



Did you know that the black mask around the raccoon's eyes prevents glare and helps them see better at night? Even if we face the darkness of death, we will see God when our Redeemer returns (Job 19:25-26).

YOU WILL NEED:

- Black Felt
- Gray Felt
- White Felt
- Black Yarn
- Gray Yarn
- White Yarn
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Fiberfill Stuffing
- 2 Big Googly Eyes
- 1 Key Ring
- Hot Glue Gun
- Thread
- Sewing Needles
- Fabric Glue
- Paper
- Chalk



DIRECTIONS:



1. Draw or print out the attached raccoon picture and pattern pieces on white paper. The numbers indicate how many pieces of each part you need to cut out.



2. Use the paper patterns to cut out the pieces from black, gray and white felt. Use chalk to trace patterns if needed.



3. Sew* the two sets of black paws together. Insert into the bottom of the gray arms and sew together. Sew black stripes to the white tail. Sew on the white parts of the ears and the white soles of the feet. Sew the white chest part to the body, and the white muzzle to the head. Add the black nose and eye mask.



4. Sew together the two tail pieces, feet, and ears. Sew the ears to the head. Stuff the head and body with fiberfill and sew up.



5. Hot glue the big googly eyes to the raccoon's face. Embroider on a smiling mouth with black thread.



6. Sew the feet and arms to the body.



7. Sew the head to the body.



8. Sew the tail to the body.



9. Weave a braid from three strands of yarn.



10. Sew the braid to the head. Tie a key ring to the braid. Now you have a cute, big-eyed raccoon to put on your school backpack.

* If sewing isn't an option, you may try fabric glue.



