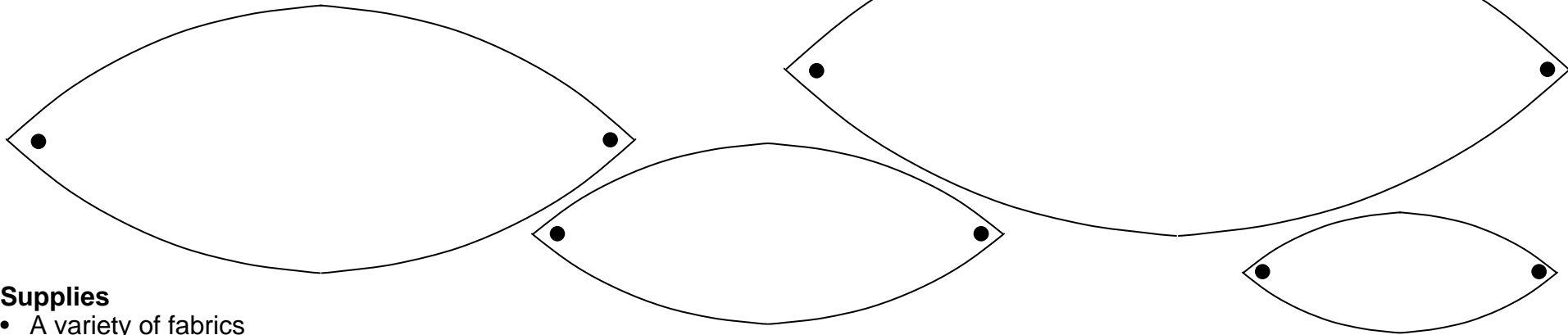


Amish Puzzle Ball (page 2 of 2)



Supplies

- A variety of fabrics
- Sewing thread and needle (I sewed mine by hand, but you can use a machine.)
- Fiberfill
- One of the templates above

Note: Make your first ball using one of the larger templates – the smallest one is tricky because it's so small, but it's really cute!

Instructions

1. Use one of the templates above to cut 36 melon shapes.
2. Sew two melons together from dot to dot, using an approximate $\frac{1}{4}$ seam (as long as the seams are uniform, you'll be fine!), then add a third melon, connecting at the dots. Finally, sew the third seam leaving a 1-inch opening.
3. Stuff the unit lightly, then stitch the opening closed. Do this 12 times to make 12 stuffed units.
4. Sew four of the units together at the points. Add another unit connecting two of the free points, as shown in the photo at right.
5. Make one more four-unit piece and sew it to the eight-unit piece.
6. You're done!



Fabric Suggestions

- You might want to fussy cut 12 of the shapes out of a novelty fabric and use those as the outside of the melon units.
- Or select 12 fabrics with a variety of textures, such as satin, velvet, upholstery, etc., to stimulate the baby's tactile senses!