

Instructions for Ella & Ellis, the LSC elephants

Thank you for making Ella & Ellis, the LSC elephants. We plan to share these with the children in our care so they will have a constant reminder of God's love that they can hold on to. Please be creative in your choice of fabrics and colors and feel free to adapt the pattern as needed. Elephants can be sewn by hand or by using a sewing machine. We also have included instructions for a Sunday School project.

Once completed: Please plan to bring your congregation's elephants to your upcoming convocation to leave with the LSC representative, or contact Kristen Kitchen, LSC's Director of Donor Relations, at 704-754-8229 or kkitchen@LSCarolinas to discuss other options.

Materials Needed:

- Printed Pattern – printed on legal size paper
- Paper Scissors
- Fabric Scissors
- Tailors Pen, Tailors Chalk, or Fabric Pen
- Tracing Paper – if desired
- Fabric for body and patches
- Stuffing materials
- Thread
- Needle
- Sewing machine – if desired

Instructions:

These instructions work best with a sewing machine. See below for alternate construction methods.

1. Assemble necessary materials.
2. Double fabric for elephant's body. Cut doubled fabric along the pattern cutting line. For best results, cut the body pattern piece on the cutting line first, pin the body pattern to the doubled fabric, then cut both layers of fabric at the same time.
3. Using a tailors pen, chalk, or tracing paper, trace the body stitching line onto the cut fabric. Mark patch and eye locations.
4. With the right sides of the fabric together, stitch on the stitching line around the whole body, leaving approximately two inches open. Turn the right sides of the fabric out through the opening.

5. Insert the stuffing into the body, making sure the stuffing reaches into the legs, trunk, and tail.
6. Stitch the opening closed.
7. Double fabric for ear and cross patches. Cut the doubled fabric along the patch outlines. For best results, cut the patch pattern pieces, pin the patch patterns to the doubled fabric, then cut both layers of fabric at the same time.
8. Stitch ear and cross patches to the body.
9. Stitch the eyes using thread.
10. Admire your handiwork!

Alternate Construction Methods:

If a sewing machine is not accessible, Ella and Ellis can be stitched by hand using a whip stitch. This method does not require a seam allowance. Cut two each of the patches and the elephant's body. Place the two body fabric pieces wrong sides together. Using a whip stitch and thick thread or floss, tightly stitch the two fabric pieces together, leaving a two inch opening for stuffing. Sew on the patches. Insert the stuffing materials. Try to insert as much stuffing as possible so the seams are pulled tight. Stitch or draw on the eye.

Sunday School Craft:

The LSC elephant pattern can also be adapted for use as a Sunday School craft. Children can make "Flat Ella" or "Flat Ellis." The material for the body fabric should be a heavy, stiff fabric, such as thick felt. For this adaptation, cut one each of the patches and body. Children of appropriate age can cut out the body and patch fabric. If the students are too young to work safely with scissors, the instructors can pre-cut the fabric materials. The patches can be any fabric of your choosing. Students can use fabric glue or a needle and thread to attach the patches. Use a black felt marker to draw on the eye.

Note: This pattern is highly adaptable. Please feel free to change the construction methods as needed to accommodate available materials and experience levels. Be creative! But most importantly, have fun!