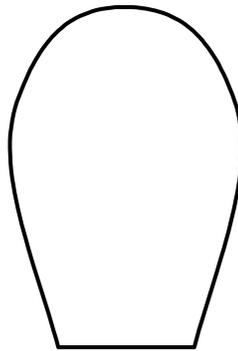
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## MATERIALS

- one 16" square for the body of the mouse
- one 2" x 11" strip for the face
- four scraps (approx. 2 1/2" square) for the ears
- two buttons for the eyes
- approx. 2 lbs of spelt
- cotton thread (don't use polyester thread since this will be microwaved)

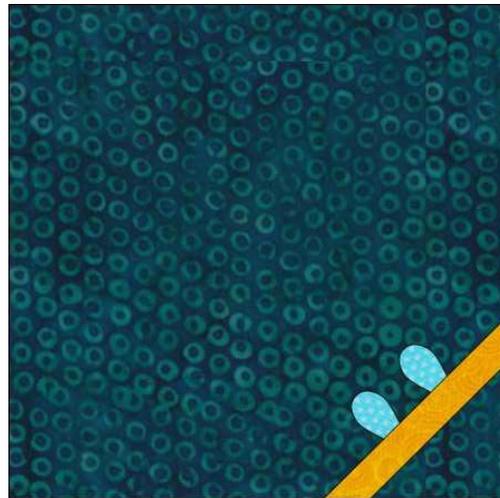
## CONSTRUCTION

- Cut four pieces for the ears, using the template provided below. **Don't forget to add a seam allowance**, the outer line of the template is the stitching line! Mark the stitching line on the fabric.



- Place two ear pieces right sides together and stitch around following the line, leaving the bottom part open. Repeat with the second set of ear pieces.
- Clip the seam allowances of the curvy part of the ears. Clip as close to the seam as you can without actually cutting into the seam.
- Turn both ears inside out and press.
- Fold over 1/4" on both long sides of the 2" strip and press.
- Place the strip diagonally across one corner of the 16" square, approx. 4 1/2" away from the corner and pin. The strip will hang over the edges of the square and will be trimmed later.

- Tuck the ears under the strip and pin. The ears look better if you fold a tiny pleat into the bottom part that will be hidden underneath the strip. Position the ears as they look good to you. I usually center them approx. 1 1/2" apart.



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- Stitch along the edges of the strip with matching cotton thread, catching the ears with the seam. Stitch as close to the edge as you can. If you have an edge stitch foot or edge guide, this is the time to use it.
- Sew on buttons for eyes. Remember that the mouse will go in the microwave and consider if your buttons can withstand the temperature without melting. I have been using Kamsnaps for eyes for years, and they are okay in the microwave. **Don't use buttons with metal parts!**
- Fold the 16" square into a triangle, right sides together. Stitch around the open edges with a 1/4" seam, leaving approx. 2" open on one side.
- Trim the overhanging parts of the strip even with the square. Turn inside out and press.
- Fill with spelt and close the remaining seam by hand.

How long you heat the mouse in the microwave depends on your preferences. I usually heat it for one and a half minutes at 800 W, then turn the mouse around and heat it for another minute at 800 W. This makes it *\*really\** hot. Be careful and don't burn yourself. I would suggest that you start with one minute for each side and then decide if you want more or less heat. It takes a little trial and error.