

## NICU SNAKE NEO NATAL POSITIONING DEVICE

FABRIC; 1/4 yard (9") of 44/45" cotton flannel, cotton, cotton/poly in baby or cheerful kid print

Poly fiber fill

Fold fabric lengthwise, right sides together, and starting at one end, sew 1/2" seam for 19" back stitch to reinforce opening; leave a 5" belly opening in the middle, resume sewing, backstitching to reinforce, and continue to other end, tapering the last 2" for the snake tail.

Flatten open end so seam is centered. Beginning 2" from the end, sew from each side to center of end, tapering and gently rounding to form a friendly snake nose.

Turn right side out.

Using a blunt-ended dowel, working from each end to the middle, stuff so snake is round and firm, yet soft, avoiding lumps and gaps. Hand stitch belly opening closed.

On the face embroider 2 eyes with double strand of embroidery floss in a French knot or starburst or eyelashes – be creative. Use friendly colors!! Do not paint the eyes on.

See [www.touchinglittlives.org/snakes.html](http://www.touchinglittlives.org/snakes.html) for photo. The directions above make the process of stuffing and finishing much simpler than the directions they give on the web site.