

The Very Hungry Caterpillar Draft Stopper



Featuring the
**The Very Hungry Caterpillar
Draft Stopper © Eric Carle LLC**

Draft stopper designed by Gail Kessler

Finished size: 41" x 11"



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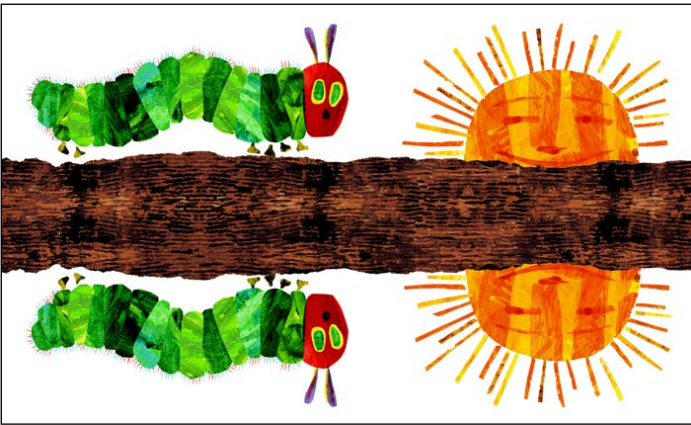
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Made with Andover Fabrics collection: *The Very Hungry Caterpillar Draft Stopper* © by Eric Carle

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Based on one of the most popular children's books of the past 40 years (the book was first published in 1969), the hungry caterpillar panel is the perfect shape to turn into a draft stopper to place along a door. It also makes a long pillow that will be fun to cuddle with. This project couldn't be simpler—stitch, turn, stuff!

Fabric Requirements & Cutting Directions

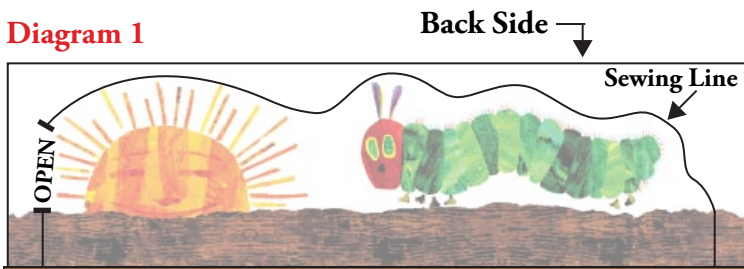


4182M 1 panel The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Sun

Also needed: 2 pounds polyester fiberfill
1 pound Fairfield Poly-Pellets®
(optional for draft stopper)

Making the Draft Stopper

1. Lightly starch the panel and press dry. On the back side along one edge of the panel, lightly mark a curved sewing line that is about 1" away from the tops of the sun and caterpillar. The line should follow the top of the printed motifs and end at folded bottom on both ends (Diagram 1). For a longer draft stop, draw the line to within 1/2" of the panel ends. For a shorter draft stop, mark the line just beyond the printed sun and caterpillar as shown.



2. Fold the panel in half lengthwise with right sides together. Pin the two sides together along the sewing line, being sure to align the printed motifs on the front and back. Stitch along the sewing line, leaving a 6" opening at one end above the brown stripe as shown in Diagram 1. Stitch again on top of the line to secure. Trim away the excess fabric, leaving about 1/2" seam allowance.
3. To make the bottom flat for sitting on the floor, fold the panel so the side seam aligns with the middle of the brown stripe. Pin layers together so they don't shift. Stitch a line across the corner that is perpendicular to the side seam and 1 1/2" away from the point as shown in Diagram 2. The line of stitching should be about 3" long. Repeat for other corner.
4. Turn the panel right side out and push the fabric out along the seam so there are no indents.
5. Stuff the bottom of the tube with polyester pellets so that the tube has weight at the bottom. Starting at the farthest end and working toward the opening, stuff the rest of the tube with fiberfill. Stitch the opening closed.

Making the Long Pillow

1. Lightly starch the panel and press dry. Fold the panel in half lengthwise with right sides together, aligning the printed motifs on both sides. Trim the top of the panel as necessary so that the front and back align. Stitch around the panel on all 3 sides with a 1/2" seam allowance, leaving a 6" opening at one end.
2. To make the corners easier to stuff, stitch across each corner at a 45° angle (Diagram 3). Trim the corners close to the stitching.
3. Turn the tube inside out. Push the fabric out along the seams. Stuff with fiberfill. Stitch the opening closed.

