

MARBLE MAZE INSTRUCTIONS

- quiet play for toddlers
- good fidget object for the elderly, or for Alzheimer patients
- a good sensory toy for autistic children
- calming fidget toy for all ages



- 6.5 " x 9" scrap of fabric for the back
- same size fleece for the front (choose a solid, no prints for the front!)
- contrasting thread, pins or wonder clips
- a marble***
- optional: two pieces of fabric (1.5" squares) in a contrasting colour to mark the start/end of the marble maze.
- **IGNORE THE CORNER PATCHES**

2 - CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

Using your free PDF template, cut rectangles along the Cutting Line (marked: RED SOLID LINE):

one piece out of your backing fabrics,

- one piece of soft fusible interfacing for the back and
- one piece out of fleece (solid is best).



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3 - ASSEMBLE BACK AND FRONT



Put the two main pieces of fabric right sides together. Sew all around the pieces, using a $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam allowance (on the template, it is marked by a black DASHED line (stitching line). Don't forget to leave a gap for turning and inserting the marble, just as marked on the PDF template.

4 - TRIM CORNERS AND TURN RIGHT-SIDE-OUT

Clip the corners and any excess fabric on the seam allowance for a good fit and to reduce bulk on edges. (But be careful not to snip into any stitches !Turn right side out. Push the corners out using a point turner tool, a knitting needle, or a chopstick.

Then press the piece flat. (Only iron over cotton, never directly over fleece!)



5 - INSERT THE MARBLE



Insert the marble through the opening, and move it away from it (check out the area marked by the green star in the PDF template.) You can secure it using pins, so it won't move to where you don't need it to. Then stitch the opening closed, by machine or by hand.

6 - STITCH THE MARBLE MAZE LINES

Now, you'll sew the internal lines of the maze. To transfer the topstitching SOLID blue line onto the FRONT fabric, simply cut off the frame of the printed PDF template (= the $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam allowance area), then place the paper template onto the front fabric, secure with a few pins to let it stay in place. Like this

Now, stitch over paper. You'll remove it later. As simple as that!



IMPORTANT SEWING TIPS

1. **VISIBILITY:** Use a contrasting thread to make it visible. When playing, it's good to see the lines!
2. **SECURE** all stitches

7 - REMOVE PAPER



Remove the paper template. An easy task!

8 - TOPSTITCH AROUND

The only thing left: topstitching around the border. Move the marble to a central position so it won't be in the way, you can secure it using pins, so it won't move. See the photo below:



Topstitch around the maze using an approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. You don't need the paper template for that, though I marked it on the template to give you a feeling how to proceed.

Remember to keep the marble out of the way when sewing.



11" x 11"

