

MIRKWOOD DESIGNS presents...

**Kitty Ball (page 1 of 2)**



*Just in case your kitty  
doesn't have enough toys!*

## Kitty Ball (page 2 of 2)

### Supplies

- Scraps of fabric, enough to cut six melon pieces from the template at right
- Scissors
- Straight pins
- Sewing machine (or you can sew this project by hand if you want)
- Matching thread and needle
- Fiberfill or stuffing of your choice

### Optional, if you want the ball to rattle

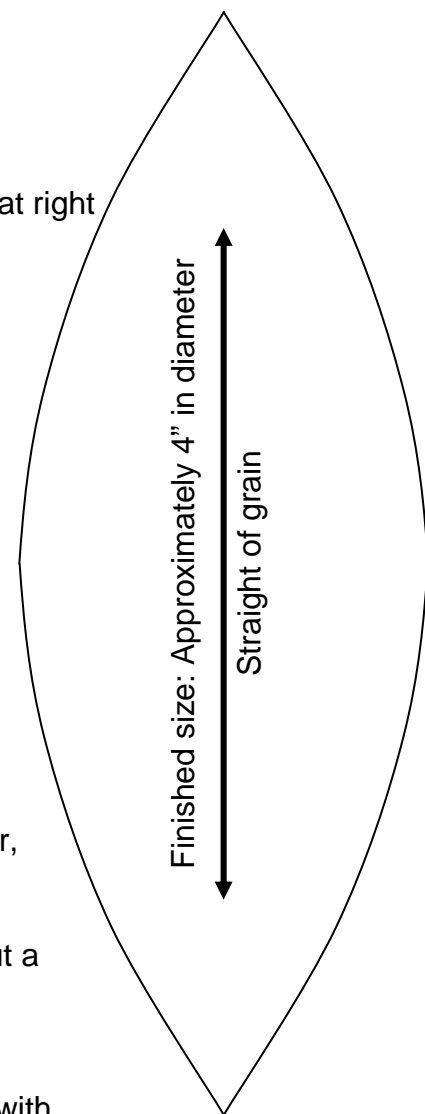
- Two plastic bottle caps from a soft drink or water bottle
- A small jingle bell or three dried peas or small pebbles
- Tape

### Optional, if you want to drive your kitty wild!

- Dried catnip

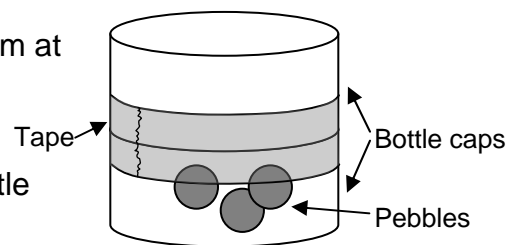
### Instructions

1. Print this page onto card stock or paper and cut out the template.
2. Cut six melon pieces from your fabric of choice, making sure to lay them on the straight of grain, as indicated.
3. Pin and sew three of the melon pieces together, right sides together, using a ¼-inch seam allowance.
4. Sew the other three melon pieces together the same way.
5. Sew the two halves together, right sides together, until there's about a 2-inch opening. Turn right-side out.
6. Begin filling the ball with stuffing of your choice.
7. **Optional:** Once the ball is half filled, add the rattle (instructions are below) and/or some catnip. Make sure you surround the rattle well with stuffing.
8. Stuff the rest of the way, making it as tight as you wish.
9. Use the ladder stitch to hand-stitch the opening closed (diagram at bottom).



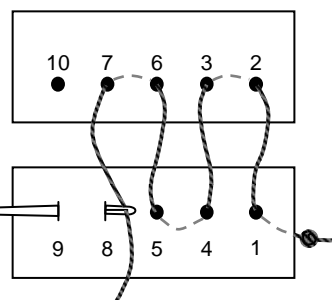
### Instructions for the Rattle (shown at right)

1. Insert the jingle bell, dried peas, or pebbles into one of the bottle caps. Top with the other bottle cap and tape securely closed.



### Ladder Stitch

Sew the opening loosely closed following the order of stitches at right, and then pull the thread to tighten.



**Idea:** Enlarge or reduce the template to make a larger or smaller ball. Make them in all sizes out of pretty fabric and fill a basket with them!