

Pocket Piggy directions:

For use with "Piggy in Heaven" by Melinda Johnson, illustrated by Soraya Bartolomé

1. Cut out the piggy pattern of your choice out of fleece. (They are printed to be cut with the fabric right side up under the pattern. After cutting, flip over the back piece to line it up with the front. This will place the wrong side of the fabric together inside the guinea pig.)
2. Sew or glue the nose and arms onto the front of your piggy. (We attached the whole nose in place, but only the straight edge of the arms. This leaves the "paws" floppy in case you want the piggy to "hold" anything.)
3. Add black bead "eyes" (sewing them seems to work best, but they could be glued on) and use long stitches of black embroidery floss to create the lips.
4. Sew or glue the piggy together around the edges. (The directions differ for the pocket piggy and for the piggy finger puppets. See below.)
5. Dip a cotton swab in blush and touch it to the piggy's cheeks for an adorable extra touch.

For a pocket piggy: Hand sew or glue around the edges of your piggy, leaving the bottom open. (This is a little tricky at the ears, since they do not match perfectly. Sew or glue the top edge of the ear pieces to create a 3-D look, but not the front of the top ear piece. Sew or glue the bottom of the ears shut along the curve of the head, as far into the ear as you are able to go. One small part of the ear will not be closed, but that will be fine.) Stuff your piggy with fiberfill (after the glue is dry, if you're gluing). Sew or glue the opening closed, and you're ready to go! The "Piggy" sized pocket piggy fits perfectly in a mint tin or pocket. *We sewed our pocket piggy.*

For piggy finger puppets: Glue or sew around the edges of your piggy, leaving the bottom open for puppetry. Insert your finger here (when the glue is dry if you're gluing it), and your piggy is ready to go! You may wish to make all three piggies, so there can be piggy play! *We glued our piggy finger puppets.*

You may wish to also create felt or fleece daisies and grass for the piggies to eat.

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