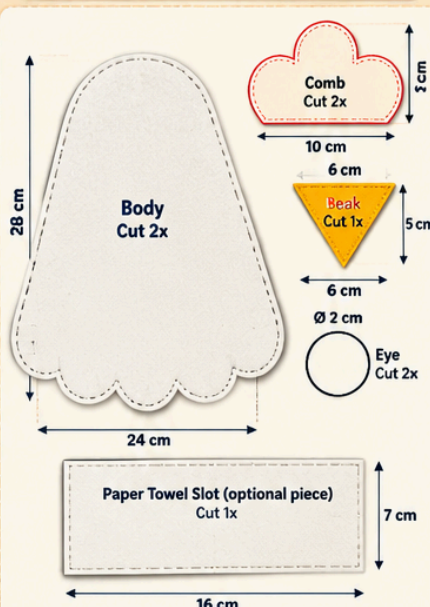




Chicken Paper Towel Holder

Step by Step Tutorial

Templates with Measurements (cm)



Materials

- Felt or cotton fabric for the body (white or cream)
- Red fabric for the comb (with small dots)
- Yellow fabric for the beak
- Black buttons for the eyes (or felt circles)
- Wooden dowel (Ø 2 cm x 18 cm)
- Plastic or wooden ring (Ø 5 cm)
- Twine or cord for hanging
- Thread, sewing needle or sewing machine
- Stuffing is not necessary (interfacing optional for more firmness)

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Cut the pieces

Sew the comb

Attach the comb

Sew the body

Turn and topstitch

Attach the eyes and beak

Create the paper towel slot

Insert the dowel

Add the ring

Final details

Use the templates to cut all pieces in the indicated measurements. Cut 2 body pieces, 2 comb pieces, 1 beak and 2 eyes.

Place the comb pieces right sides together and sew around the edge, leaving a small opening. Turn right side out and topstitch around the edge.

Position the comb between the two body pieces at the top and pin in place. Sew or baste to hold.

Place the two body pieces right sides together (with the comb inside). Sew around the edge, leaving the bottom straight area open for the dowel.

Turn right side out and topstitch around the entire body for a neat finish.

Sew or glue the eyes in place. Attach the beak using a straight or blanket stitch.

Fold the rectangular piece in half, sew the sides, turn right side out and topstitch. Slide it onto the wooden dowel.

Place the dowel with the fabric slot in the opening at the bottom of the chicken and sew the sides to secure it.

Tie a piece of twine or cord to the ring and attach it to the top of the comb. Make sure it is secure.

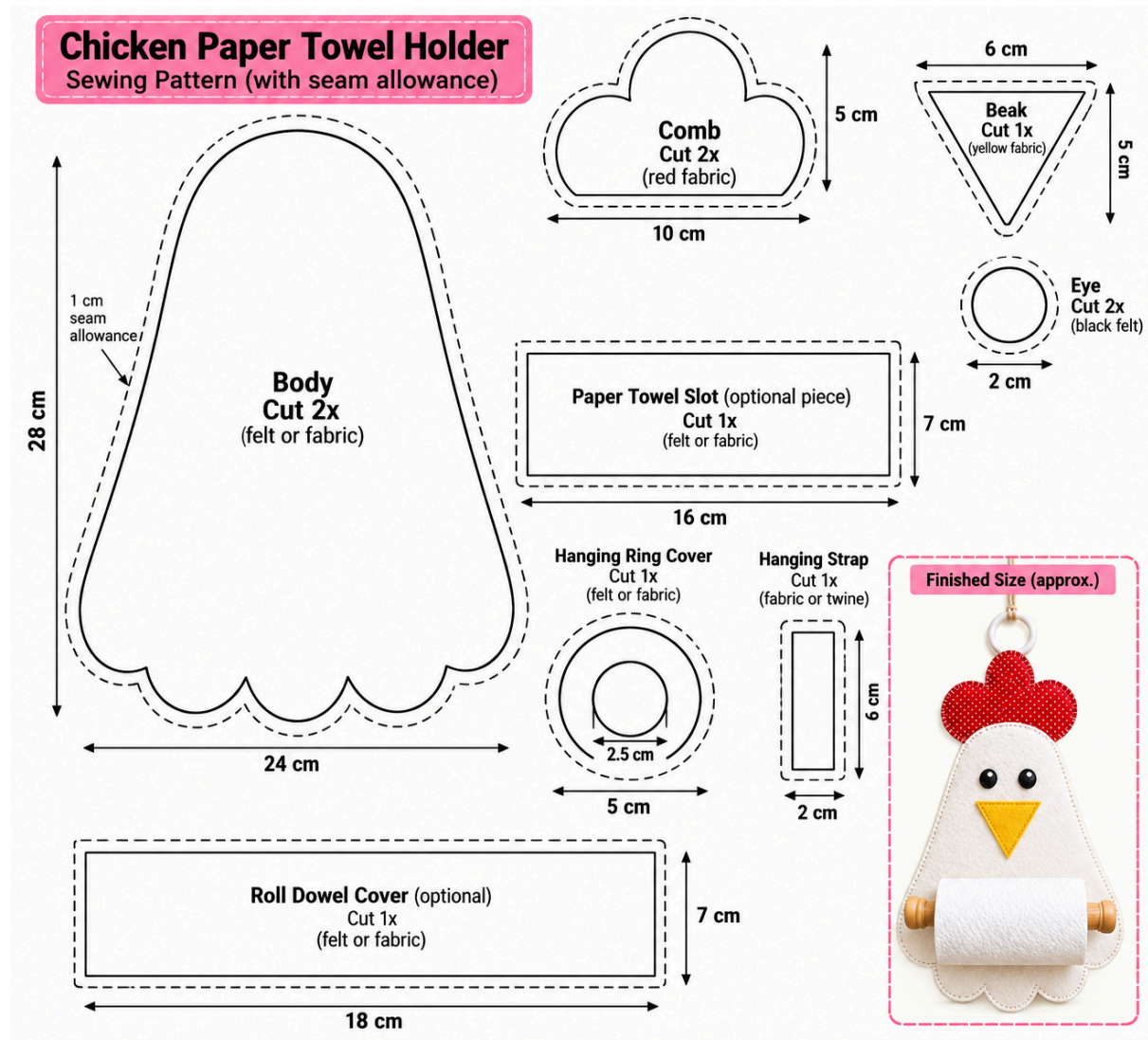
Check all stitches, trim any excess threads and make sure the dowel moves freely.

Front View



Back View





Chicken Paper Towel Holder – Complete Sewing Tutorial

This Chicken Paper Towel Holder is a charming fabric project designed to combine practical storage with farmhouse-style décor. Based on the tutorial chart, the finished holder uses a soft white or cream chicken body, a red dotted comb, a yellow beak, black eyes, a wooden dowel for the paper towel roll, and a hanging ring at the top.

The project is beginner-friendly because most of the construction relies on basic machine sewing, topstitching,

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simple appliqué, and straightforward cutting. The measurements below are given in centimeters (cm), following the pattern chart.

For the closest result, choose felt or a medium-weight cotton fabric that holds its shape well. Felt is especially convenient because it does not fray easily. If you use regular cotton, adding lightweight interfacing can help the chicken remain firm when hanging on the wall.

Step 1 – Gather the Materials and Prepare the Templates

Before cutting your fabric, gather everything you need. The project uses white or cream felt/cotton fabric for the chicken body, red dotted fabric for the comb, yellow fabric or felt for the beak, and two black buttons or black felt circles for the eyes.

You will also need a wooden dowel approximately 2 cm in diameter and 18 cm long, plus a plastic or wooden ring approximately 5 cm in diameter. The ring creates the hanging point at the top of the chicken.

Prepare matching sewing thread, a hand-sewing needle or sewing machine, fabric scissors, pins or clips, a fabric marking pen, and a measuring ruler. You can also use lightweight interfacing if your main fabric feels too flexible.

For the main chicken body, prepare a rounded bell-shaped template approximately 28 cm high × 24 cm wide. The bottom should have the characteristic scalloped feather shape shown in the chart. Cut two identical body pieces.

The red comb should measure approximately 10 cm wide × 6 cm high and contain three rounded lobes. Cut two comb pieces. The yellow triangular beak is approximately 6 cm wide

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× 5 cm high and requires one visible appliqué piece. Prepare two black eye pieces approximately 2 cm in diameter, or use similarly sized buttons.

The chart also shows an optional rectangular paper towel slot piece measuring approximately 16 × 7 cm. Keep all your pieces organized before sewing so you do not accidentally reverse or misalign the shapes.

Step 2 – Sew the Red Chicken Comb

Place the two red comb pieces with their right sides together. Match the curved edges carefully and secure them with pins or sewing clips.

Sew around the curved perimeter with a small seam allowance. Leave a small opening along the lower edge so that the comb can be turned right side out.

Because the comb contains several curves, carefully clip or notch the seam allowance around those curved areas. Do not cut through the stitching. These small clips allow the seam to spread naturally after turning.

Turn the comb right side out through the opening. Use a blunt turning tool to gently push out each rounded section. Avoid using anything sharp that could pierce the fabric.

Press the comb carefully. If you are using synthetic felt, use low heat or place a pressing cloth between the iron and the felt.

Finish by topstitching around the visible curved edge. This gives the comb a neat handmade appearance and helps it retain its shape.

Step 3 – Attach the Comb to the Chicken Body

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Lay one chicken body piece with its right side facing upward. Position the completed red comb at the center of the upper edge.

The lower portion of the comb should overlap or sit within the body construction area so that the finished seam hides its raw edge.

Pin or clip the comb securely. Check the placement from the front before sewing because this determines whether the chicken looks centered.

Baste the comb in place with a short line of stitching. Basting prevents it from shifting when the front and back body pieces are assembled.

Place the second body piece over the first, following the construction shown in the chart. Align all outer edges carefully.

Before sewing permanently, make sure the comb is straight and centered and that its decorative portion will remain visible above the chicken's head.

Step 4 – Sew the Main Chicken Body

With the two main body pieces aligned, pin or clip around the perimeter. Pay special attention to the rounded sides and scalloped bottom.

Sew slowly around the body. A short stitch length gives you greater control when following the bottom curves.

Leave the necessary opening according to your chosen dowel construction. The paper towel support must eventually allow the wooden dowel to sit horizontally across the lower front of the chicken.

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Clip the seam allowances around tight curves and the transitions between the scallops. Again, never cut through your seam.

Turn the chicken body right side out. Gently shape the curved sides and individual bottom scallops.

Press the project flat and check the symmetry. The chicken should now have a smooth bell-shaped body with its red comb centered at the top.

Step 5 – Topstitch Around the Body

The visible topstitching is an important design feature of the original project. It outlines the chicken and creates the handcrafted finish seen in the tutorial image.

Beginning near an inconspicuous area, sew around the outer perimeter approximately 0.3–0.5 cm from the edge.

Slow down when approaching each bottom scallop. Stop with the needle down whenever you need to pivot or slightly reposition the fabric.

Try to maintain the same distance from the edge throughout the project. Consistent topstitching makes even a simple handmade item look much more polished.

White or cream thread will create the subtle appearance shown in the reference design. A contrasting thread could also be used if you want the stitching to become a decorative feature.

After completing the perimeter, inspect the fabric for puckering. Press it again if necessary before adding the facial features.

Step 6 – Add the Eyes and Yellow Beak

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Position the two black eyes symmetrically on the upper-middle portion of the chicken body. Temporarily pin or mark their locations before attaching them.

If you are using buttons, sew them securely by hand. If you are using black felt circles, attach them with small stitches around the perimeter or an appropriate fabric adhesive.

Keep the eyes approximately level with one another. Their placement strongly affects the character of the finished chicken.

Center the 6 × 5 cm yellow triangular beak underneath the eyes. The point of the triangle should face downward.

Attach the beak using a neat straight stitch or a small blanket stitch around its edges. Stitching close to the edge creates the clean appliqué appearance shown in the tutorial.

After attaching all three facial elements, hold the project upright and check the proportions. Make any adjustments before proceeding to the paper towel mechanism.

Step 7 – Make the Paper Towel Slot

Prepare the optional 16 × 7 cm rectangular fabric piece shown in the chart. This piece helps create the support area associated with the wooden dowel.

Fold the rectangular piece according to the diagram, keeping the edges straight and even.

Sew the sides while leaving the necessary passage for the dowel. Turn the piece right side out if you are using a lined construction.

Topstitch the visible edges. This reinforces the component and gives it the same finished appearance as the chicken body.

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Test the wooden dowel inside the slot before attaching everything permanently. The 2 cm diameter dowel should slide through without excessive resistance.

The goal is to create a secure support while still allowing the dowel to be removed when a fresh roll of paper towels needs to be installed.

Step 8 – Install the Wooden Dowel and Paper Towel Roll

Use a wooden dowel approximately 18 cm long × 2 cm in diameter, following the chart measurements.

Slide a standard paper towel roll onto the dowel. Center the roll so that approximately equal lengths of dowel remain visible on both sides.

Position the dowel horizontally across the lower front section of the chicken.

Fit the ends into the prepared side openings or fabric support areas. The dowel should remain horizontal when the holder is hanging.

Secure the fabric supports firmly enough to carry the weight of the roll, but preserve the removable function of the dowel whenever possible.

Test the mechanism by removing and reinstalling the roll. You should be able to replace paper towels without taking the entire chicken holder apart.

Step 9 – Add the Hanging Ring

The chart calls for a plastic or wooden ring approximately 5 cm in diameter.

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Cut a strong piece of twine or cord. Pass it around the ring and secure it with a firm knot.

Attach the lower end of the cord securely to the top of the chicken, behind or immediately above the red comb.

Reinforce this attachment point with several stitches because it will support the weight of the completed holder and paper towel roll.

Hold the project by the ring before hanging it permanently. Check whether the chicken remains reasonably straight and whether the dowel stays level.

If the project tilts to one side, reposition the hanging cord slightly until the weight is balanced.

Step 10 – Finish the Scalloped Bottom and Inspect the Sewing

The bottom edge contains several rounded sections designed to resemble the chicken's feathers.

Check each scallop individually. The curves should be smooth and the topstitching should follow the edge consistently.

Trim loose threads from the body, comb, beak, paper towel support, and hanging area.

Check the wooden dowel again. It needs to be secure while still moving freely enough for practical paper towel replacement.

Inspect the back of the holder as well. The chart shows a simple, clean back without facial decorations.

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Finally, install a roll of paper towels, hang the chicken from a secure wall hook, and make sure the entire project sits correctly before regular use.

Sewing Methods Used in This Project

Several common U.S. sewing techniques appear in this project. Topstitching means sewing a visible line close to a finished edge; here, it outlines the chicken and reinforces the construction.

Basting is temporary or preliminary stitching used to hold pieces in position. It is particularly useful when securing the comb before assembling the body.

Appliqué is the technique used for the yellow beak and, if made from felt, the black eyes. A smaller decorative fabric shape is placed over the main fabric and stitched around its perimeter.

Clipping and notching curves helps curved seams lie smoothly after turning. Make small cuts into the seam allowance without cutting the actual stitching.

Right sides together means placing the decorative faces of two fabric pieces against one another before sewing. Once the seam is completed and the piece is turned, the finished surfaces appear on the outside.

A blanket stitch can be used as an alternative decorative finish, particularly when working with felt. It works beautifully around the beak, comb, or even the entire chicken body if you prefer a more visibly handmade look.

Final Measurements and Project Notes

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According to the tutorial chart, the main body is approximately 28 cm high × 24 cm wide. The comb is about 10 × 6 cm, while the triangular beak measures approximately 6 × 5 cm.

Each eye is approximately 2 cm in diameter. The optional paper towel slot measures approximately 16 × 7 cm.

The wooden dowel is approximately 18 cm long with a 2 cm diameter, and the hanging ring is approximately 5 cm in diameter.

These measurements can be adjusted slightly depending on the thickness of your fabric and the paper towel rolls available where you live. Before permanently sewing the dowel supports, test them with the actual roll you intend to use.

For a sturdier holder, add lightweight or medium-weight fusible interfacing to the wrong side of the main body fabric before construction. If using thick felt, interfacing is usually unnecessary.

Your finished Chicken Paper Towel Holder should now have the same essential features shown in the tutorial: a cream chicken body, red three-lobed comb, black eyes, yellow triangular beak, scalloped lower edge, removable wooden dowel, paper towel roll, and hanging ring. The result is both a functional kitchen accessory and a cheerful handmade fabric decoration.