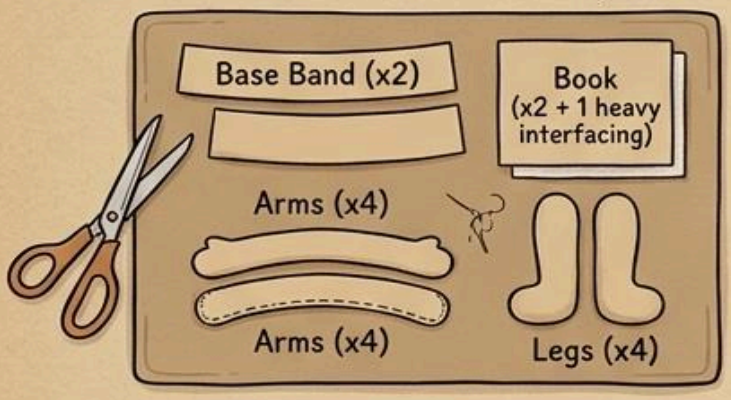
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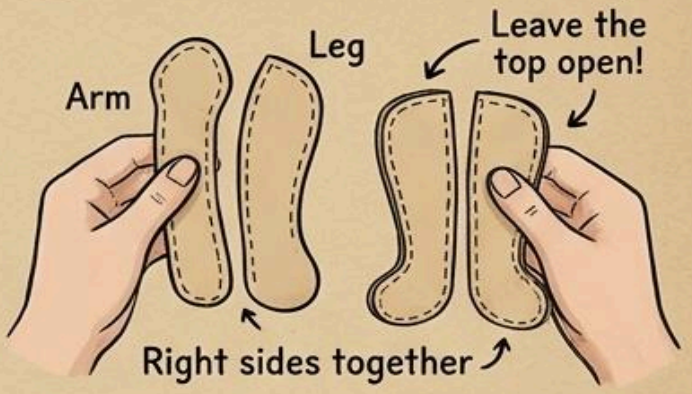
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A step-by-step guide to make your own cozy bathroom companion!

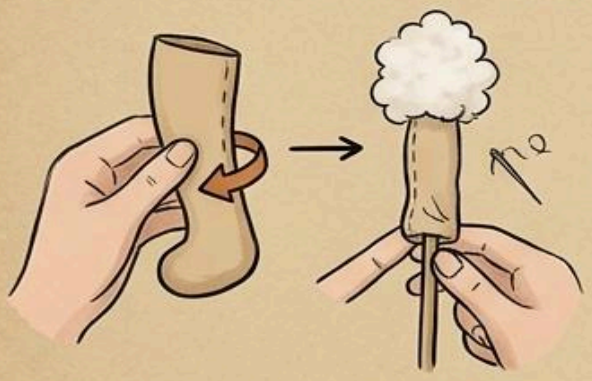
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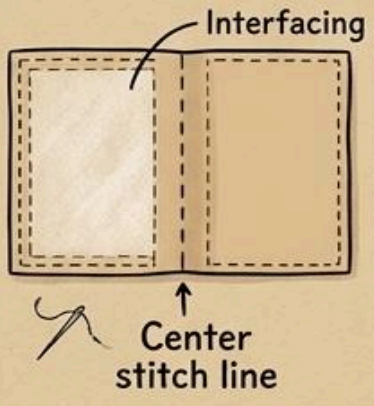
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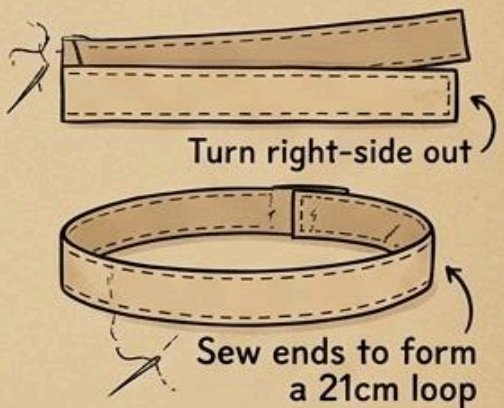
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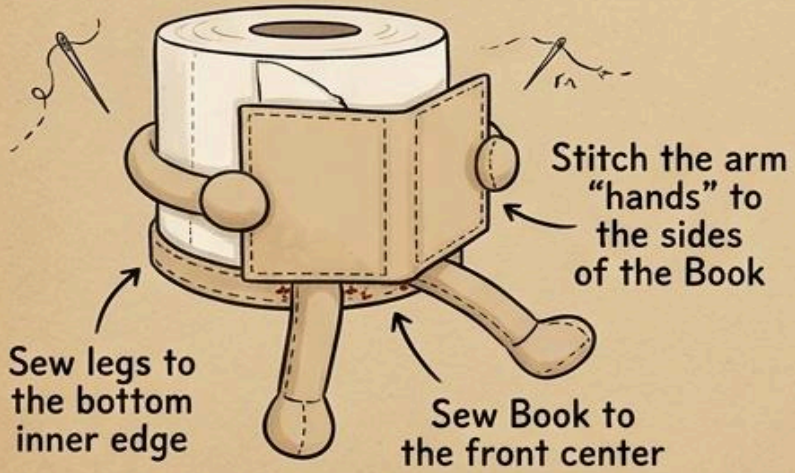
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🧵 TOILET PAPER HOLDER “READER” – COMPLETE SEWING TUTORIAL

Create an adorable fabric toilet paper holder with a little book-shaped pocket, a pair of arms, and two dangling legs! This charming handmade accessory wraps around a toilet paper roll and turns an everyday bathroom essential into a cute decorative character.

This project is beginner-friendly and uses basic sewing techniques, fabric stuffing, and simple pattern pieces. Follow the measurements and instructions below to recreate the design shown in the reference images.

✂️ Step 1: Gather Your Materials and Supplies

Before starting, prepare all the materials you will need.

Materials:

- Medium-weight cotton, linen, canvas, or cotton-linen blend fabric for the main body.
- Matching fabric for the arms and legs.
- Heavyweight fusible interfacing for the book-shaped front pocket.
- Polyester fiberfill stuffing for the arms and legs.
- Matching sewing thread.
- One toilet paper roll for fitting and testing.

Sewing tools:

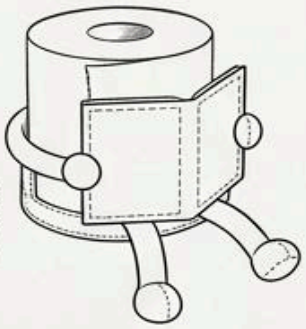
- Sewing machine.
- Fabric scissors or rotary cutter.
- Measuring tape or ruler.
- Sewing pins or fabric clips.
- Hand-sewing needle.
- Fabric marking pen or tailor's chalk.
- Iron and ironing board.
- Seam ripper (optional).
- Safety pin or turning tool for narrow fabric tubes.

Recommended fabric: Natural beige, cream, oatmeal, or ivory cotton fabric will give you a look similar to the finished example. You can also choose another color to match your bathroom décor.

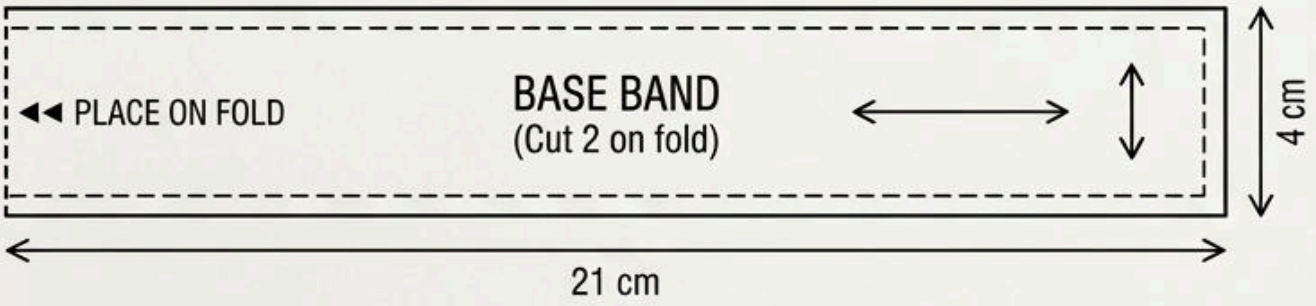
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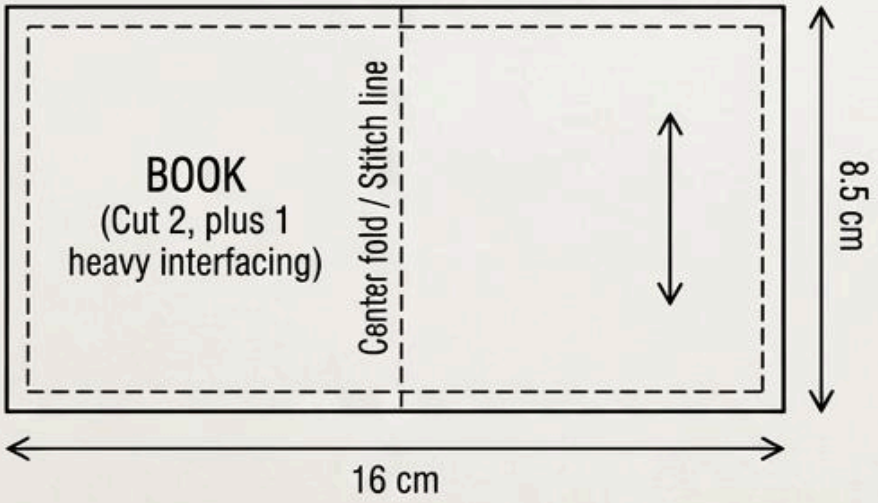
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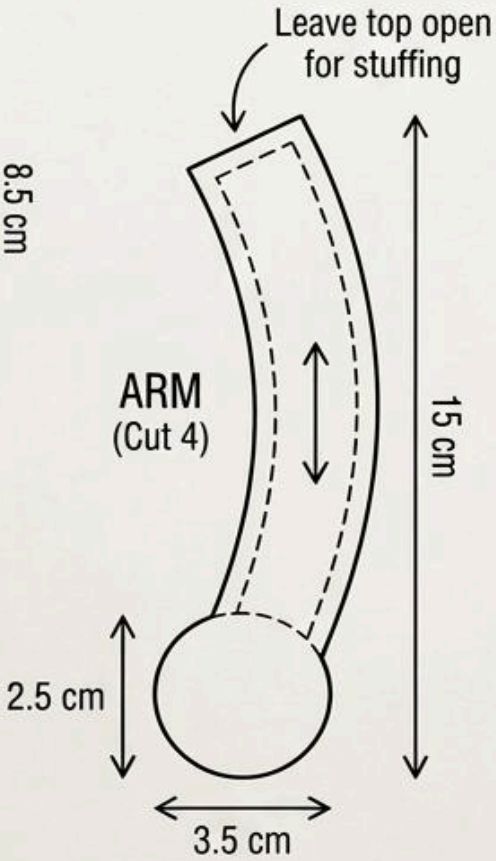
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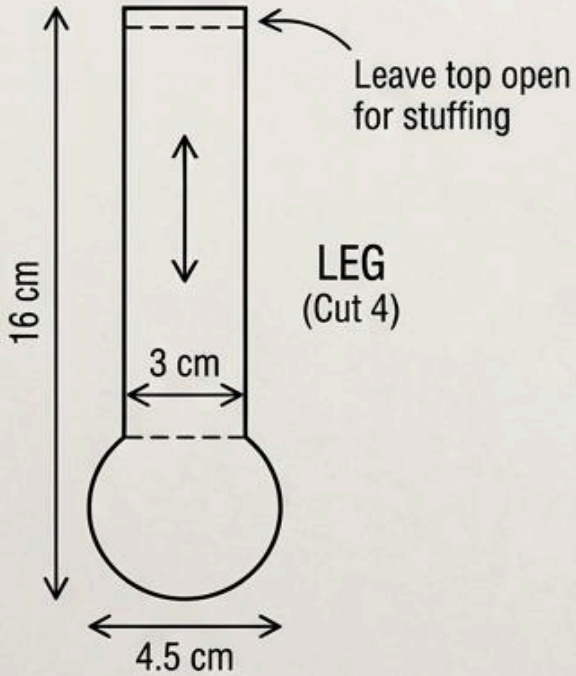


FINISHED PROJECT
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SCALE CHECK
SQUARE
(2 cm x 2 cm)

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📄 Step 2: Print and Prepare the Sewing Pattern

The supplied pattern is designed for an A4 printable sheet.

Before cutting anything, make sure your printer settings are correct.

1. Open the pattern file on your computer.
2. Select A4 paper size (8.27 × 11.69 inches).
3. Choose **Actual Size** or **100% Scale** in the print settings.
4. Disable options such as "Fit to Page" or "Shrink to Fit."
5. Print the pattern.
6. Measure the scale-check square shown on the pattern.

The scale-check square must measure exactly **2 cm × 2 cm** (approximately 0.79 × 0.79 inches).

If the square is not the correct size, adjust your printer settings and print again.

Important: All measurements in this tutorial are in centimeters, and the pattern already includes a 0.5 cm (approximately 3/16 inch) seam allowance. Do not add another seam allowance when cutting the pieces.

📐 Step 3: Understand the Pattern Pieces

The pattern contains four main components.

1. Base Band

- Pattern dimensions: 21 cm × 4 cm.
- Cutting instruction: Cut 2 on the fold.
- Purpose: Forms the fabric band that wraps around the toilet paper roll.

2. Book Panel

- Pattern dimensions: 16 cm × 8.5 cm.
- Cutting instruction: Cut 2 fabric pieces, plus 1 piece of heavy interfacing.
- Purpose: Creates the small book-shaped pocket on the front of the holder.
- Special marking: The vertical center line indicates the center fold or stitching reference.

3. Arms

- Pattern length: 15 cm.
- Foot measurement: 3.5 cm wide × 2.5 cm high.
- Cutting instruction: Cut 4 fabric pieces.
- Purpose: Creates two curved arms with rounded hands.

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4. Legs

- Pattern length: 16 cm.
- Leg width: 3 cm.
- Foot measurement: 4.5 cm in diameter.
- Cutting instruction: Cut 4 fabric pieces.
- Purpose: Creates two dangling legs with rounded feet.

Keep the pattern pieces organized and label them before sewing.

✂️ Step 4: Cut All the Fabric Pieces

Place your fabric on a flat surface and smooth out any wrinkles.

Follow the cutting quantities printed on the pattern.

Base Band:

- Cut 2 pieces on the fold, following the indicated placement.
- Make sure the fabric is folded neatly and the pattern's fold marking is correctly aligned.

Book Panel:

- Cut 2 identical pieces from your main fabric.
- Cut 1 matching piece of heavy interfacing.

Arms:

- Cut 4 pieces using the curved arm pattern.
- These pieces will form two complete arms.

Legs:

- Cut 4 pieces using the leg pattern.
- These pieces will form two complete legs.

Transfer all important markings to the wrong side of the fabric, including the center line of the book panel and the openings that must remain unsewn.

Keep the fabric pieces together in separate groups to avoid mixing them up.

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📚 Step 5: Prepare the Book-Shaped Front Pocket

The book panel is the decorative front section of the holder.

1. Take one of the two book fabric pieces.
2. Place the interfacing against the wrong side of the fabric.
3. Fuse the interfacing according to the manufacturer's instructions, using the appropriate heat setting.
4. Allow the fabric to cool completely.
5. Place the two book fabric pieces together with their right sides facing each other.
6. Pin or clip around the edges.

Sew around the outer perimeter using the included 0.5 cm seam allowance.

Leave a small opening along one edge so you can turn the piece right side out.

Trim excess bulk from the corners without cutting through the stitching.

Turn the panel right side out through the opening.

Use a blunt turning tool to gently shape the corners, then press the panel flat.

Close the turning opening with a neat hand-sewn ladder stitch or a carefully placed machine stitch.

Center fold and stitching line:

Use the vertical center marking on the pattern as your reference. Transfer this line to the prepared panel and fold or stitch along it as indicated.

Press the center line gently to create the book-like appearance.

The finished piece should resemble a small fabric book with a defined front and back.

🦵 Step 6: Sew the Two Legs

The legs are made from two fabric pieces each and have rounded feet at the bottom.

You will need all four leg fabric pieces.

1. Take two matching leg pieces.
2. Place them together with the right sides facing inward.
3. Align the long edges and the rounded foot shapes.
4. Pin or clip the pieces together.
5. Sew around the leg and foot outline using the included 0.5 cm seam allowance.
6. Leave the top end open for stuffing.

Repeat the process with the remaining two pieces to create the second leg.

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Carefully clip small notches around the curved foot seam allowance where necessary, taking care not to cut the stitching.

Turn both legs right side out through their open top ends.

Use a turning tool or a safety pin to help turn the narrow leg sections.

Gently push the rounded feet into shape.

Stuffing the legs:

Fill each leg with polyester fiberfill.

- Begin by stuffing the rounded foot.
- Continue filling the narrow leg section.
- Distribute the stuffing evenly.
- Avoid overstuffing, as the legs should remain soft and flexible.

Leave a small amount of space near the top opening so the legs can be attached neatly to the base band.

Set both finished legs aside.

💪 Step 7: Sew the Two Curved Arms

The arms have a curved shape and rounded hands at their ends.

You will need four arm fabric pieces.

1. Take two arm pieces and place them right sides together.
2. Match the curved edges and rounded hand shapes.
3. Pin carefully, especially around the curves.
4. Sew around the perimeter using the included 0.5 cm seam allowance.
5. Leave the top opening unsewn for stuffing.

Repeat with the remaining two pieces to create the second arm.

Trim small notches into the curved seam allowance where needed, without cutting the stitching.

Turn each arm right side out through the open top.

Use a turning tool to help shape the narrow curved sections and rounded hands.

Stuffing the arms:

Fill each arm with polyester fiberfill.

Start with the rounded hand, then gradually work the stuffing up the curved arm.

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Make sure the stuffing is distributed evenly.

Keep the arms soft enough to bend naturally around the toilet paper holder.

Do not close the top openings yet.

🧵 Step 8: Assemble the Base Band

The base band is the main structure that wraps around the toilet paper roll.

Take the two base band pieces cut according to the pattern.

Place them together with their right sides facing each other.

Align the edges carefully and pin or clip them in place.

Sew along the edges following the pattern's construction and fold markings, maintaining the included 0.5 cm seam allowance.

Leave any required turning or assembly opening accessible.

Turn the band right side out if the construction requires it, and press it flat.

Check that the finished band is even and that the edges are neatly aligned.

The band should wrap around the lower portion of the toilet paper roll without being excessively tight.

Fitting tip: Before attaching the decorative pieces, test the band around your toilet paper roll. The 21 cm pattern measurement is the specified pattern dimension, but toilet paper rolls can vary in diameter. Preserve the pattern dimensions for the intended design and check the fit before final assembly.

🧷 Step 9: Attach the Legs to the Base Band

Now it is time to give your toilet paper holder its little legs!

Position the two stuffed legs along the lower portion of the base band.

Arrange them so they hang downward and are spaced evenly.

For the look shown in the reference photograph:

- Position one leg toward the left side.
- Position the other leg toward the right side.
- Keep enough space between them so they hang naturally.
- Make sure both legs are approximately the same height.

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Insert the open top of each leg into the appropriate attachment point along the lower edge of the band.

Pin the pieces securely.

Sew across each attachment point with a strong reinforcing stitch.

Check that the legs are firmly attached and hang freely.

If necessary, add a few extra hand stitches to reinforce the connections.

🪡 Step 10: Attach the Arms to the Base Band

The arms wrap around the toilet paper roll and help create the character-like appearance.

Take your two stuffed arms.

Position them on opposite sides of the base band, following the finished-project reference.

The curved sections should extend around the sides of the toilet paper roll.

The rounded hands should sit toward the front and sides of the holder.

Make sure the arms are positioned symmetrically.

Insert or position the open upper ends of the arms at the designated attachment areas of the band.

Pin securely and sew them in place with reinforced stitching.

Check that both arms are secure and that their curved shapes remain visible.

The arms should be flexible enough to wrap around the roll without pulling excessively on the seams.

📖 Step 11: Attach the Book Panel to the Front

The book-shaped panel is the main decorative feature of this design.

Position the prepared book panel on the front of the base band.

Center it between the two arms and align it horizontally.

The book should sit upright, with its center fold or stitching line creating the appearance of a small open book.

Pin the panel in place.

Sew around the sides and lower edge, following the construction of the reference design.

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Keep the upper edge open, as indicated by the pattern and finished-project photograph.

This opening gives the front panel its book-pocket appearance.

Use a neat topstitch close to the edge for a clean finish.

Check that the panel is firmly attached and that the edges are straight.

The finished panel should look like a little fabric book positioned at the front of the toilet paper holder.

🧸 Step 12: Shape and Finish the Character

Your toilet paper holder should now have:

- A fabric base band.
- A book-shaped front pocket.
- Two curved stuffed arms.
- Two dangling stuffed legs.
- Four rounded extremities: two hands and two feet.

Take a moment to adjust the stuffing in the arms and legs.

Gently massage the fiberfill so there are no large lumps or empty areas.

Make sure the feet and hands are rounded and evenly shaped.

Check all attachment points and reinforce any loose stitches.

Trim loose threads and remove any remaining pins.

Press the fabric carefully where needed, avoiding direct high heat on the stuffed sections or interfacing.

🧻 Step 13: Place the Holder Around the Toilet Paper Roll

Now you can put your finished creation to use!

1. Take a standard toilet paper roll.
2. Position the fabric base band around the lower portion of the roll.
3. Adjust the band so it sits evenly.
4. Arrange the arms around the sides of the roll.
5. Position the book panel at the front.
6. Let the two legs hang naturally over the front edge of the shelf or bathroom counter.
7. Adjust the rounded hands and feet to create the desired appearance.

Make sure the toilet paper roll remains accessible from the top.

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The completed holder should resemble the reference photograph, with the roll sitting above the fabric band and the little book positioned at the front.

✨ Step 14: Final Quality Check

Before displaying your project, inspect the entire holder.

Seams and construction:

- Check that all seams are secure.
- Make sure the arms and legs are firmly attached.
- Confirm that the stuffing openings are completely closed.
- Check that there are no exposed raw edges.

Appearance:

- The book panel should be centered.
- Both arms should be positioned evenly.
- Both legs should hang naturally.
- The hands and feet should have a rounded shape.
- The base band should sit evenly around the toilet paper roll.

Functionality:

- The roll should fit comfortably.
- The top of the toilet paper roll should remain accessible.
- The holder should not be so tight that replacing the roll becomes difficult.

🧺 Care and Maintenance

To keep your handmade toilet paper holder looking beautiful:

- Spot-clean small stains with a damp cloth and mild detergent.
- If the fabric is machine washable, check the fabric and interfacing care instructions first.
- Use a gentle wash cycle if the completed construction allows machine washing.
- Air-dry thoroughly.
- Avoid excessive heat, especially around the interfacing and stuffed areas.

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❤️ Your Toilet Paper Holder “Reader” Is Complete!

Congratulations! You have created a charming handmade toilet paper holder featuring a little fabric book, soft curved arms, and dangling stuffed legs.

This project makes a lovely bathroom decoration and a thoughtful handmade gift for friends, family, housewarmings, or anyone who enjoys unique sewing projects.

You can personalize your finished holder with different fabrics, colors, and prints while keeping the original pattern dimensions and construction details.

Happy Sewing! 🧵🪡