

Henrietta

The Speckled Mama Hen

Materials List



1. Wool felt - in a main colour for your hen body. You may either like to make a heathered grey Henrietta or something a little more brownish red. For the little chicks I used a pale yellow & orange for the beaks. For Henrietta's comb and wattles you'll need some dark orange or red felt and yellow or light grey for the beak. As I explain in the video my preference is to use commercial dyed felt for these small pieces as it is thin & easy to work with.

2. 100% wool stuffing - to stuff your hen and little chicks.

3. Embroidery cotton/floss - in a colour to match your hen and chick bodies and some white to create Henrietta's speckles (I used some sashiko cotton). For the eyes you will need some black "sew all"/ quilting or embroidery thread. You will also need some red/ dark orange sew all thread to

4. Sewing needles - Quilt basting needles are my all time favourite needles (these are very long thin sharp needles) - great for when you need to pass the needle through the body of felt animal such as when creating the eyes. I also love chenille needles for general felt stitching.

5. Scissors, pins, chopstick for stuffing.

6. Optional - a small coin to weight your hen (I used a 5 cent piece). Alternatively you could add a little cardboard cut out in the base and a stone to give it a little weight.

About...

Meet Henrietta the speckled mama hen and her family of cute chicks! This simple and quick project is perfect for storytelling or imaginative play. They would also be perfect for the Easter table and along with a little felted nest, would make a special gift.



The Speckled Sussex Chicken...

The Speckled Sussex chicken originated in England in about AD 43... making them one of the oldest breeds. Known for their attractive and eye-catching appearance, Speckled Sussex chickens have a distinct plumage pattern that sets them apart from other chicken breeds.

- **Plumage:** The primary characteristic of this chicken breed is their striking plumage pattern. They have a reddish-brown base color that can range from a rich chestnut to a warm mahogany shade. The most defining feature of this chicken breed is the scattered white speckles that cover their reddish-brown feathers. These speckles give the breed its name and create a beautiful mottled effect, making each chicken unique in its pattern.
- **Size and Body Shape:** Speckled Sussex chickens are a medium-sized breed. Roosters usually weigh around 8-9 pounds, while hens weigh slightly less, around 6-7 pounds. They have a well-rounded, medium-sized body with a slightly curved back and a relatively short tail.
- **Comb and Wattles:** They have a medium-sized single comb and red wattles, which are the fleshy lobes that hang down from the sides of their beaks

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