



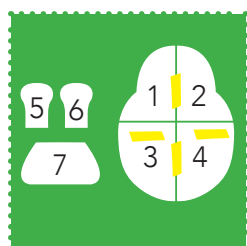
Manatees are peaceful creatures, showing kindness and friendliness. Let's be peacemakers, too, like it says in James 3:18.

YOU WILL NEED:

- Grey T-shirt
- Needle
- Black Felt
- 2 Large White Buttons
- Scissors
- Fiberfill
- 4 Black Buttons
- Masking Tape
- Thread
- Ribbon
- Fake Flowers
- 8½x11" Paper



DIRECTIONS:



1. Print out or draw the attached pattern. Cut out the pieces and tape the 4 sections for the body together.



2. Turn the grey t-shirt inside out. Attach the pattern pieces to the shirt and cut out 2 body pieces, 4 flippers, and 2 tails.



3. Sew the two sets of flippers together and the two tail pieces together, leaving the ends open. Turn right side out. Stuff with fiberfill. Top stitch around the flippers and tail as shown.



4. Lay the fins and tail along the edge of the body, facing inward. Sew the two pieces of the body together, leaving a small opening.



5. Turn right side out and stuff the body with fiberfill. Put extra fiberfill in the nose section to give it shape. Sew the opening in the body shut.



6. Sew on two small buttons for the nostrils. Sew on the two large white buttons with the smaller black ones on top for the eyes.



7. With thread, make some small gathers under the cheeks. Cut a long strip of black felt. Sew the felt over the gathers to make a mouth.



8. Run thread from one tip of the mouth to the other several times. Pull on the thread to shape the face and knot the ends.



9. With thread, baste beneath the mouth and gather it. Knot the ends. Repeat a few more times to strengthen.



10. Decorate with a bow and a flower to complete your meek manatee.



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