Rudolph Ornament (Blink/ Fade)

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INTRODUCTION

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TOOLS:

- Scissors (1)
- Fabric (1)
- Basic Sewing Supplies (1)

PARTS:

- Crazy Circuits Starter Sewing Set (1)

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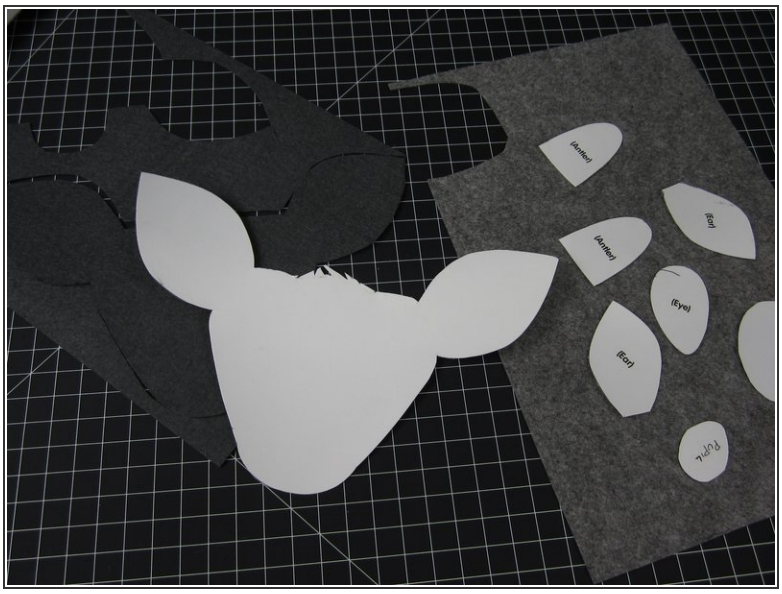
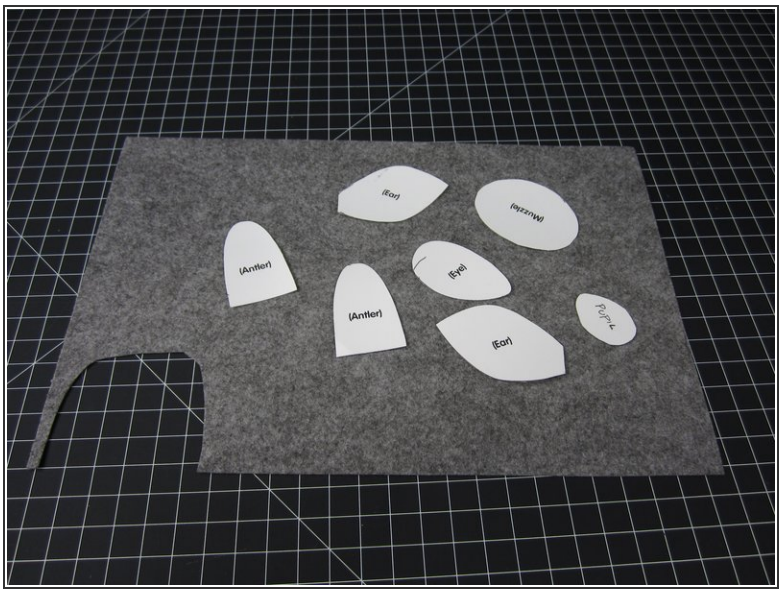
Step 1 — Cut Out the Body

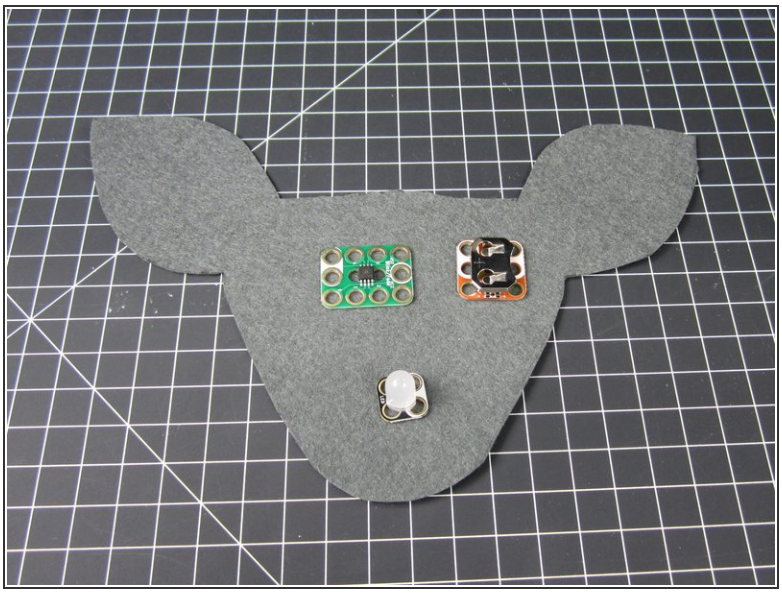


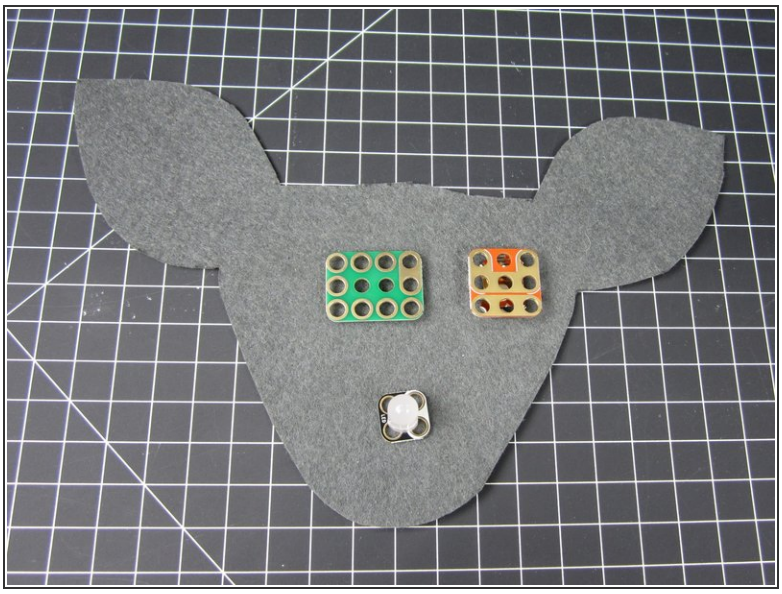


- Print off the pattern.
- Cut out the various parts from your fabric.

ⓘ Remember to cut out the large face piece twice. One will have all your electronics on it, and the other will go over the top.

Step 2 — Lay Out Your Parts

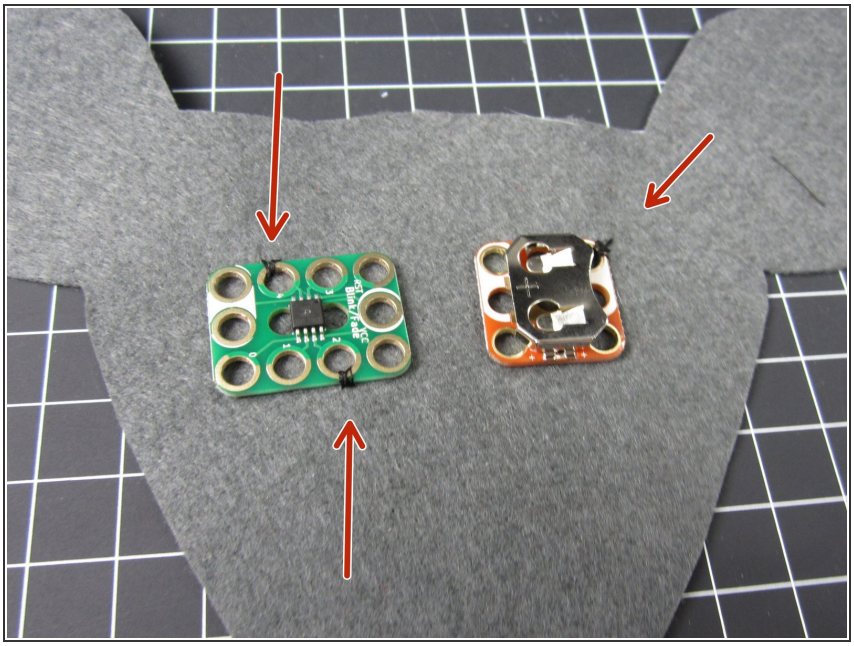




- Lay out your electronics parts and fabric parts.
- It never hurts to use a marker to draw out all your stitches.

⚠ The Blink/Fade Board and Battery Holder will be on the REVERSE side of your face.

Step 3 — Sew On The Electronics

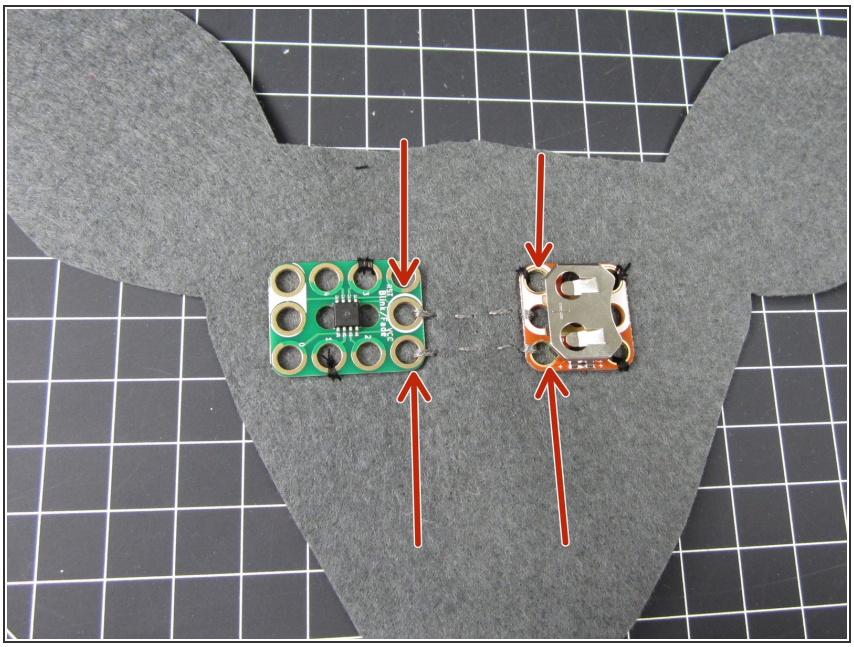


- Use regular thread to sew on your electronics. This holds the parts down and makes life easier for everything else.

ⓘ Make sure you're sewing through holes that you're not using with the Conductive Thread,

⚠ Again, make sure you have the LED on the "Front", and the Blink/ Fade and Battery Holder on the "Back".

Step 4 — Connect the Battery Holder

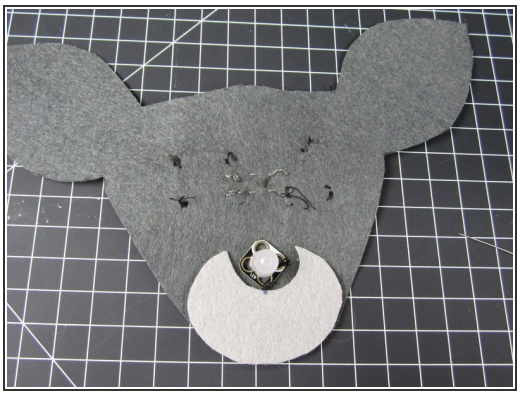
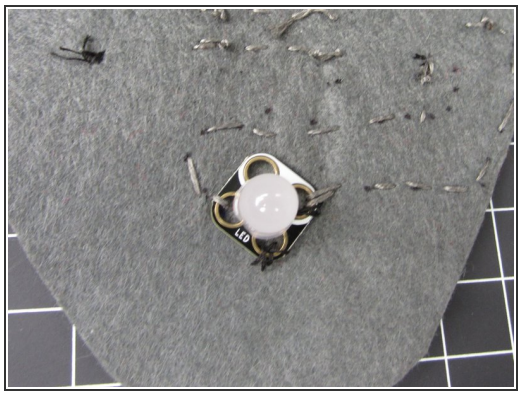
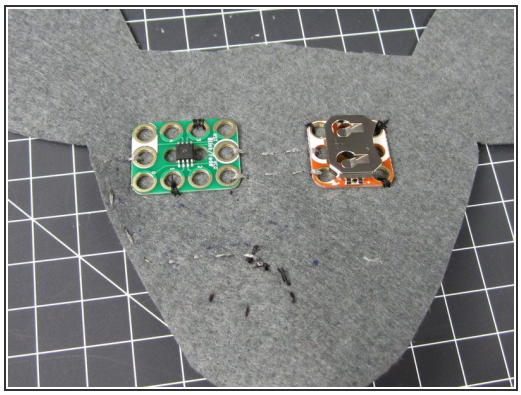


- Using Conductive Thread, connect the orange colored hole on the Battery Holder to the VCC Hole no the Blink/ Fade Board.
- Using a NEW line of thread, connect the corner white hole on the Battery Holder to the white hole on the Blink/ Fade Board. You'll want to use the white hole next to the VCC.

ⓘ Make sure to do multiple loops around each hole. If at all possible make them as "tight" as possible for a better connection.

ⓘ Tie off each hole and make sure no loose strands are connecting with the other line of Conductive Thread. This will cause a Short Circuit.

Step 5 — Connect the LED

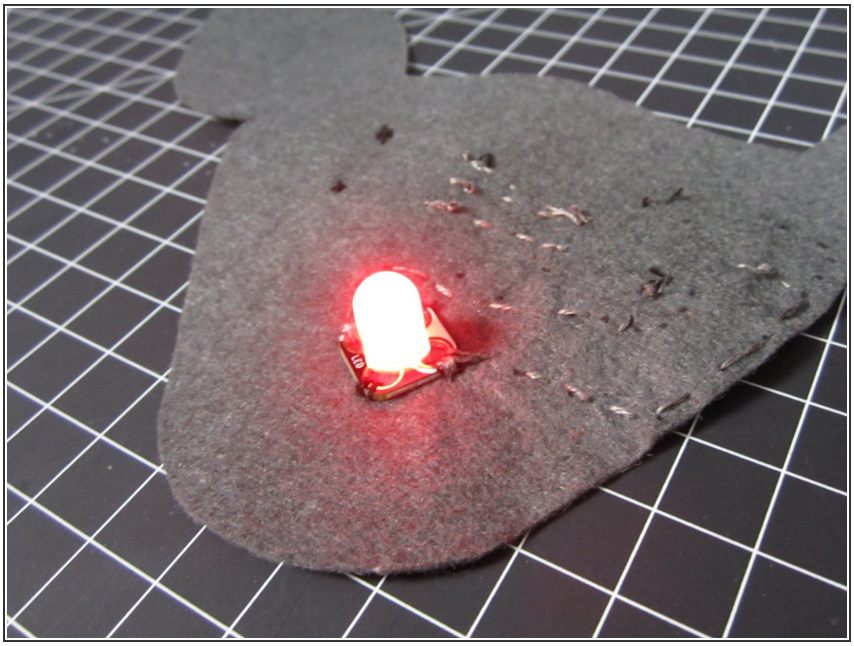




- Connect one of the white holes from the LED with one of the white holes on the Blink/Fade Board.
- Connect a colored hole on the LED to either Pin 0 or Pin 1 on the Blink/ Fade Board.

ⓘ Pin 0 and Pin 1 both will case the LED to fade, however Pin 1 fades faster than Pin 0.

ⓘ Again, make sure you're making tight loops around the holes and not trimming any excess thread off the back.

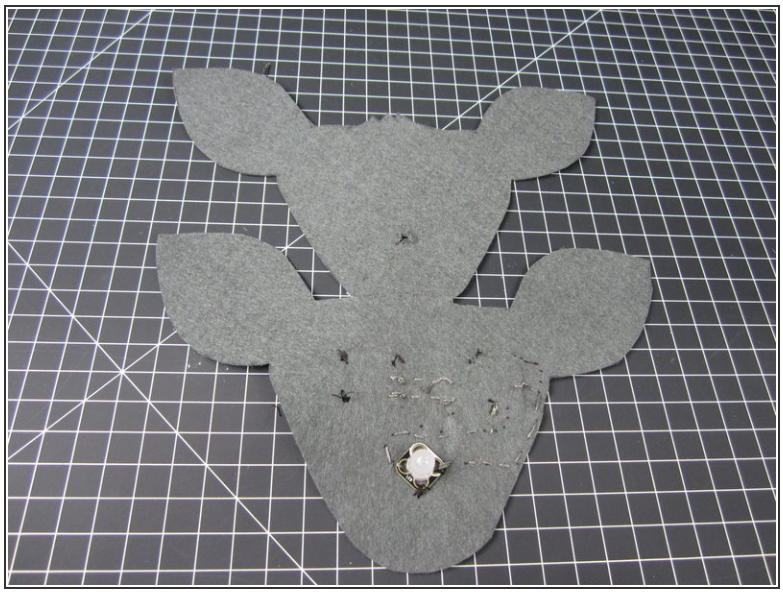
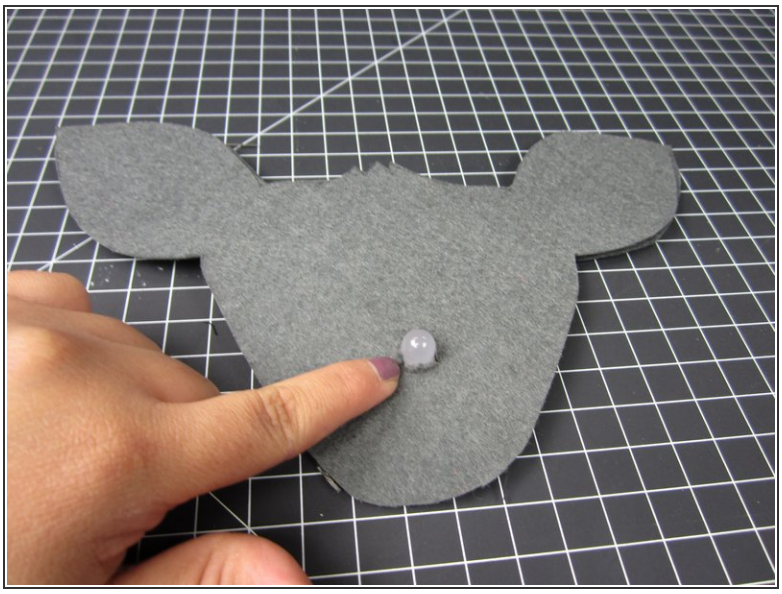
Step 6 — Test Things!



- Insert an battery and see if things light up.

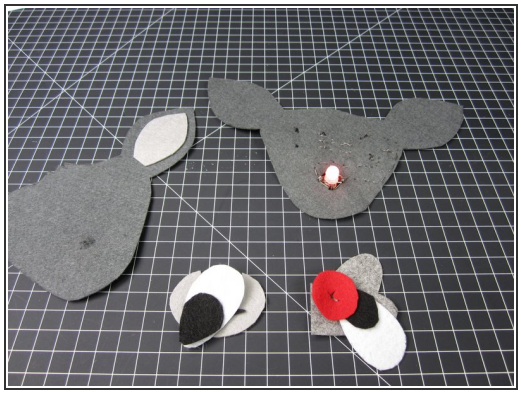
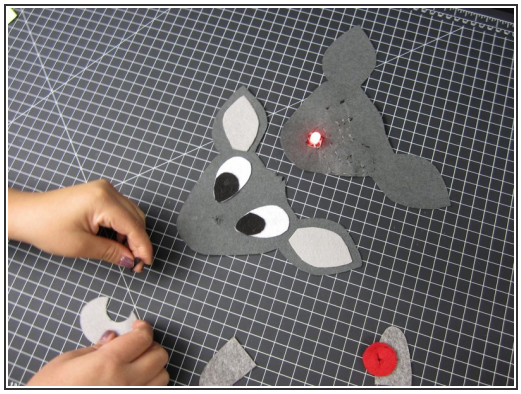
ⓘ The most common problem people run into are loose connections. Either redo that line of conductive thread OR just use more Conductive Thread to tighten up an individual hole.

Step 7 — Sew or Glue on the Face

- Cut a hole or slit in the second layer of your face for the LED to go through.
- Use hot glue, fabric glue, or sew the second layer of face onto the electronics layer.

Step 8 — Add Everything Else

- Add on all the other face embellishments. Fabric glue, got glue, or regular thread all work just fine.
- We cut slits into the red fabric for our LED to go through.

ⓘ If you REALLY wanted to you could add another face layer on the backside and fill your Rudolph with stuffing.

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