

No-Sew Baseball Pillow

Make a baseball pillow with white felt, a red shoelace, and pillow stuffing. No sewing required! A perfect project for gift-giving, a craft fair, or taking a catnap.

You will need:

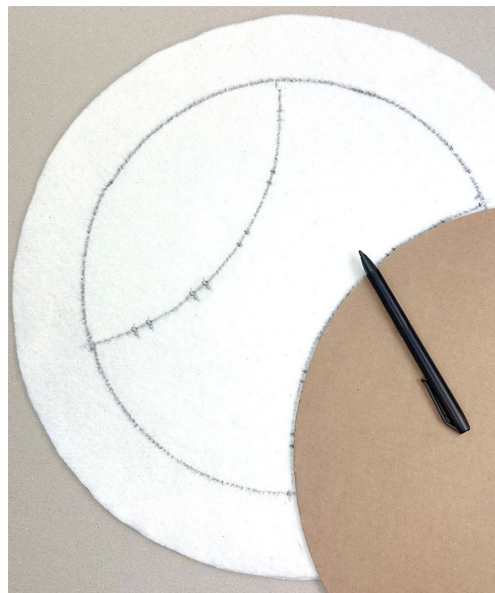
- [White felt](#) (Two 18" squares)
- 40" [flat red shoelace](#) cut in half
- [Pillow stuffing](#)
- 12", 14", and 16" circle templates ([inexpensive pizza pans](#) or cardboard [pizza/cake rounds](#). For a budget-friendly approach, ask a local pizza shop to donate a pizza round of each size.)
- Black permanent marker, ruler or measuring tape, and scissors



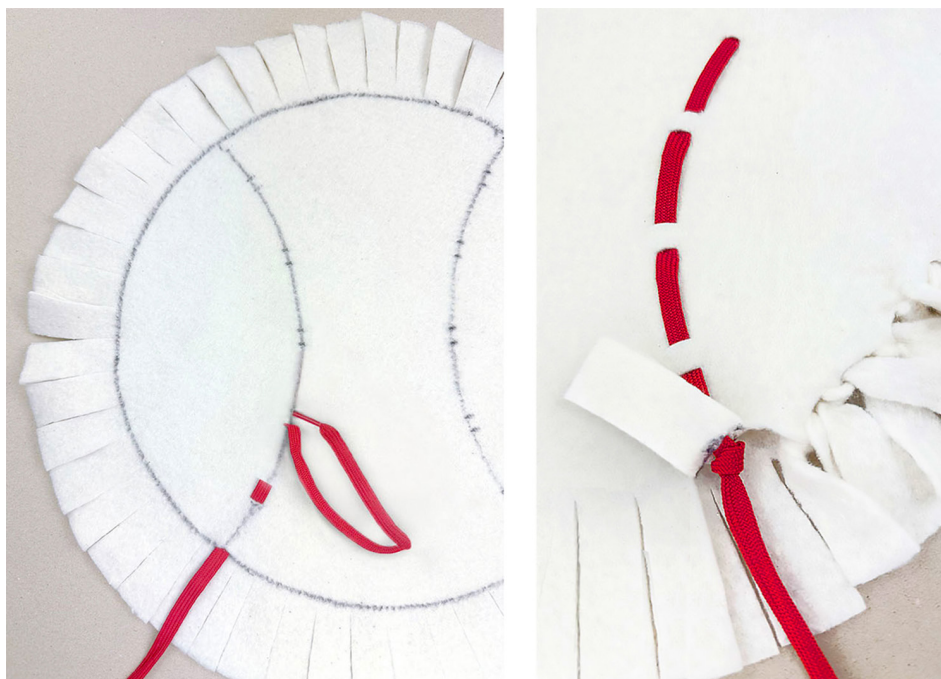
Display a picture of a completed [No-Sew Baseball Pillow](#) to excite crafters about this project.

Directions:

1. Stack the felt squares on top of each other. Place the 16" circle template on top, and then trace the circle with a black permanent marker. Trace the 12" template in the center.
2. Keep the felt squares stacked. Cut out the large circle. You now have two 16" felt circles. (Keep them stacked.)
3. Draw the curved seams onto the "baseball," using the edge of a 14" circle template as shown. Only the top felt circle needs seams.
4. Mark 1" sections spaced 1/4" apart along each curved seam line. Cut small 1/2" slits at each mark, making sure you cut only the top circle of felt.



5. Keeping the felt circles stacked, cut 2" slits around the edge, spacing the slits about 1" apart. (The 12" circle traced in the center is the guideline where the slits should end.)



6. With black guidelines of the top felt circle facing up, weave a shoelace through the small slits along a curved seam line to add "stitches" as shown in the first photo above. Repeat to add stitching to the other seam. Tie a knot at the ends of the shoelaces.
7. To attach the front and back together, turn the top circle over, black guidelines facedown. Restack both felt circles, and then tie the 2" tabs along the edges together. (Tuck the ends of the shoelaces inside of the baseball.) Leave about 4" of the baseball's edge untied.
8. Fill the baseball with pillow stuffing, and then tie the remaining tabs together. Your new baseball pillow is ready to gift, sell, or use to rest your head.

Variations:

- Make a smaller pillow using a dinner plate and dessert plate for your circle templates.
 - Ask family and friends to sign the baseball using a black permanent marker.
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