Giant Cheeseburger

Materials

BUN

Two 24-inch circles of medium brown dotted Swiss or other cotton fabric that resembles the outside of a hamburger bun.

Two 22-inch circles cream or white cotton fabric (for the inside of the bun).

One 22-inch circle of cotton quilt batting

One 21-inch cardboard circle.

Two 21-inch circles of thick foam padding.

Polyester stuffing

BURGER PATTY One 22-inch circle dark brown textured cotton fabric.

One 22-inch circle of 1-inch thick foam.

FOUR TOMATO SLICES

Four 9- by 12-inch sheet of bright red felt.

Two 9- by 12-inch sheets of pink felt.

Four lettuce leaves Four 9- by 12-inch sheets of lime green felt.

TWO PICKLE SLICES Two 9- by 12-inch sheets dark green felt.

Scraps from lettuce felt to make seeds.

 $\frac{1}{2}$ yard interfacing.

ONION RINGS Six 12-inch white pipe cleaners.

CHEESE SLICE 20-inch square white felt (for Swiss cheese) or yellow felt (for Cheddar).

KETCHUP, MUSTARD, MAYONNAISE

¹/8 yard each of red (ketchup), yellow (mustard) and white (mayonnaise) felt. Note: Use 5/8-inch seam allowances.

BUN

- 1. Sew the quilt batting to the wrong side of one 24-inch circle (top, outside of bun) 1/4 inch from the edge.
- 2. Hand gather 1/4 inch from the outside edge of each 24-inch circle, using a double strand of thread.
- 3. Sew each outside bun piece (24-inch circles) to an inside bun piece (22-inch circles), right sides together, easing fabric as you stitch. Leave a 12-inch opening to allow for turning.
- 4. Turn buns right side out.
- 5. In the TOP bun (with batting) insert the cardboard circle through the opening so it lies on the bottom (away from batting). Then insert one circle of 1-inch thick foam padding. Fill the space between the batting and the 1-inch thick foam padding with polyester filling to create a hamburger bun shape.
- 6. Hand-stitch the opening.
- 7. In the BOTTOM bun insert one 22-inch circle of 1-inch thick foam and hand-stitch the opening.

BURGER

- 1. (Optional) Draw "grill" marks on the right sides of burger pieces with wide black magic marker.
- 2. Sew pieces of burger, right sides together, leaving a 12inch opening to allow for turning.
- 3. Turn the burger right sides out.
- 4. Insert a 22-inch circle of 1inch thick foam. Cut to fit, if necessary.
- 5. Hand stitch the opening.

TOMATO SLICE Cut eight 6-inch circles from the pieces of bright red felt. Divide the pink felt into

squares, as shown, then cut each square diagonally

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to form 24 triangles from each sheet (48 total).

Arrange six pink triangles on each bright red felt circle, as shown at left, and glue them in place.

LETTUCE

1. Cut one oval shape, roughly 9 inches wide and 12 inches long, from each of the four sheets of lime green felt.

pickle seeds (Cut from lettuce scraps.)

- 2. Sew a gathering thread $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the edge of each lettuce leaf.
- 3. Pull the gathering thread to ruffle the lettuce, as desired.
- 4. Tie the ends of the thread together.

PICKLE SLICES

- 1. Cut four ovals, about 4 1/2 inches wide and 6 inches long, from each sheet of dark green felt (eight total).
- 2. Baste interfacing to four of the ovals.
- 3. Use a small zigzag stitch to stitch interfaced pieces to uninterfaced pieces.
- 4. Cut small pieces of lettuce scraps to look like seeds. Arrange the seeds as shown, and glue them to the pickle slice.

ONION RINGS

Join the ends of pipe cleaners to form circles. Twist the ends together.

CHEESE SLICE

Cut large holes in white felt for Swiss cheese. Leave yellow felt solid for Cheddar cheese.



KETCHUP, MUSTARD, MAYONNAISE

Cut curvy strips of red, yellow and white felt to resemble dollops of ketchup, mustard and mayonnaise.