

## 'Happy Faces' - for people who like to make things!!

These little faces are simple to make and can be used to decorate little draw-string bags, pencil cases or banners...

Use different coloured skin toned tights and wool of various colours to create a multi-cultural selection ... don't forget the occasional freckles, etc as well as skin colouring so everyone feels included! Mind these are not 'toys' so be careful if you add little pairs of spectacles made out of coloured paper clip wire! We used ours to feature on a lovely banner to hang up in the hall when our toddler group meets .....Claire

### You will need:

Clean tights in skin tones

Small black beads for eyes

Embroidery thread (skin tones ) for noses

Cotton thread - brown for mouth and black for sewing on eyes.

Wool - various colours for hair

Wadding or cotton wool for stuffing

Coloured ribbon for hair decoration



### To make:

1. Make a rounded disc or flat 'dolly' by stuffing a double thickness of tights with wadding or cotton wool. Use cotton thread to draw together the tights material at the back with the stuffing inside. Stitch the disc together. (it doesn't have to be neat - the back is not meant to show!)
2. Sew black beads in place for eyes.... By drawing the bead gently into the disc, you will transform the disc into a little face with indented eyes!
3. Create the nose by making a French knot with skin toned embroidery thread. (6 winds around the needle before sewing in)
4. Create the mouth by sewing a 'v' shape with brown cotton
5. Add the hair by sewing on wool and creating different styles. Add ribbons, bows etc. For boys, a series of thick French knots or little tufts close together is very effective. Use a felt pen for freckles.

