

sock animals

- 1 Start with a pair of men's tube socks. Cut the tube into two rounded arms. The heel and toe are cut for the ears. Use either the sole (striped piece) or solid piece for the tail.
 - 2 Take the other sock and fold it so that the heel is facing up. The toe of the sock will become the head. Cut the tube into two rounded legs.
 - 3 Flip the sock inside out. Sew the legs on each side, leaving a U-shaped opening at the crotch for stuffing. Flip right-side out, and stuff the legs, body, and head with cotton batting. Fill the head generously, so the head becomes round. Fold the edges of the legs inside and sew shut.
 - 4 Flip the arms, tail, and ears inside out. Sew around the edges, leaving an opening at each end for flipping right-side out.
 - 5 Slightly fold the ears together (creating an ear cavity) and attach to the head. Sew wide stitches along the base of the neck (leaving thread on both ends for pulling). Pull taut to gather the neck. Tie in a tight knot on the back side.
 - 6 Flip the arms and tail right-side out, and stuff with batting. Fold the open parts inside and sew shut.
 - 7 Attach the arms and tail to the body.
 - 8 Using embroidery thread and buttons, add details to create the facial features.
- * The cat, dog, and monkey are adapted creations taken from the book "Sock & Glove" by Miyako Kanamori.