

CHRISTMAS MOUSIE IN A CAN

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Mouse: Cut out mouse pattern and pin to your natural muslin fabric and cut (2). Machine stitch around, leaving bottom opening for stuffing. Turn Mousie RSO.

Cut (2) small slits on mouse head where noted on pattern where his ears will slide through. Make sure these slits are no bigger than 1/4" long.

Cut out your mouse ears and pin to your natural muslin fabric on the centerfold and cut (2). Machine stitch completely around leaving no opening. To turn your mouse ears RSO, cut a small slit running from short side to short side in the very middle of the ear section. Turn ear RSO through slit with a meat skewer or small wooden dowel.

Push the ears through the slits on the mouse head and line up the opened slit so it is facing into the body and will not show.

Now, stuff your mouse completely. I use a wooden dowel to push the polyfil up into the mouse head. With your natural embroidery thread, close the bottom by doing a running stitch around the mouse's bottom and knotting off tightly.

Paint your Mousie: Take your **Extreme Stain Mixture** and brush a light coat of this stain all over the mouse. Blot with a paper towel to remove excess.

While still wet, sponge on your Milk chocolate paint. You can thin this paint a little bit by adding a few drops of water to about 4 t. of Milk chocolate paint. Sponge all over mousie and let air dry.

After Mousie has dried, take your white craft paint and lightly sponge on his tummy. You just want a very light coat,,so do not over load the sponge...make sure the sponge is almost a dry sponge before painting his tummy white. Allow to dry.

Paint a little bit of pink inside the mouse ears and let dry.

Sew on your bead eyes with black embroidery thread and knot off at ends. Leave ends a little long after the knot for his eye lashes. Take a little white Elmers glue and rub over the ends of the black floss where his eye lashes are and allow to dry. This will harden the lashes.

Take your Sisal found at Walmart,(if you can not find Sisal, use brown floss) and cut a piece about 6" long. You will have to unwind this piece and take only about 4 strands out. Thread your embroidery needle with the pieces of Sisal. Go in one side of the nose where his whiskers would be and out the other side and allow the whiskers to hang down. You can coat the whiskers with white Elmers glue and allow to dry.

Stocking Cap: Cut out your stocking cap and put on center fold of fabric and cut (2). Machine stitch up both sides leaving bottom opened. Turn hat right side out. I used an old white washcloth for the fabric for the mouse hat. Soak hat in your Extreme Stain Mixture (recipe attached). Wring out and allow to dry in sun.

When dry, you will need to cut 2 little slits very close to the hat end where the mouse ears will poke through. Push the ears through small slits. Stuff a little polyfil into the hat to make it stand up a little bit. Hot glue to mouse head. Around the edge of the hat, hot glue some moss or greens. Sew a rusty bell to the end of his hat.

Candy Cane: Cut a piece of 7" natural grapevine wire. Take a piece of red and white ticking and rip a piece 1" x 14" long. You are going to rag rap the candy cane. Hot glue one end of the ticking to the end of the natural grapevine wire, and starting wrapping around the grapevine wire. As you go, put a little hot glue under the fabric to hold in place. Once you have gotten to the end of the wire, hot glue in place. I form a "Package" end when I reach the bottom and hot glue in place. Form your candy cane top by bending the wire over. Brush candy cane with Extreme Stain Mixture. Allow to dry. Brush over with Elmers glue and sprinkle with Mica or Glitter. Allow to dry.

Rusty Can: In the pattern picture, I used a Bushes Bake Bean Can which is larger, but this mouse fits in all normal size soup cans,,,Progresso soup cans work great.

Take your empty clean can and remove wrapper. Paint entire can with your Burnt Umber Craft Paint, or dark brown craft paint. Let dry. Brush over can with white Elmers glue. Roll in a plate of spices, 1 jar of cinnamon and 2 t. nutmeg. Make sure the jar is completely covered with the spices. Allow to dry. Your jar should resemble a rusty jar when dried. You can spray with Clear Satin Varnish or just leave as is.

Print off your aged image on a piece of white or cream stock paper. I have included (2) different size images, (1) for a large can and (1) for a regular size soup can. Trim. Burn edges. Hot glue to front of can. Brush glue around the edges of the paper and sprinkle with Mica or glitter.

Cut a piece of Styrofoam to fit inside your can. Hot glue into the bottom of can.

Hot glue prim greens and moss around the insides of the outer edge of the rusty can. Hot glue mouse bottom to can. Fill around mouse with more greens and berries.

For mouse hands take a piece of grapevine wire and form a "U". Bend the bottom part of the "U" down and hot glue that part to the mouse tummy. Hold in place. Hot glue in the Candy Cane to his hands. You are done.

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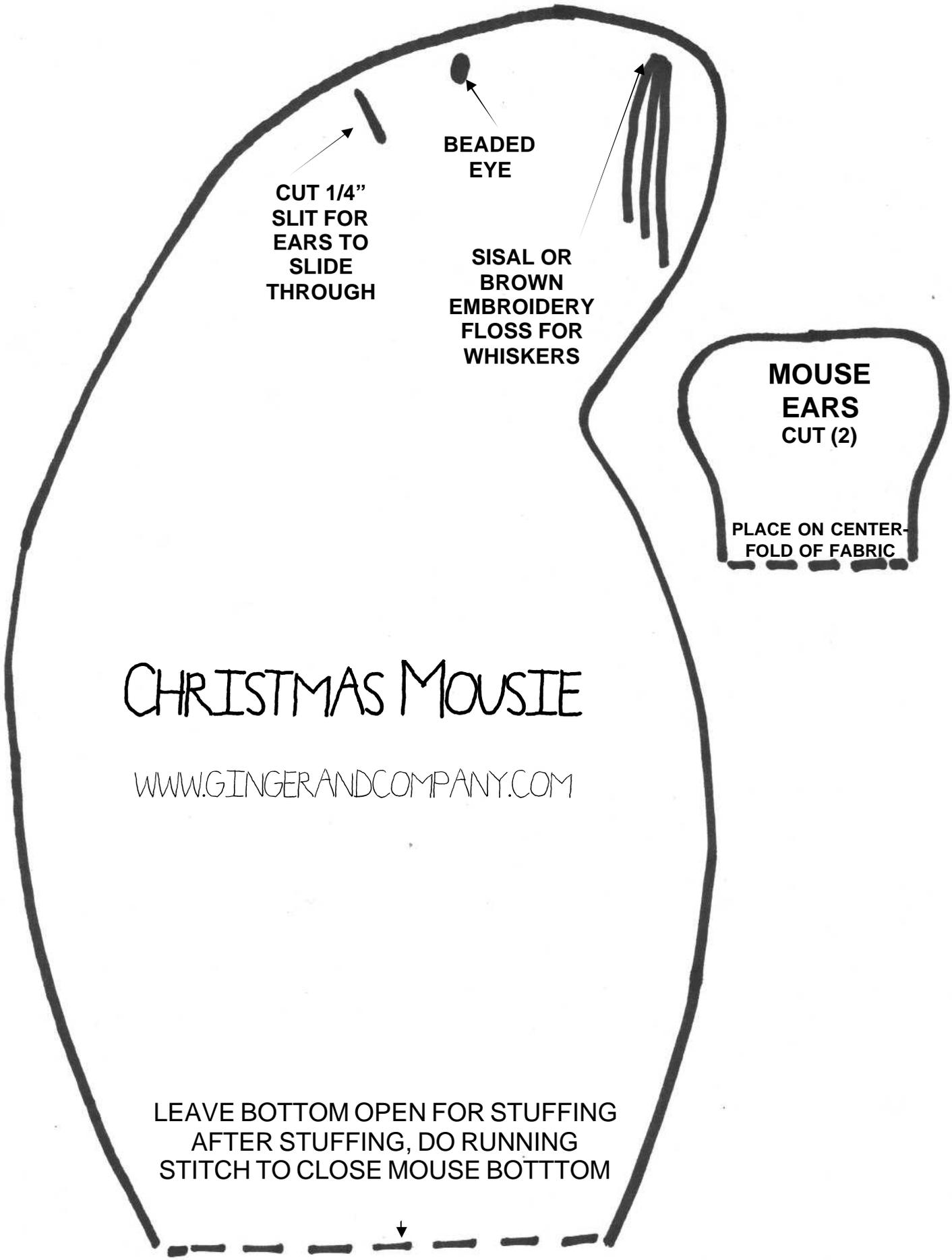
Pattern Necessities:

Natural Muslin
Polyfil
(1) White Cheap Terry Washcloth—(Wal-mart)
Milk Chocolate Craft Paint or Light Brown
Burnt Umber Craft Paint Americana Brand, or Dark Brown Craft Paint
White Craft Paint
(2) Black Beads For Eyes
(1) Rusty Bell
Black Embroidery Thread
Natural Embroidery Thread
Natural Grapevine Wire (Wal-Mart Floral Section)
Spaghnum Moss (Wal-Mart)
Prim Greens & Burgundy Berries
(1) Jar Cinnamon
(2) T. Nutmeg
Rusty Soup Can
Instant Coffee
Cookie Sheet, Foil & Paper Towels
Glue Gun & Glue Sticks
Craft Paint Brush Stiff Bristles (1) 2"
Sponge for Painting Mousie
(1) Piece of White Cardstock Paper
White Elmers Glue
Mica, Glass Glitter or Glitter

Extreme Stain Mixture

1 Cup Hot Water
6 Tablespoons of Instant Coffee

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CUT 1/4"
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EARS TO
SLIDE
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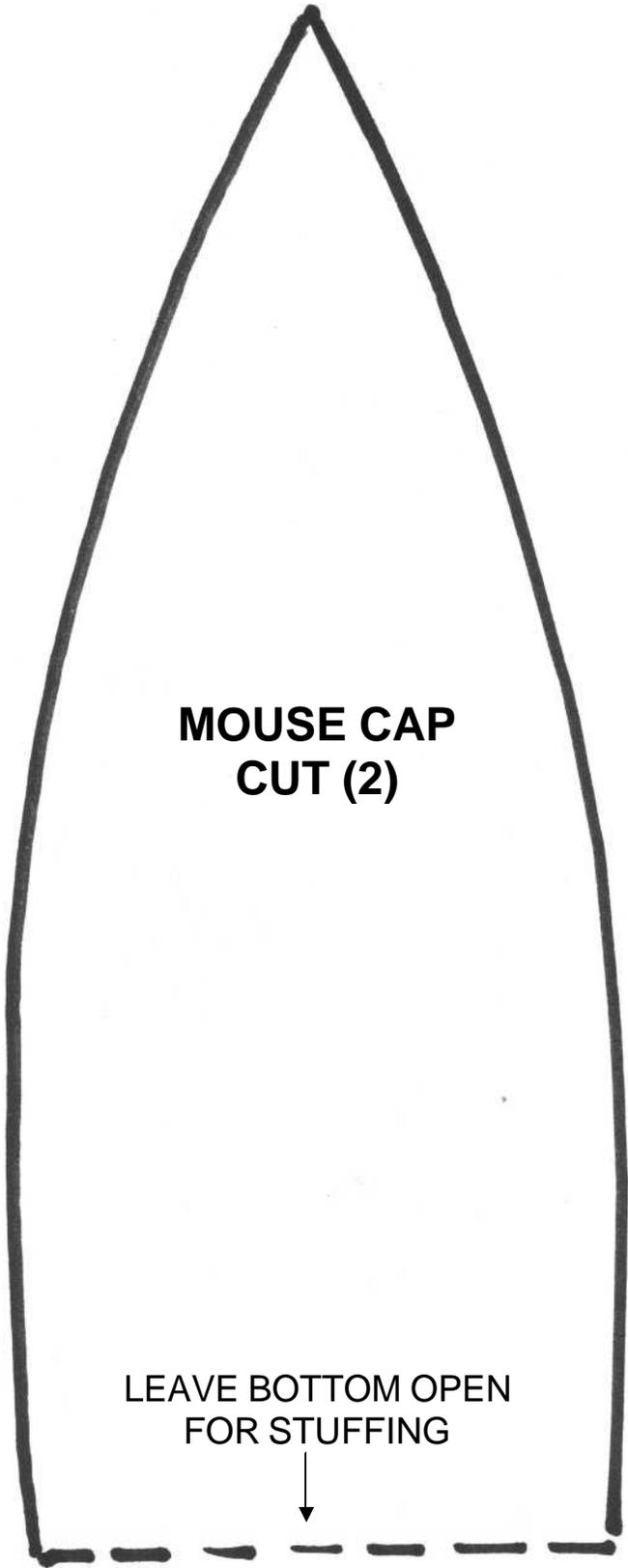
MOUSE
EARS
CUT (2)

PLACE ON CENTER-
FOLD OF FABRIC

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LEAVE BOTTOM OPEN FOR STUFFING
AFTER STUFFING, DO RUNNING
STITCH TO CLOSE MOUSE BOTTTOM



**MOUSE CAP
CUT (2)**

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