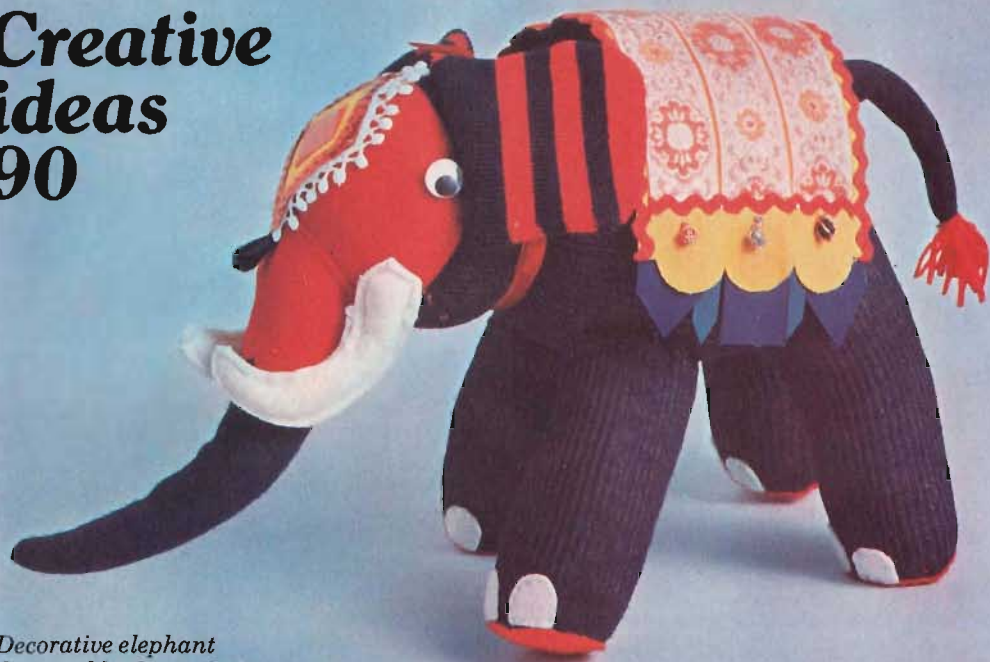


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Decorative elephant designed by Stacy Carr.



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Sock elephant

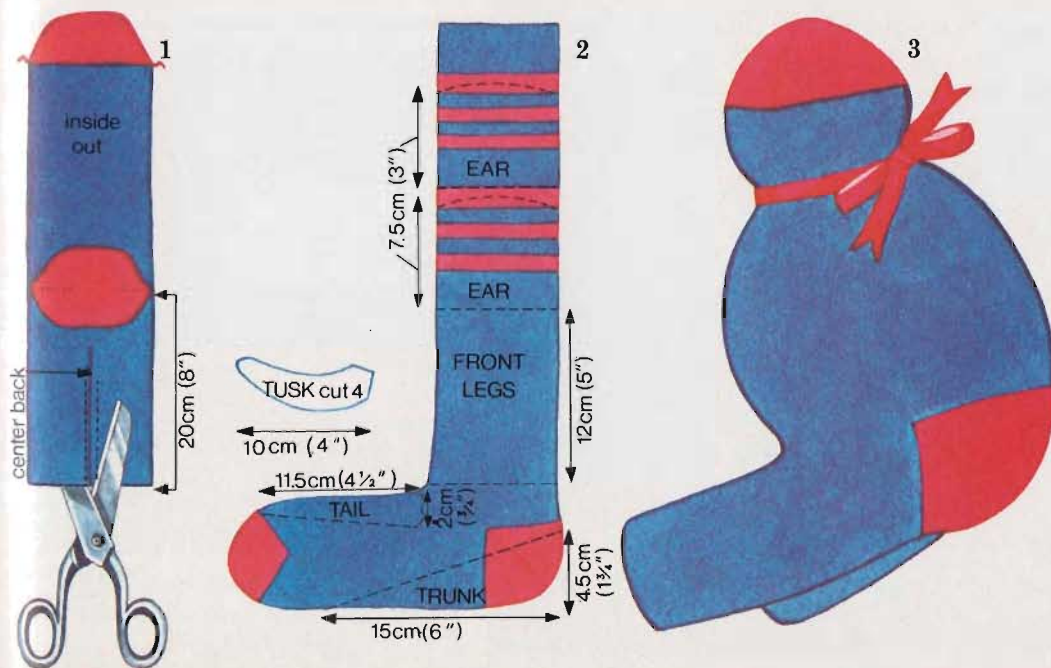
Here is a jovial toy created from socks with contrasting toes and heels.

You will need:

Pair of adult's long socks.
Small quantity of soft polyester stuffing.

White and red felt.

Cardboard.
About 46cm (18") of 6mm (¼") velvet ribbon.



18cm (7") of pipe cleaner.
Two toy's eyes (optional).
Needle, thread, beads, sequins, rick-rack, ribbon, scissors.

To make the elephant's body and rear legs, start by turning one sock inside out. Cut across leg so base of heel to leg top measures 20cm (8"). With small stitches, sew a 3mm (¼") seam through both thicknesses of sock, running down each side of center back—start 8cm (3") from base of heel and continue each seam across top (fig.1). Cut sock between center seams, continuing for 2.5cm (1") after end of stitching to make opening for stuffing.

To make elephant's front legs first cut a 12cm (5") length from double thickness of leg of second sock (fig.2). Turn length wrong side out. Stitch and cut into two as for rear legs. Turn front legs right side out.

Cut four circles from cardboard for foot pads (each with a diameter of about 4cm (1½") according to width of legs). Cut four matching felt circles. Insert a cardboard foot pad down inside each leg. Sew felt circles on undersides for soles.

Stuff body and legs firmly through opening.

Tie velvet ribbon around body to make a neck (fig.3). Stitch front legs onto body. Sew up rear opening.

From second sock cut out a trunk, two ears and a tail (see fig.2). Stitch seams, stuff and sew each piece to elephant's body.

Cut out four tusk shapes from white felt (see fig.2). Sew two felt shapes together for each tusk, enclosing 9cm (3½") of pipe cleaner in each. Attach tusks to each side of elephant's trunk.

Attach a length of red, fringed felt to tip of tail and make a colorful coat from braids and ribbon. Add beads, sequins and white felt for toe-nails to decorate elephant. Attach toy's eyes or embroider eyes if preferred.

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1, 2, 3. Stitching, cutting and assembling the sock elephant.