## Mummy Nodder

Free Pattern by Cindy Markovcy © 2008 Homespun from the Heart

## Supplies Needed:

Scraps of muslin Fiberfill stuffing Cheesecloth 2 small, 1/4" black matte buttons Tea stain Rusty spring Optional embellishments - tags, etc.



If you would like to see a free step-by-step tutorial of how to make a round head, please go to PrimMart's online Learning Center: <u>http://www.primmartcommunity.com/forum/index.php?page=learningcenter</u>

For best results, print or copy your pattern pieces onto cardstock and cut out to make templates. Using your template as a guide, cut 6 pieces from muslin for each head. The easiest way to do this is to line up all your pieces side by side and think of them as being numbered 1-6 (from left to right).

Place piece #1 and #2 RST and stitch from the slash mark at the top to the bottom. Now open those two pieces and take piece #3 and stitch RST to piece #2 Continue with pieces 4,5,and 6 until you have sewn all pieces together (piece #6 is sewn to piece #1). Make sure you sew starting at the slash mark on EVERY piece, so when you are done you have an opening.

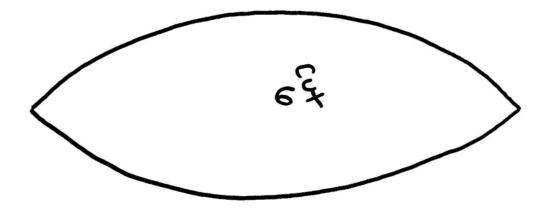
Now you have a deflated ball - turn RSO through the opening. Stuff firmly.

Take the cheesecloth and cut a few strips about 1-2" wide. Dunk them in a mixture of tea stain - I use 1/4 cup of tea to 1/2 cup of hot water. Either throw them in your dryer or just hang out on the line. When dry, wrap up the head; go around a few times to cover most of the ball and then use 6 strands black floss and stitch the buttons for eyes in place.

If you wish, stitch the head into place on the spring (I do that for craft shows so if a customer picks it up, the head won't fall out).

## Embellishing:

Let your imagination go - you can add fun tags or spooky little 'tricks' to your nodder. Anything to make it fun for Halloween!



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