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Make Your Own Mini Pink Rabbit

A craft project for young people



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Welcome to the

Make Your Mini Own Pink Rabbit Project Guide

I loved crafting and making things when I was young. In fact, I still do! A little while ago, I made my own Pink Rabbit to take to events. As lots of people asked where they could get hold of one, I decided to make a guide so that anyone who wants to could make their own. You can find it on my website at harrietmuncaster.co.uk/resources.

That guide requires a sewing machine and a bit of sewing know-how to really make a full-size Pink Rabbit like mine, so isn't the best for younger people or someone looking for something a bit more straightforward. That's why I've decided to also make this Make Your Own Mini Pink Rabbit Guide - for children who love crafting just like me!

This guide uses the same basic pattern to make a smaller version of Pink Rabbit, but doesn't require any specialist pieces of equipment. With a little grown-up supervision, I believe any crafty child can make this cute little Pink Rabbit, and I'd love to see your pictures when you do. You can share them with me through Twitter, Facebook or Instagram (just search 'Harriet Muncaster'), or through my website at harrietmuncaster.co.uk/contact.

Happy making!

Harriet Muncaster x



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Materials List

To make your Pink Rabbit you will need:

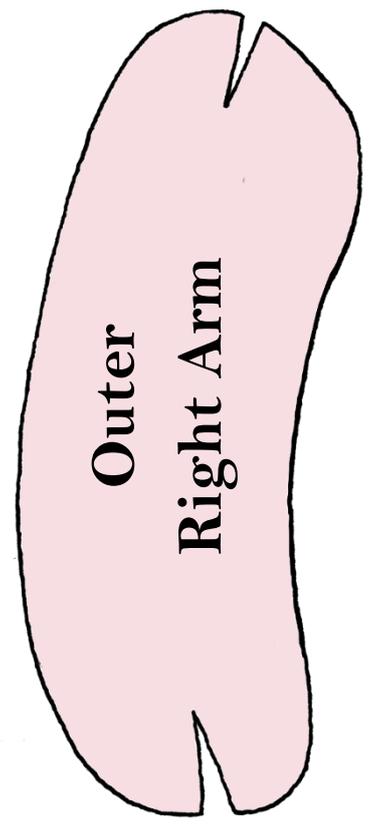
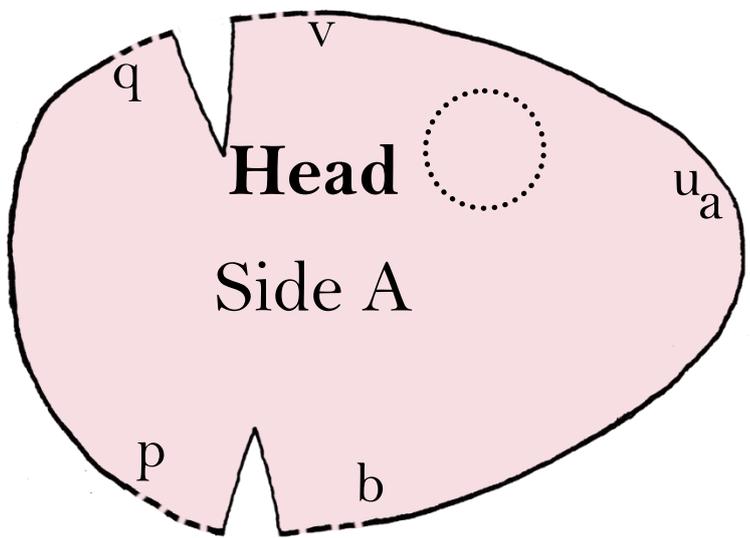
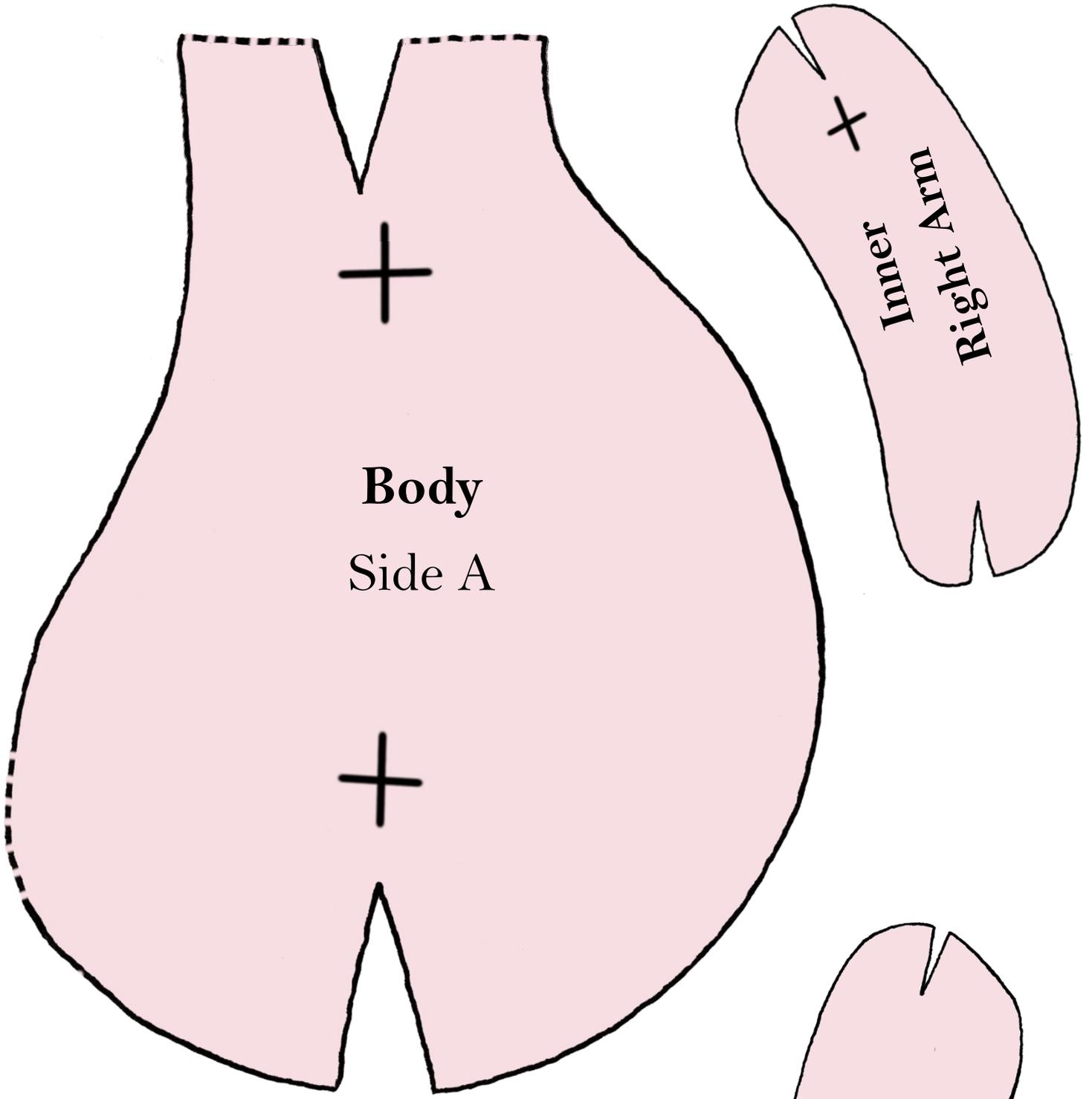
- ★ Sewing needle
- ★ Sharp scissors
- ★ Pink, white and black cotton thread
- ★ Pink felt - 6 A4 sheets or approx. 0.4 sq.metres
- ★ Small sheets of black and white felt
- ★ Cotton wool or soft toy filling
- ★ Thin, stiff card (such as from a cereal box)
- ★ Black ballpoint pen
- ★ PVA or 'craft' glue
- ★ 5cm / 2" white pom pom
- ★ Small black buttons for eyes (optional)
- ★ 4 split pins for joints (optional)

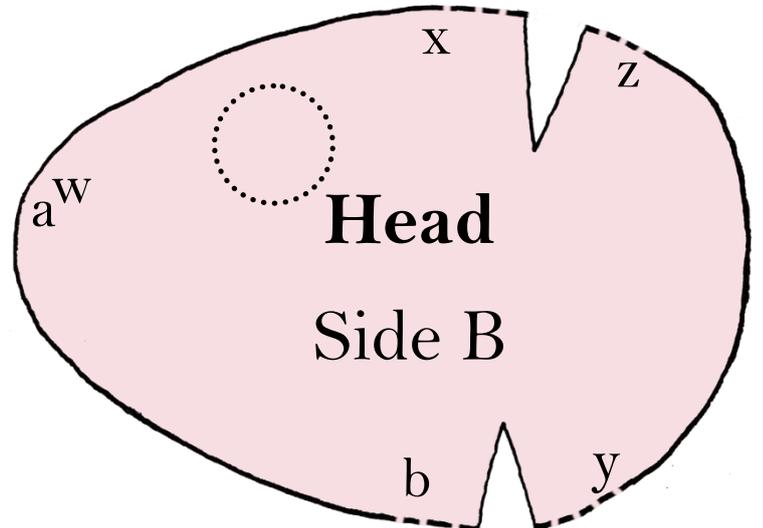
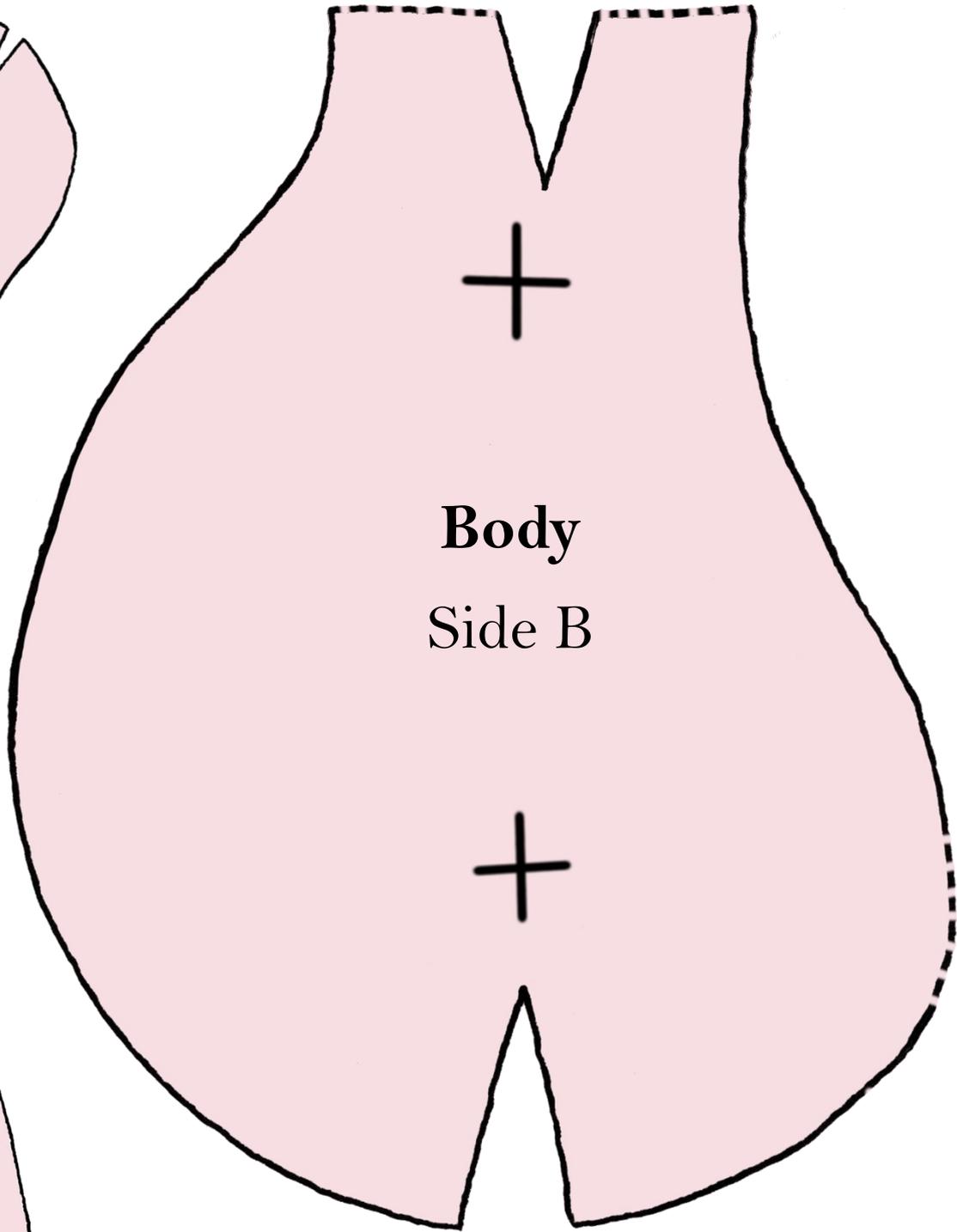
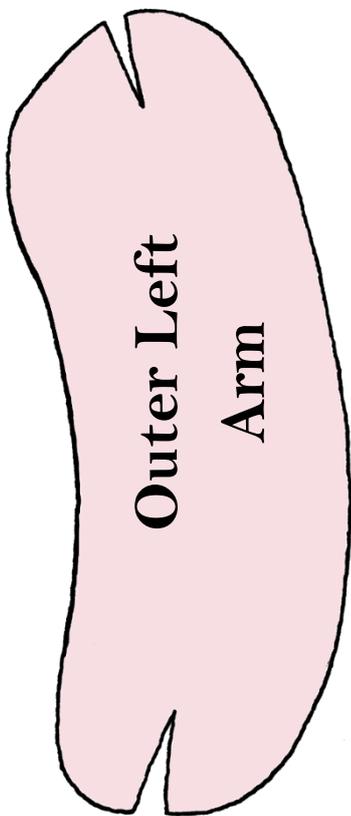
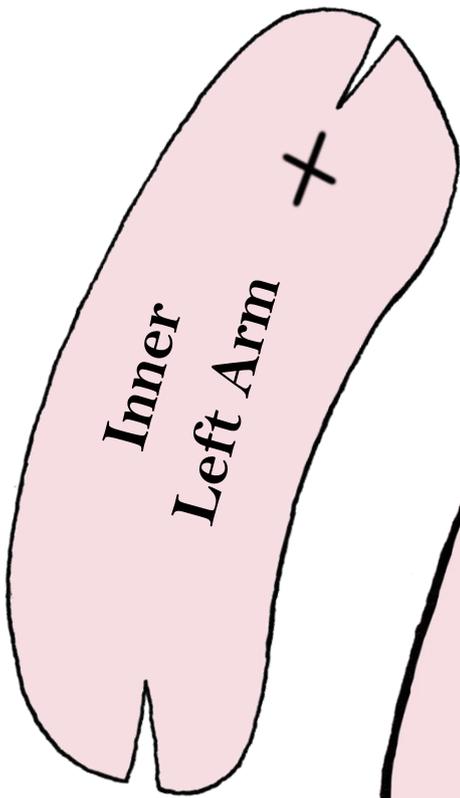
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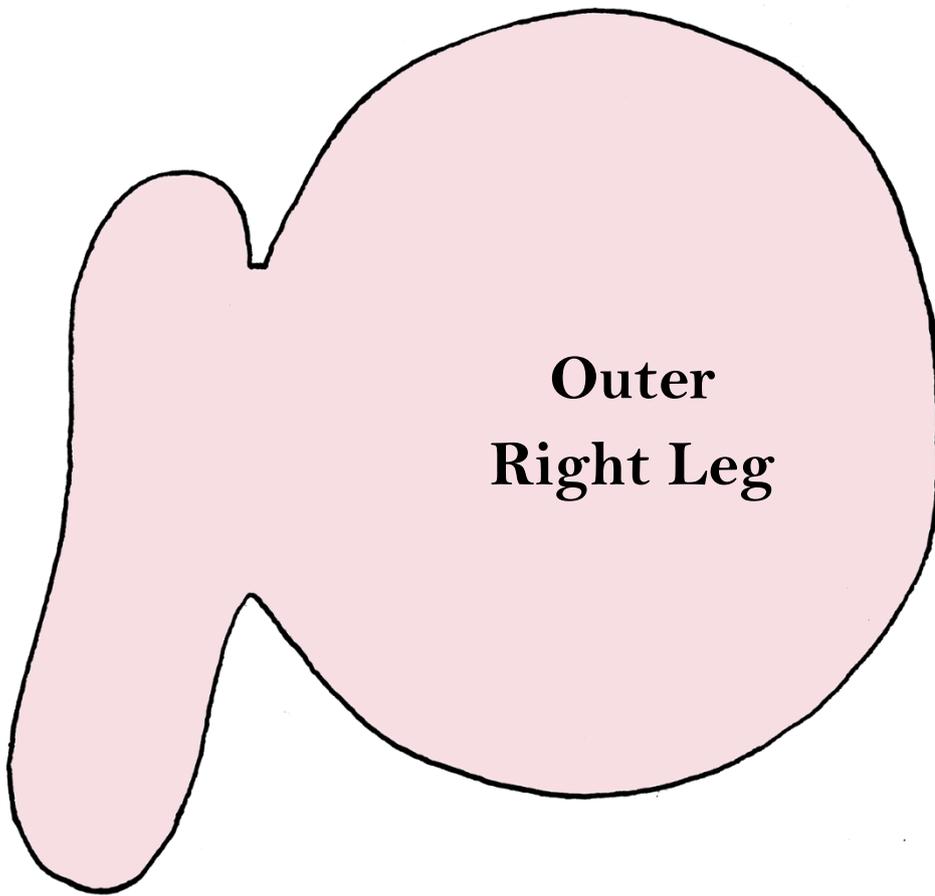
1. On the following pages you will find the pattern for all the shapes that make up Pink Rabbit. Print these onto A4 paper and cut them out.
2. Put your paper pattern pieces onto your pink felt and draw round each shape using a pencil or pen. (You can also cut out the inner ear and eye pieces out of black and white felt.)
3. Now cut out the felt shapes you have drawn so you end up with these shapes (It may be helpful to keep them with the labelled templates):

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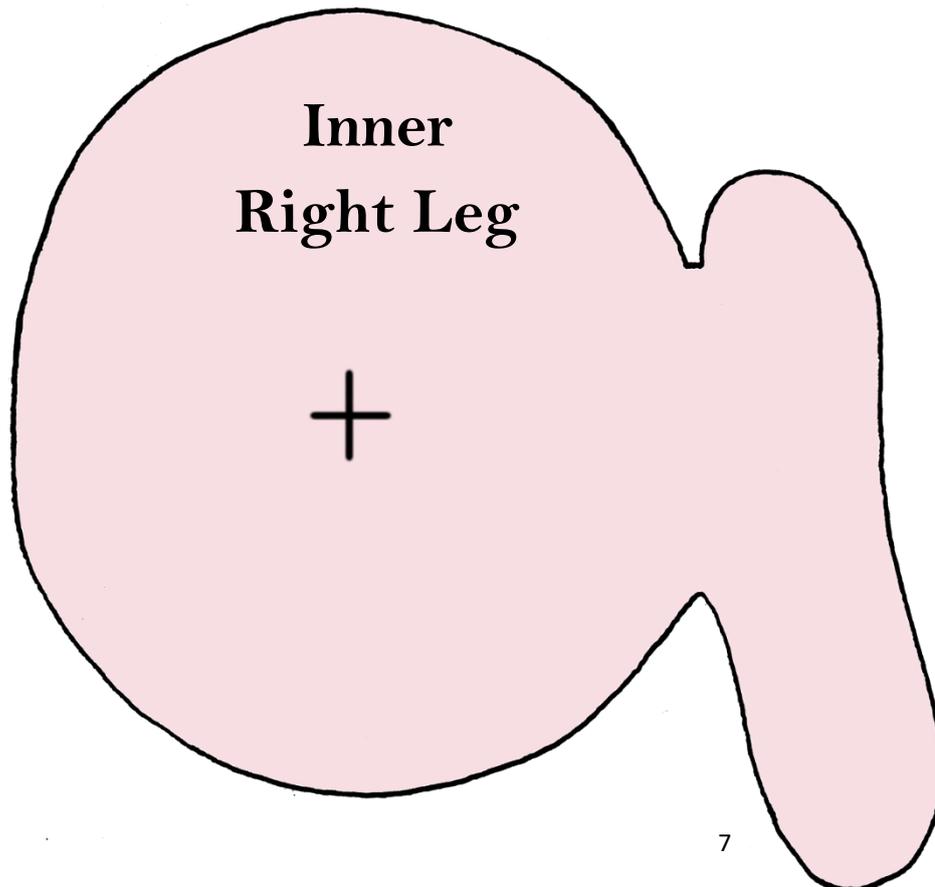
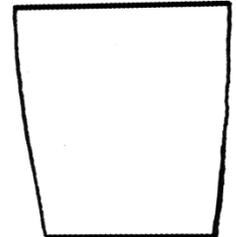
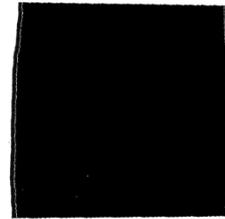
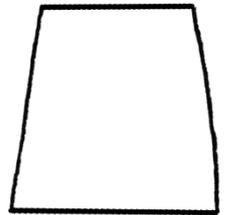
Tip: Read through all the instructions in each section and make sure you fully understand them before you start cutting, sewing or sticking. This will help you avoid mistakes.



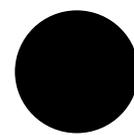




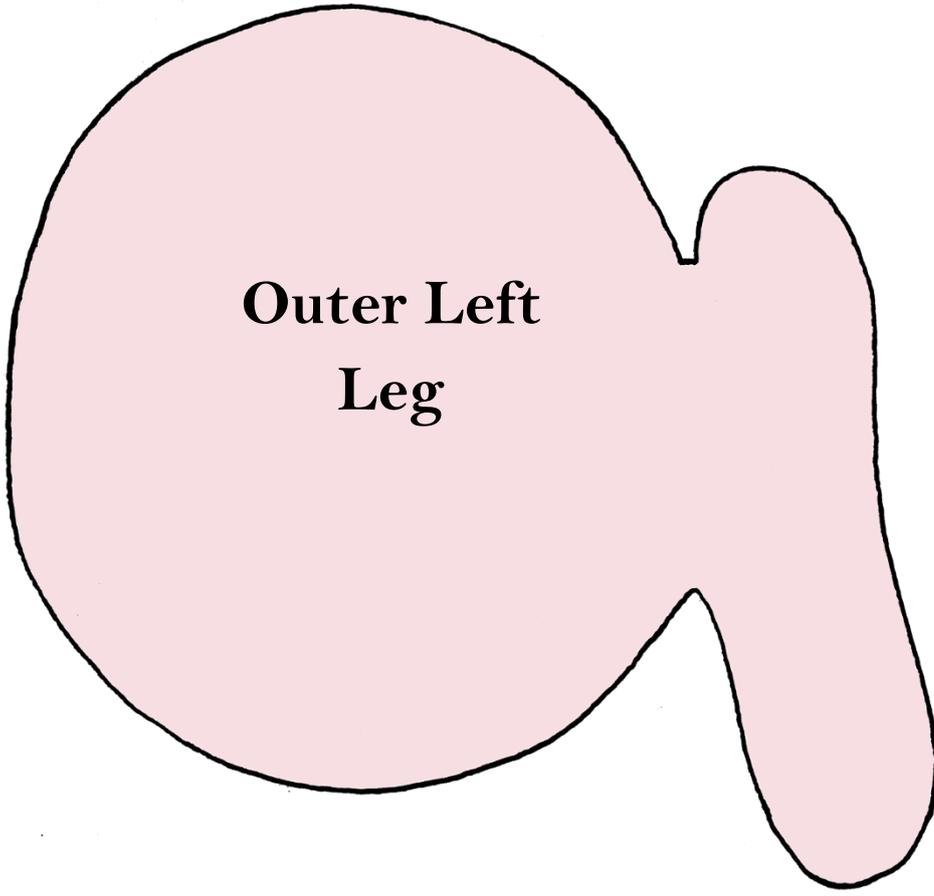
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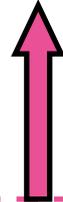
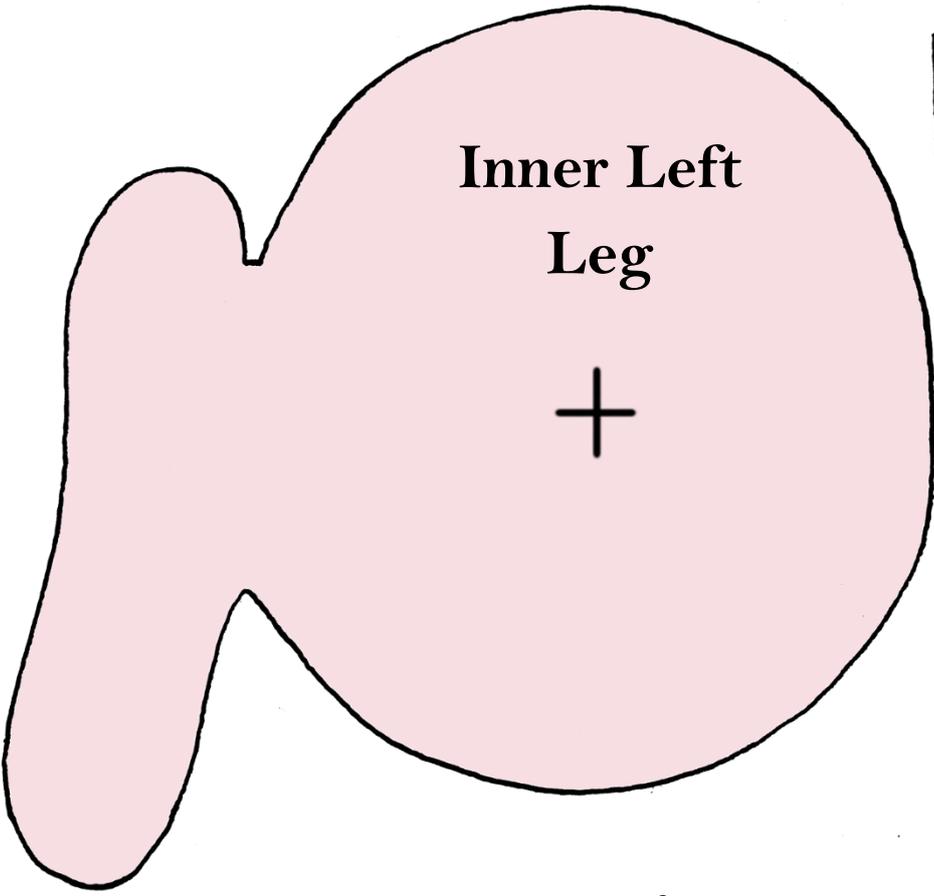
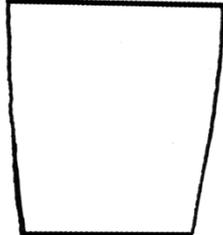
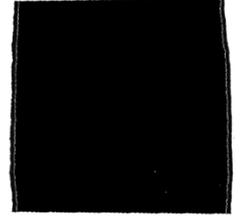
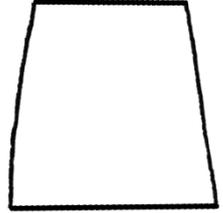
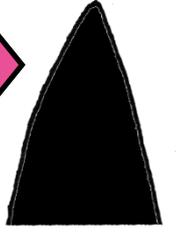
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Eyes
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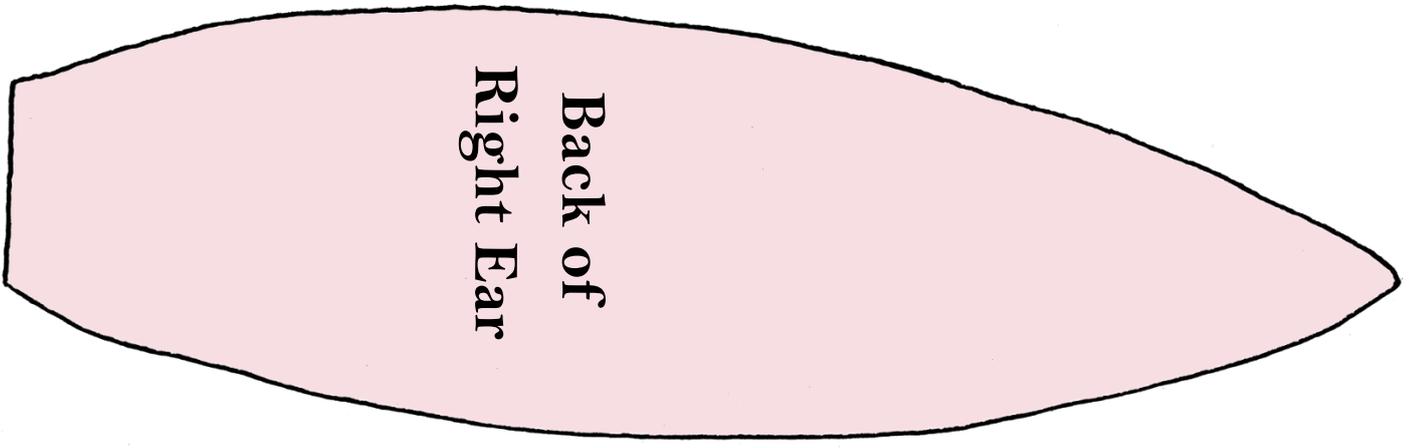


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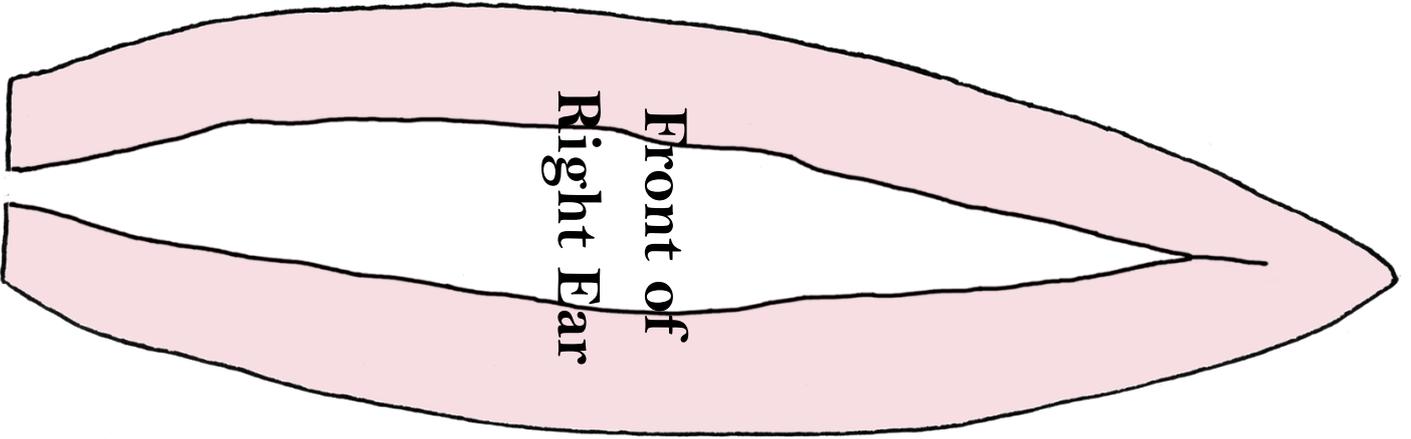
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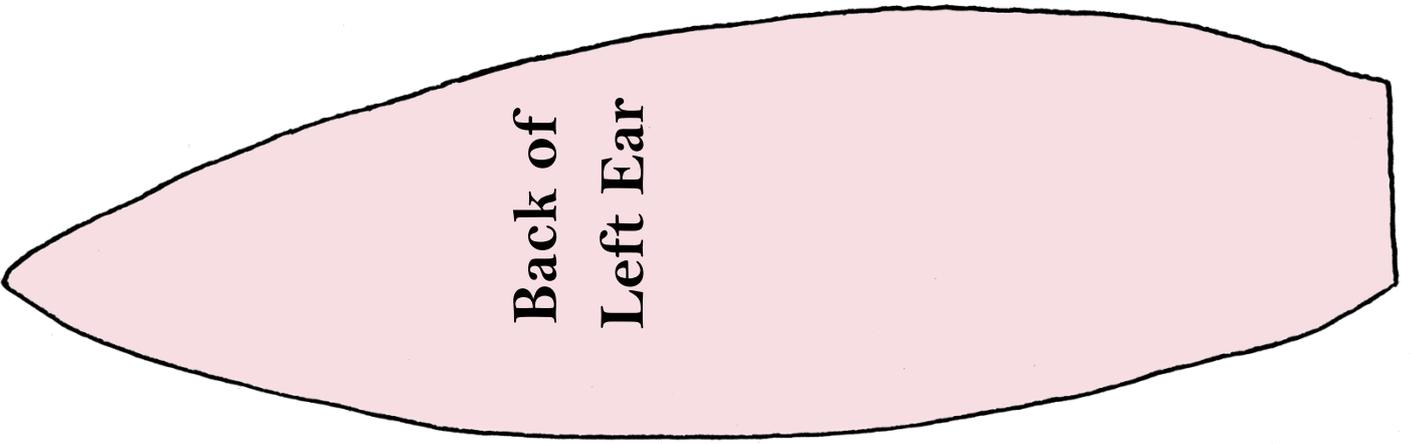
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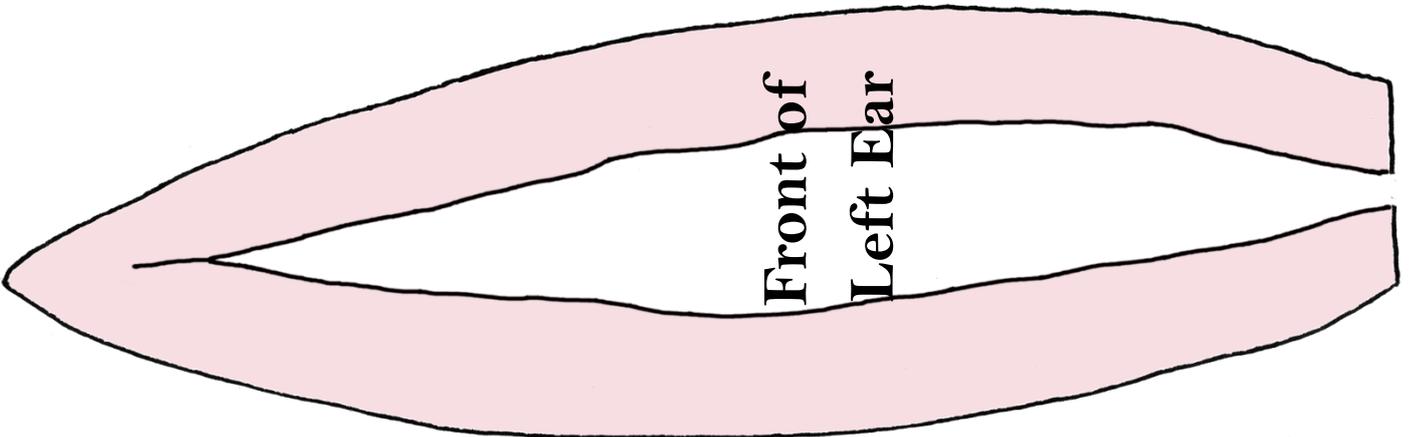
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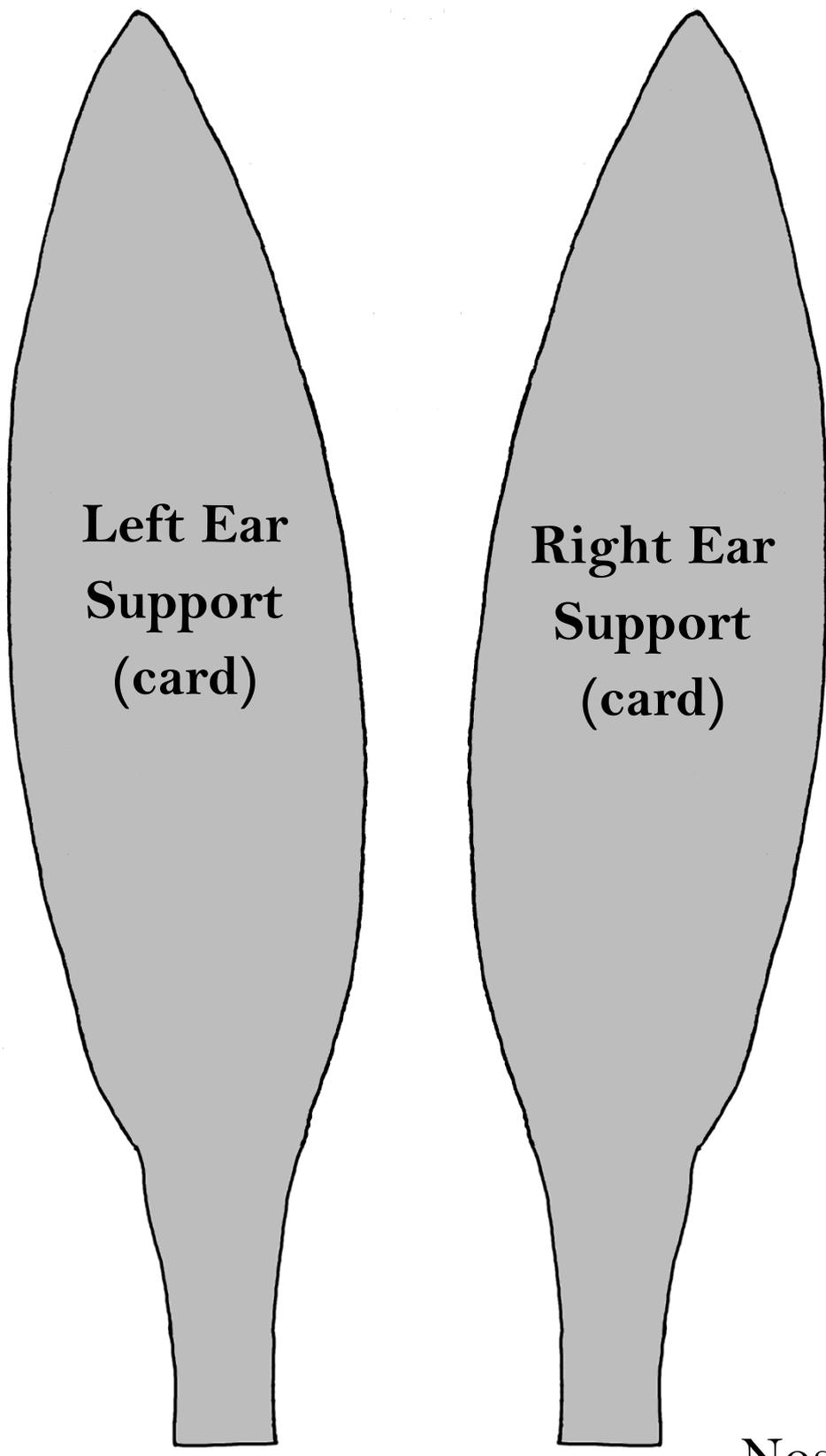
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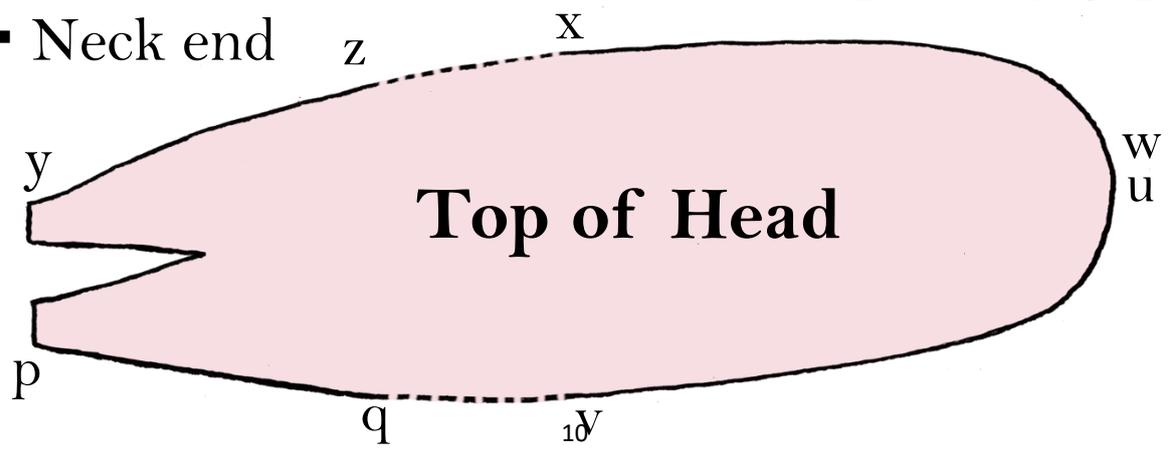
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**Front of
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← Neck end Nose end →



Top of Head

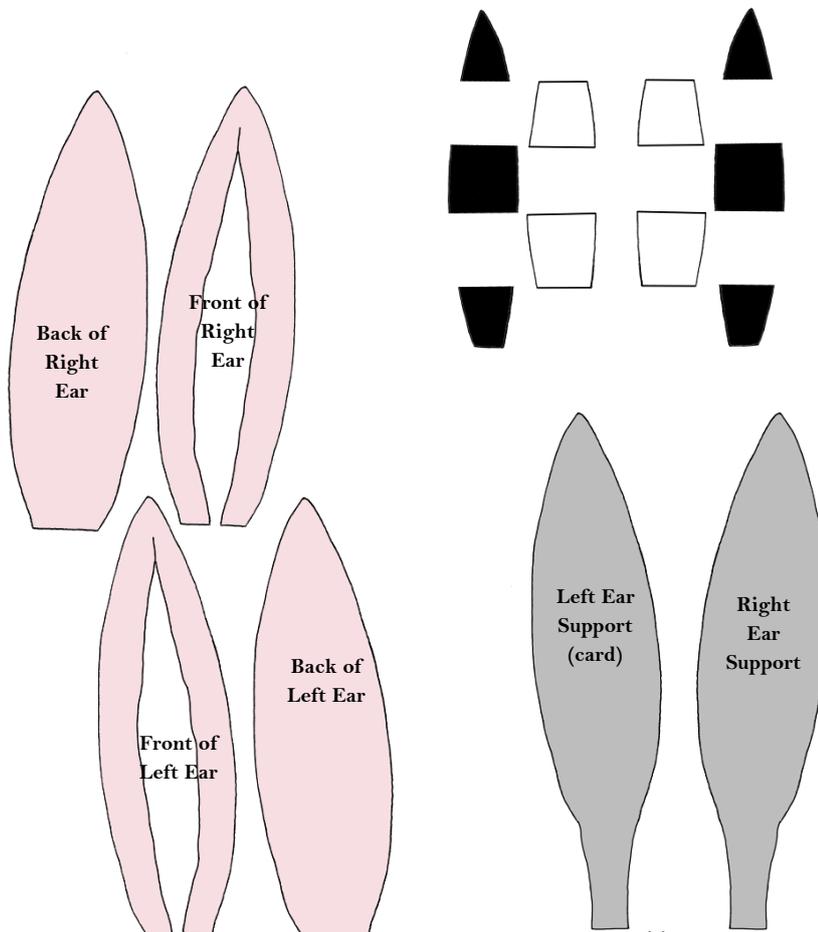


1. Ears

1. Cut the Right Ear Support and Left Ear Support out of card using the template.
2. Lay out the two pink felt Back of Ear pieces next to each other, and then glue the two card Ear Support pieces on to the felt pieces. Leave about 1cm at the bottom of the felt without any glue.

Tip: When using PVA glue, make sure to spread it very thinly so it doesn't soak through.

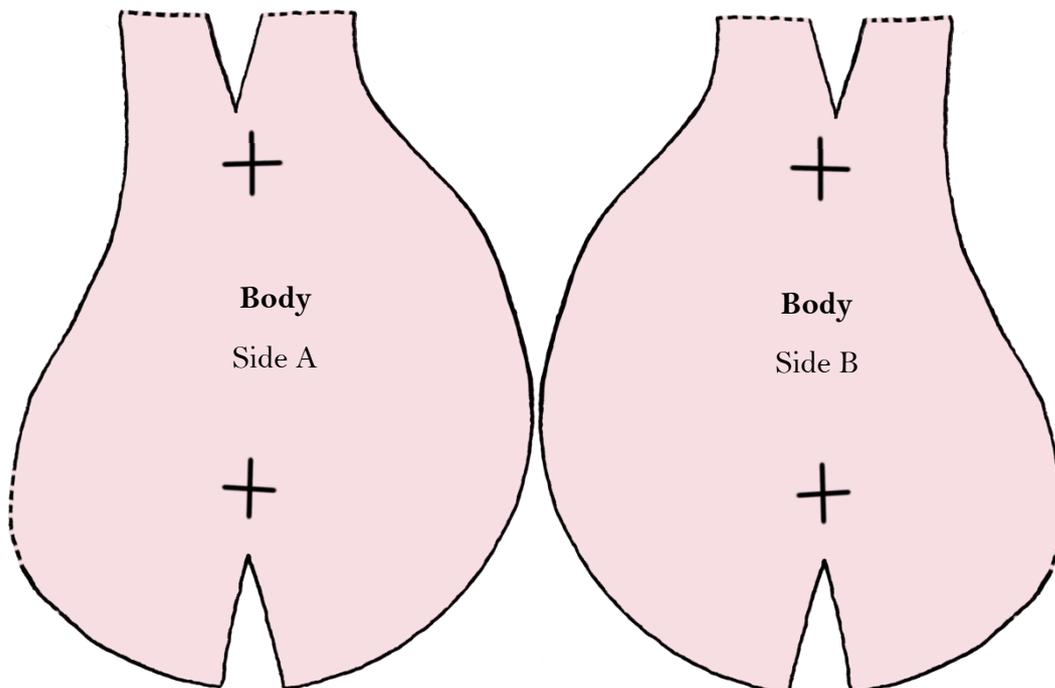
3. Cut all of the white and black inner ear pieces out of white and black felt using the template. Arrange these black and white pieces in order on top of the card Ear Supports. They should fit neatly together next to each other without any gaps or overlaps. Trim them to fit better if necessary.
4. When you are happy with the arrangement, glue each of the black and white pieces onto the card.
5. Now place your two pink felt Front of Ear pieces over the ears. The edges of these pieces should line up with the edges of the Back of Ear pieces and hide the card completely. These Front of Ear pieces should also slightly overlap the black and white inner ears.
6. Glue the Front of Ear pieces in place, but leave 1cm without any glue at the bottom.
7. Leave the ears to dry completely while you work on the other pieces. This could take at least an hour.





2. Body and Tail

1. Each body piece has a v-shaped slit at the top and bottom. Sew the two sides of each 'v' together using your needle and thread.
2. Now put the two body pieces on top of each other so that the stitches you just made are showing on the outside. Sew the two body pieces together, except where there are dashed lines on the template. These gaps will be for the neck and the tail.
3. Turn the body inside out through the neck.
4. Use your needle to push some white cotton through the white pom pom. Loop the thread round the pom pom and push it through a couple more times so you have two threads coming out of the pom pom.
5. Using one of these threads, and your needle, start to sew closed the gap you left for the tail in the body. Sew about halfway down the gap, finishing with the thread inside the body.
6. Now do the same with the other thread, sewing closed the gap from the bottom to the halfway point. Both threads should now poke through inside the body.
7. You will need to partly turn the body inside-out again, so you can reach the two threads inside. Be careful not to pull the tail free as you do this.
8. Now pull the two threads tightly (but not so tightly that they break!) and tie them with a double-knot. When you turn the body right-side out again, the tail should be firmly in place.



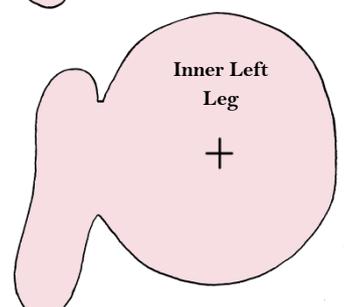
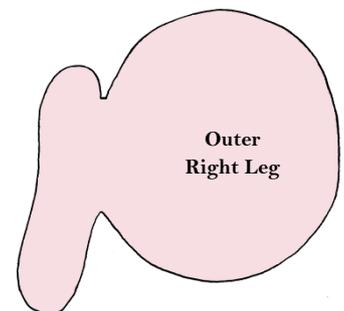
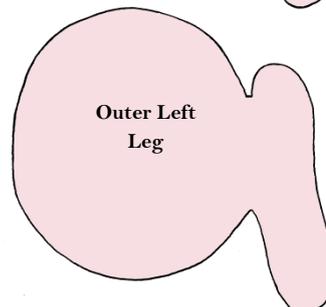
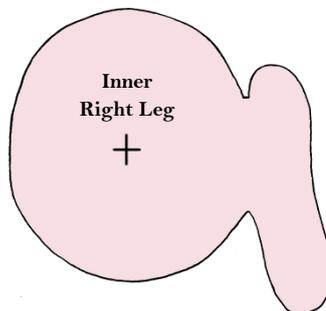
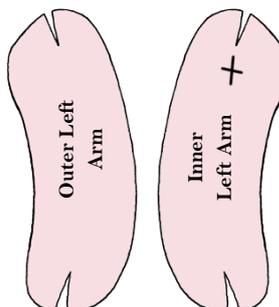
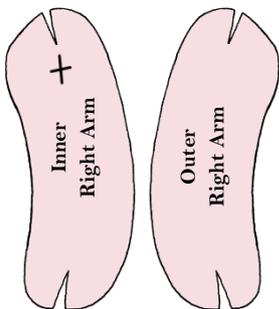
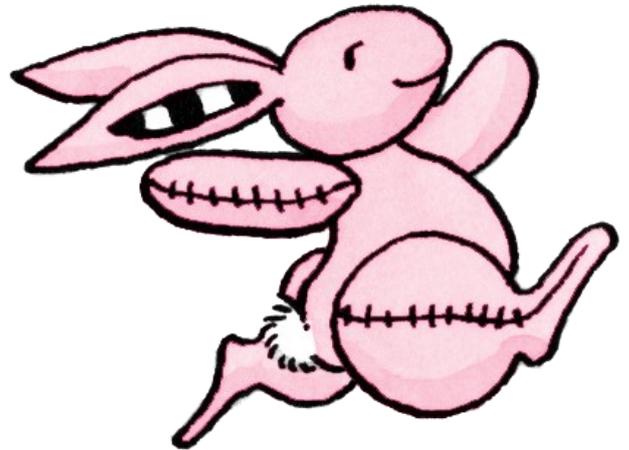


3. Arms

1. Sew the v-shaped slits on each arm piece just like you did for the body.
2. Put the inner and outer arm pieces on top of each other and sew them together around the edge, like you did for the body. Make sure to leave a gap that isn't sewn at one end.
3. Use the gap you left to turn the arms inside out.
4. Now lay the arms flat next to each other so they are like two mirror images. Using a black ballpoint pen, neatly draw on Pink Rabbit's stitches. Start with one long curved line and then draw across this with 8 or 9 short lines.

4. Legs

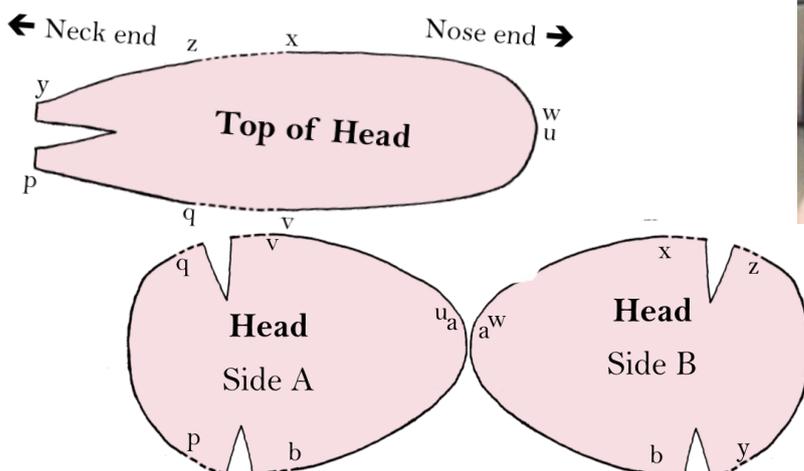
1. Lay each of the outer leg pieces on top of the inner leg pieces and sew them together. Like with the arms, you will need to leave a small gap that isn't sewn. It's best to do this at the back of each leg.
2. Turn the legs inside out using the gap you left.
3. Like for the arms, Pink Rabbit's legs need some 'stitching'. Lay the two legs down opposite each other and use your black ballpoint pen to draw a line from the top of the thigh to the bottom of the foot. Dash this line with 9-12 evenly-spaced short lines.





5. Head

1. Sew the two v-shaped slits at the top and bottom of Head Side A and Head Side B together, like you did for the body, arms and legs.
2. Head Side A and Head Side B are only joined directly to each other along the chin from the bottom of the neck to the nose. These two points are marked 'a' and 'b' on the pattern, so sew along the edge from 'a' to 'b'.
3. The rest of the Head Side A and B edges all attach to Top of Head. I've marked the places where they join to the top of the head using the letters p-z. This means you need to sew along the lines 'p' to 'q' and 'u' to 'v' etc.
4. Where there are dashes (such as between 'q' and 'v') don't sew this because this is where the ears will attach.
5. When it comes to the nose, where 'a', 'w' and 'u' all meet, your stitches will cross over each other. Try to make sure that the 'u-v' and 'w-x' stitches cross over the 'a-b' line in roughly the same place for a neat nose.
6. Turn the head inside out and use a pen to make a mark where you think the centre of his eye should go. Try to puff the head out so you can judge this better, rather than doing it while the head is flat.
7. Flatten the head out and then flip it over. Make a mark in the same place on the other side. An easy way to make marks go in the same place is to poke a needle or pin through the first mark so you can see it on the other side.
8. Using the template, cut two little circles out of black felt for the eyes. Sew these onto the head over the marks you made using black cotton.
9. Finally, draw a line for Pink Rabbit's mouth using black ballpoint pen.





6. Putting Together and Finishing Off

Attaching the Ears

1. The ears should be dry by now, but do make sure they are otherwise they might come apart. If they are, slot the card bit at the bottom of each ear into the ear holes in Pink Rabbit's head.
2. There should be a flap of felt at the bottom of the back of each ear, and two little flaps at the front of each ear where you didn't put any glue. If you like, you can stitch through both layers of felt and the card to reinforce these flaps. Push the flaps through the ear holes along with the exposed card bit.
3. Using pink cotton, sew the flaps to the inside of the head to hold the ears in place. The extra card bit at the bottom will help the ears stay upright.

Stuffing and Attaching the Limbs

1. Fill the arms and legs with stuffing or cotton wool, packing in as much as you can to make them nice and firm (but don't stitch them up yet).
2. In a minute, you will attach his limbs. It may be helpful to partially stuff the body before you do this.
3. Position the stuffed limbs on the body and mark the points where they will join. You can see the suggested positions on the original templates, but don't feel you need to be exact with this if you think a different position will look better.
4. You have two options here, depending on whether you want his limbs to move or not.

Option 1 - Limbs that Move

You can use Split Pins for moveable limbs. Make a small hole in each of the limbs and the four joining points on the body using a thick needle or sharp-pointed scissors, then push a split pin through each pair of holes and open it out inside the body.

Option 2 - Limbs that Stay in Place

For limbs that don't move, use your needle to sew multiple loops of pink cotton through the joining points and tie it with several knots. Remember to think about what position you want Pink Rabbit to be in before you do this as you can't change it later. Will he be sitting, standing, or bouncing? You may need to take some of the stuffing out to make attaching the limbs a little easier.

5. Once the limbs are attached, finish stuffing them, then sew up the open holes in the limbs. You may need to add a little more stuffing as you do this to make sure the whole limb is equally firm.

Attaching the Head

1. The head should have some of the cardboard from the ears poking down into it. Stuff the head making sure to pack the stuffing tightly around the cardboard pieces to hold them in place.
2. Finally, stitch the head to the neck using pink cotton. Make sure to keep pulling your stitches tight as you go. When you are a little over halfway round, push in some more stuffing. This will stop Pink Rabbit's head from flopping around.
3. To make the head extra secure, it may be worth sewing around it twice.



You've finished creating your very own Pink Rabbit!

I'd love to see pictures of your finished Pink Rabbit, especially of any adventures he has. You can share them with me on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter, or just using [#IsadoraMoon](https://www.instagram.com/IsadoraMoon).



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