



## STYLING YOUR FOOTPADS

There are a number of special little additions you can work to make your footpads in your own style. Here are some of my favourites.

### ADD A DIMPLE



The simplest little addition that looks so cute is a small dimple in the center of the foot.

Use a good strong thread. Bring your thread out in the center of the footpad, then take a small stitch back up through the foot (exit as the seam on top of the foot)

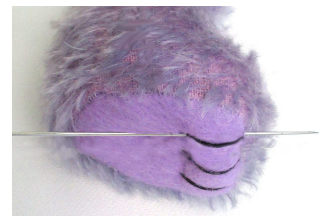
Pull the thread taut and a small dimple should appear.

Repeat 2 or 3 times, then finish by taking thread through the foot a few times.

### SCULPTED TOES

These toes are very effective and can be worked on previously embroidered toes. *Do bear in mind that sculpting will make the toe shorter.* These toes look super when shaded too.

- Using a good strong thread, bring this out at the base of one toe
- With a small stitch, take the thread through the toe and out in the seam above.
- Make sure to dip your needle behind as much stuffing as you can to get a nice rounded toe.
- Pull on the thread and you should see the toe pull up here
- Work along the foot, treating each toe in the same way.
- Repeating will create a deeper sculpt.



## SOME FURTHER IDEAS YOU MIGHT LIKE TO TRY

There are other ways you can embroider the footpads. Here's a rabbit's foot with an extra stitch from the heel.



Long thin footpads, with long toes may good feet for a mouse : )

Adding stitches across the footpad can bring more interest to embroidered toes. Breaking them away from the footpad



Faux leather or suede footpads are sometimes best left simple. Too much needle sculpting could make large holes !



Taking the breakaway theme further, try two-tone footpads : )

