



Stuffed Animal Safety Eye Replacement

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INTRODUCTION

Safety eyes are used to make plushies or stuffed animals safer for small children. The way they are sewn onto the stuffed animal/plushy makes the eyes more secure and less likely to fall off.

Safety eyes are easy to find at a local sewing or craft store or online. They are also fairly easy to install. If the safety eye of your favorite stuffed animal, soft toy, or plushy comes off, follow this step-by-step guide.

This repair was done on a small unicorn plushy but it can be applied to any type of soft toy or stuffed animal that uses safety eyes. Very basic sewing skills are needed to accomplish this repair.

TOOLS:

[Hand Sewing Needle](#) (1)

[Scissors](#) (1)

Step 1 — Safety Eye



- ① Be sure to keep the eye that fell out and the backing or buy a new one.
- ① New safety eyes are pretty inexpensive and easy to find.
- ① **Do not put the backing on the eye until it's in place.**

Step 2



① The eyes on the face are located in or close to a seam that holds it in place.

⚠ Use your scissors to open the seam. Be very careful to cut the thread and not the fabric.

① Make the opening of the seam so it fits the replacement eye.

Step 3



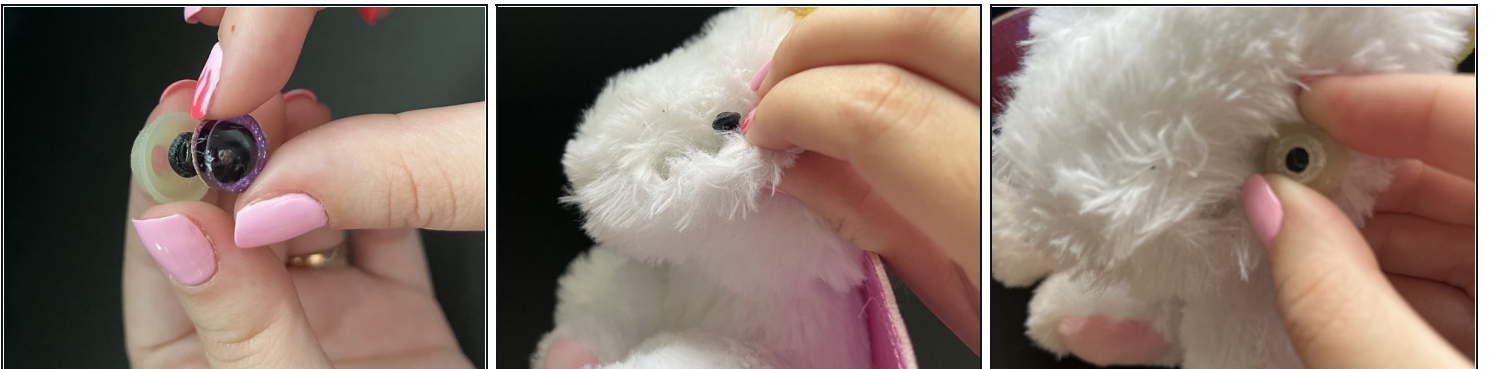
- Use this new hole to put the eye back in its original position.

Step 4



- Insert the safety eye in the original position.
- ⓘ Before putting on the backing make sure it's symmetrical to the other eye.

Step 5



- When the eye is in place put the backer on the eye from the inside of the plushie.
- ⓘ Use the hole of the seam we opened to do that.
- Press very hard until the eye and the back click together.

Step 6



- Sew the seam back up using a simple stitch.
- Begin the stitches from the inside out so they are not visible, then fasten off the thread at the end of the seam.
- ① The thread should be the same color as your plushie.

Step 7



- Take a pin and poke at the fur carefully to make it fluffy again.
- ① Doing this will ensure the eye doesn't look like it's popping out.

Step 8



- Repeat the previous step all around the eye until it looks seamless.
- And your done!

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in the order suggested.