

Essentials

Fabric, pink: spotty, light shade; dark shade; stripe; circles
Felt: black; light pink; hot pink
Thread: embroidery, white; sewing, coordinating
Buttons, 12mm, two
Glue, fabric
Fusible webbing
Toy stuffing

Dimensions

24cm x 50cm

Note:

Use a 5mm seam allowance unless otherwise stated.

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FLOSSIE FLAMINGO

Meet Flossie, the prettiest bird you'll ever make. With her movable legs, variety of fun prints and pleasing shape, this plush flamingo is an ideal gift for a little one (or a grown up!) These exotic birds are right on-trend this season, and your new toy is bound to be popular. Use up your fabric stash and try different colours to suit the owner – who says flamingos have to be pink?

STITCH A FLAMINGO

- 1 Go to www.sewmag.co.uk, download the templates and print. Cut out two bodies from light pink spotty fabric and two beaks from stripe fabric. Pin the beaks to one head, right sides together, matching the straight edge. Machine stitch then press the seams open.
- 2 Using the template as a guide, cut two small circles from black felt for the eyes. Position them on the flamingo, secure with a little fabric glue, then over sew around the edges. Work a French knot in the centre of each eye using white embroidery thread.
- 3 Pin both body parts right sides together, matching the beak seams. Machine stitch around the edge, leaving a gap under the tummy for turning. Snip and trim the curves and corners, then turn through and press.
- 4 Cut two pairs of wings from dark pink spotty fabric. Using the template as a guide, draw the middle section twice onto fusible webbing, with one in reverse. Cut out and iron onto pink stripe fabric. Trim around the shape and iron into place on the wings.
- 5 Sew along the top and bottom edges of the striped section using a wide zig zag stitch. Cut two felt sections from light pink felt, position at the top of the wing and hold in place with fabric glue. Over sew around the edge. Pair the wings right sides together and stitch around the edges, leaving the straight edge along the top open for turning. Snip the curves, turn through and press. Stitch the gaps closed using coordinating thread.
- 6 Cut two 6cm x 22cm rectangles of circle print fabric. Fold in half lengthways, right sides together, and stitch across the long edge and one short side, leaving the other open. Turn out. Fill both legs with toy stuffing, then stitch across the tops. Using the template, cut four feet from hot pink felt. Pair them together, secure with a little fabric glue and blanket stitch around the edge using white embroidery thread.
- 7 Sew a foot onto the bottom of each leg, making sure the seams on the legs are facing backwards. Cut two foot circles from light pink felt, and glue them onto the



- 8 Stuff the head and neck of the flamingo. Position the wings on the body, pin and sew into place along the top edge. Position the legs and attach with a button at the top of each one, sewing through the button so

ALL SEWN UP!

Small parts can be dangerous. You may wish to sew the legs on rather than using button joints when giving to a small child.



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PAIR FLOSSIE WITH ONE OF THESE STYLISH



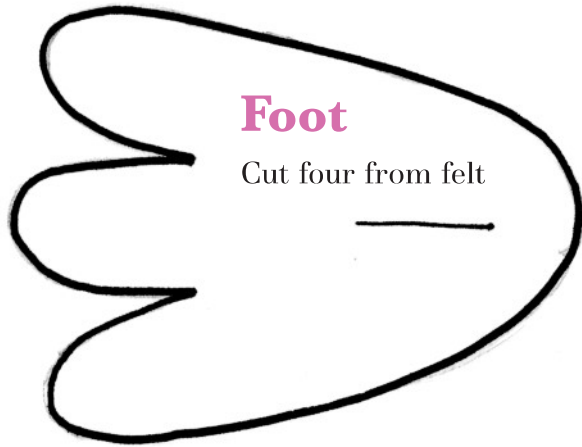
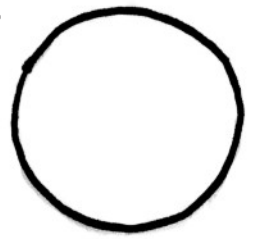
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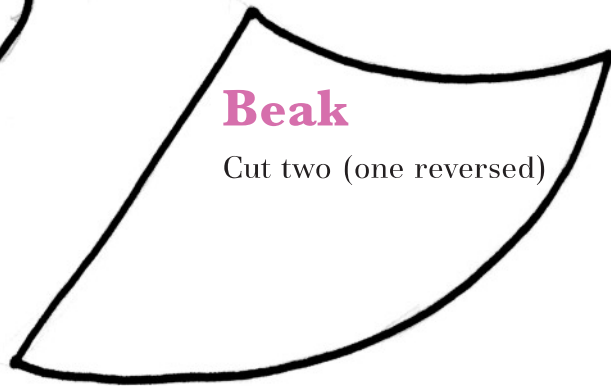
Foot Circle

Cut two



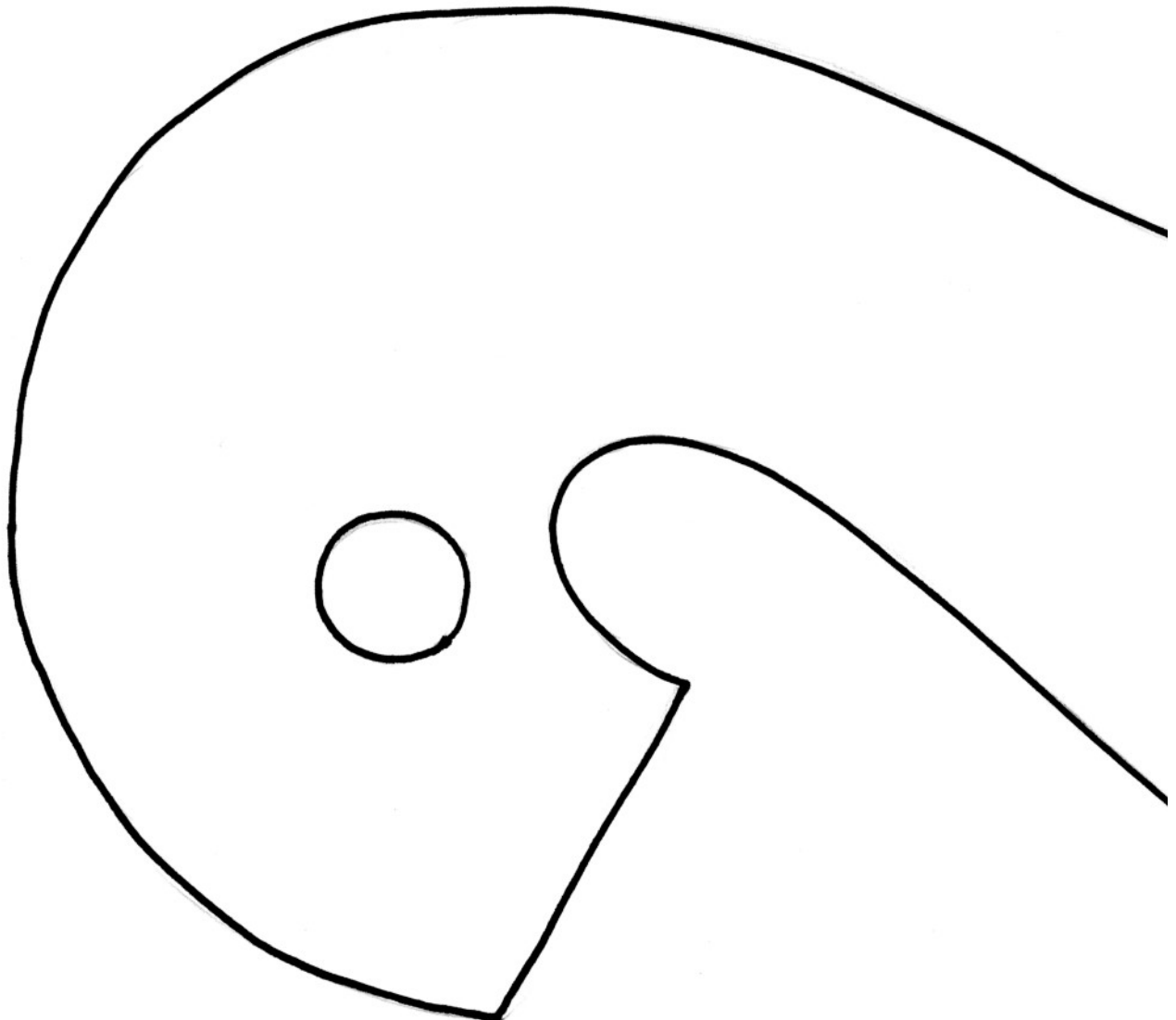
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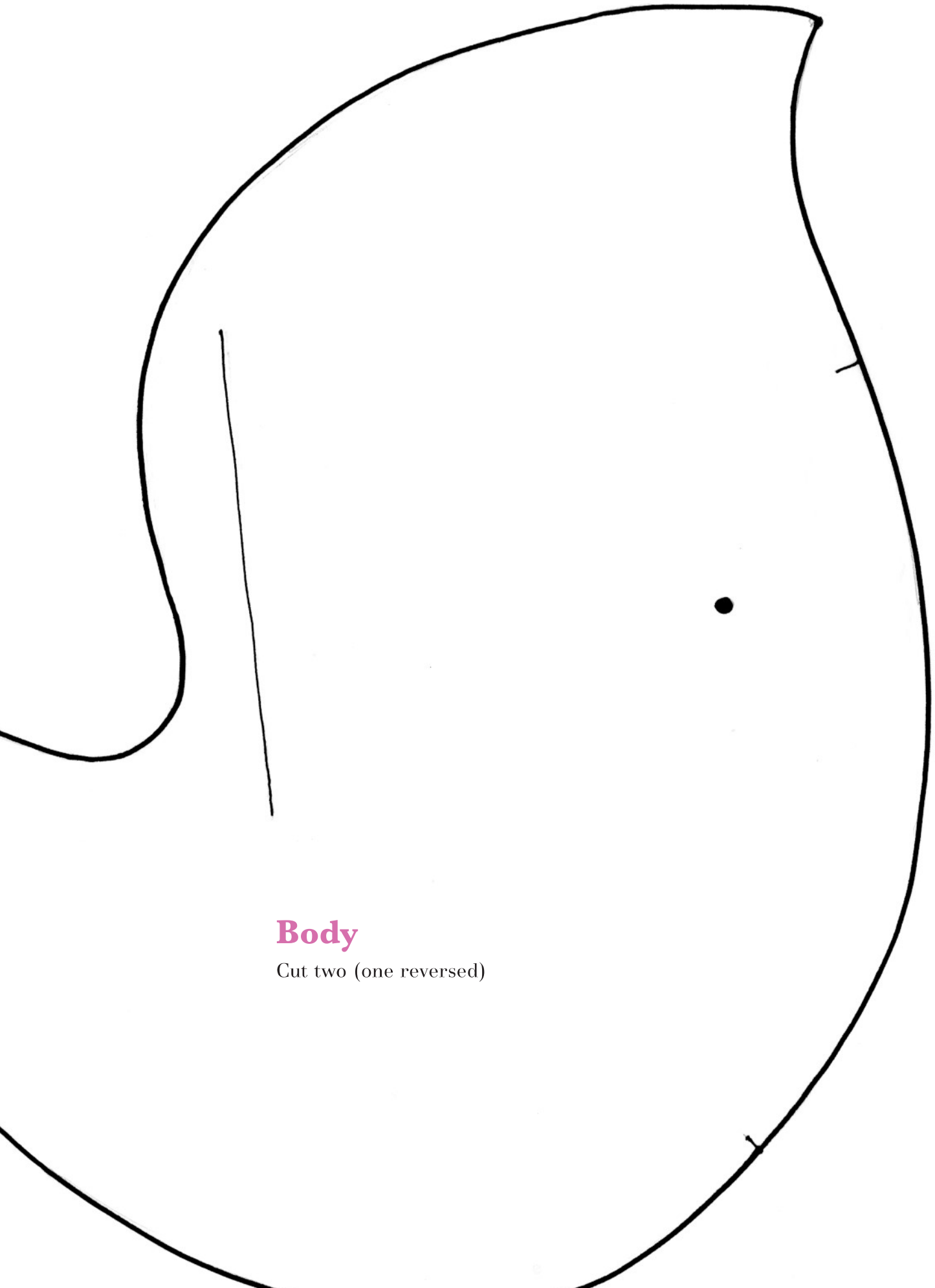
Cut four from felt



Beak

Cut two (one reversed)





Body

Cut two (one reversed)

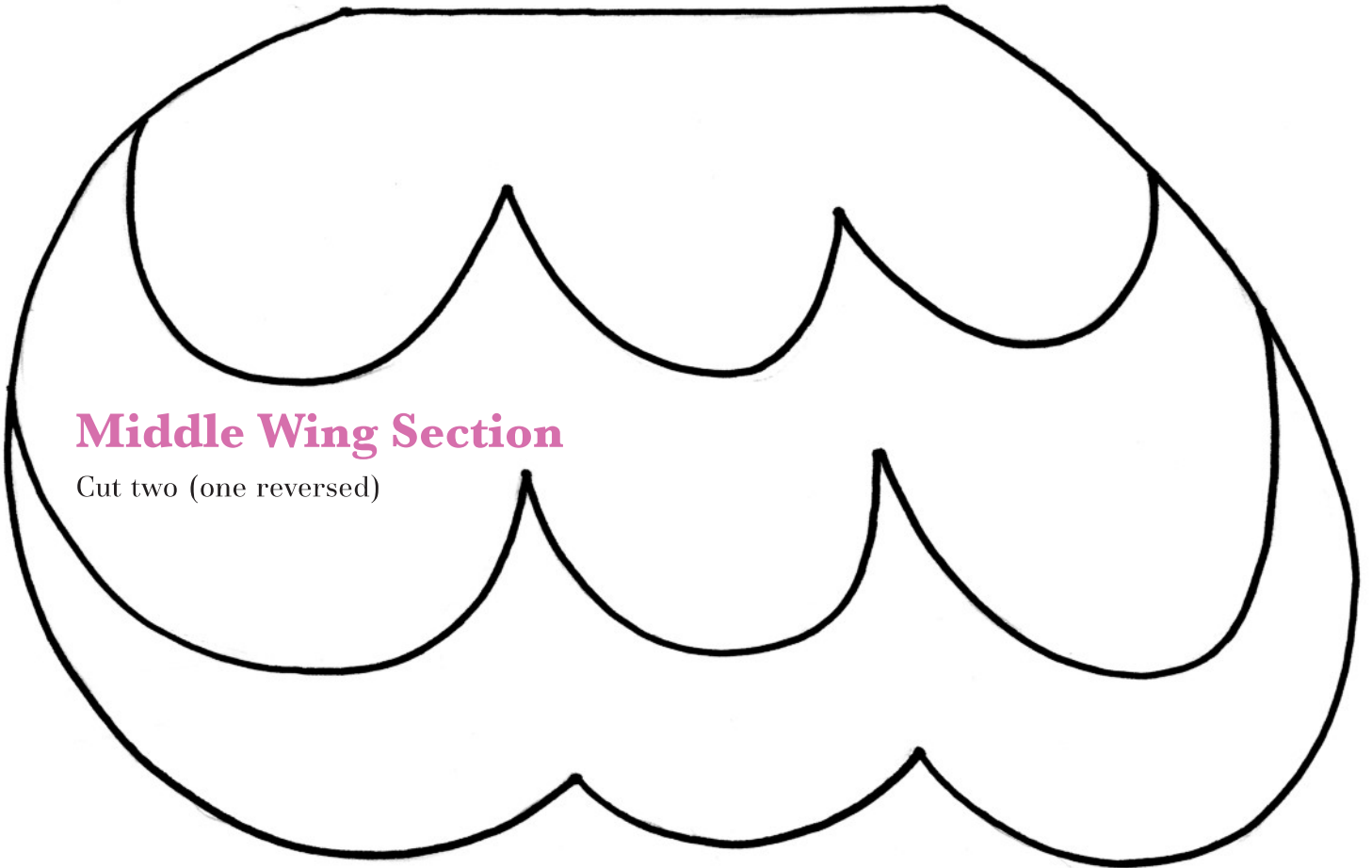
Top Wing Section

Cut two (one reversed) from felt



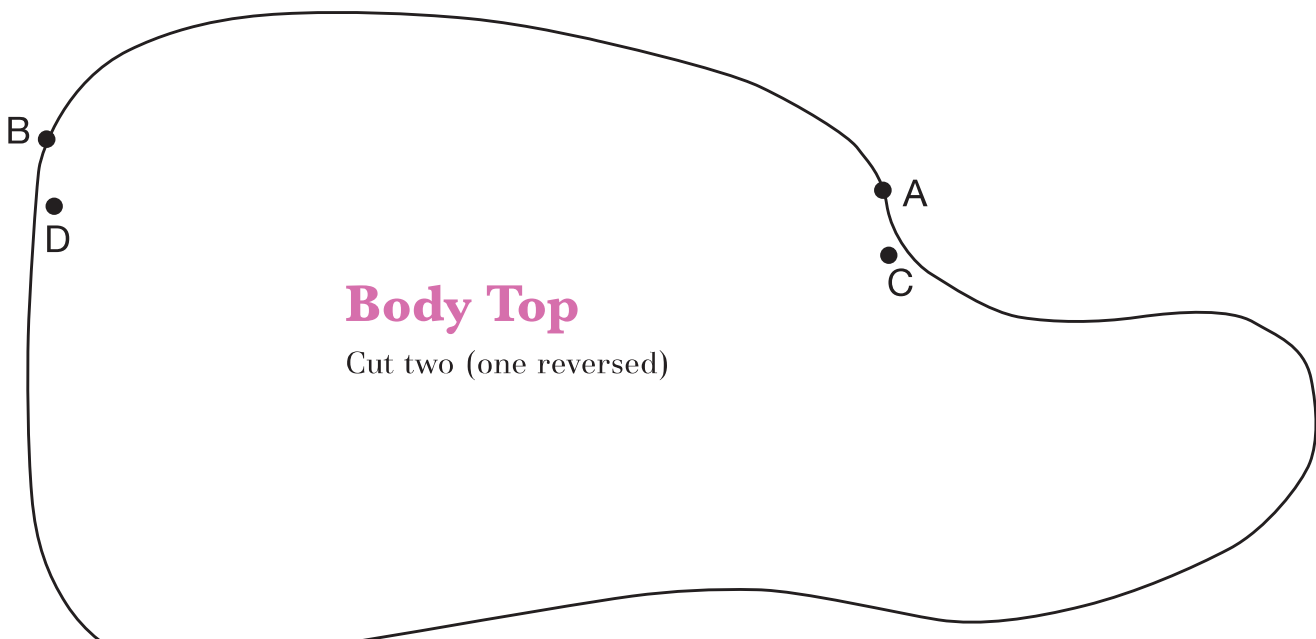
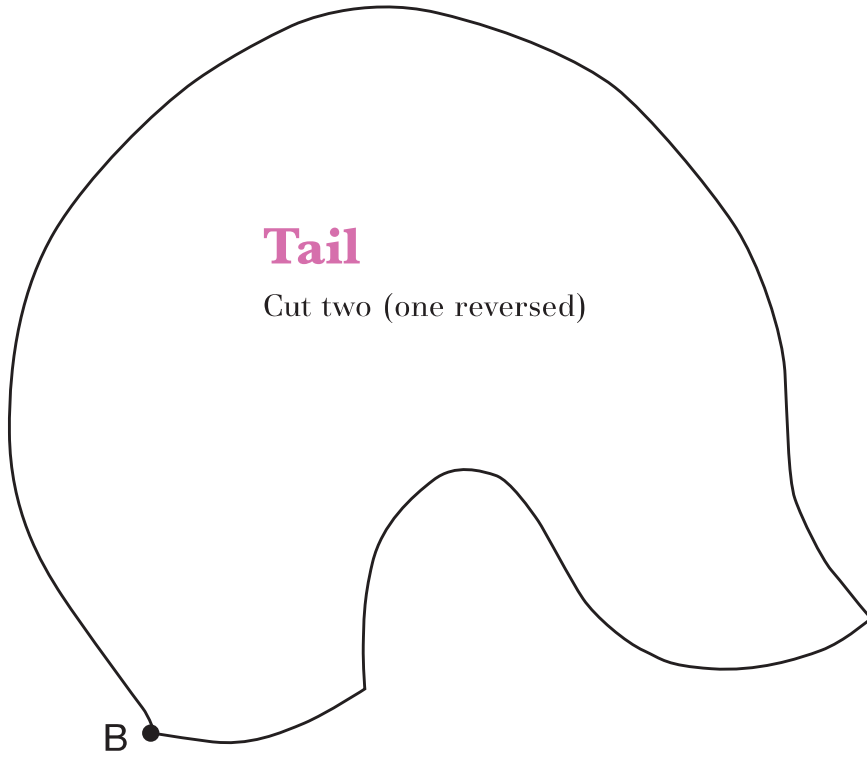
Middle Wing Section

Cut two (one reversed)



Wing

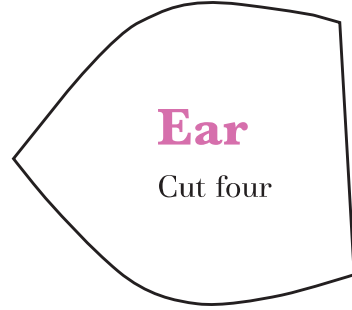
Cut four whole wings (two reversed)





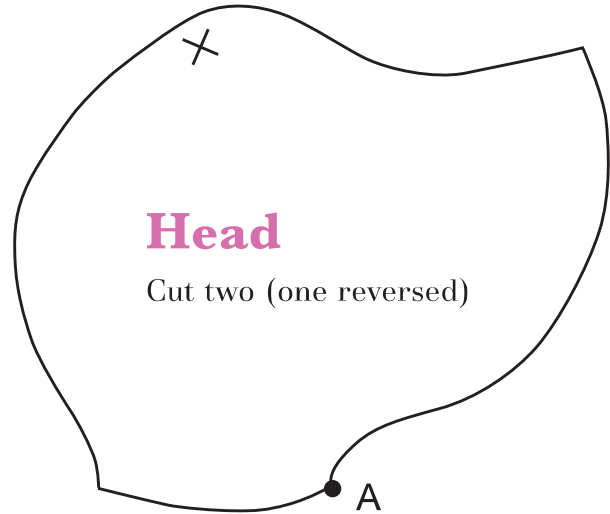
Head Gusset

Cut one



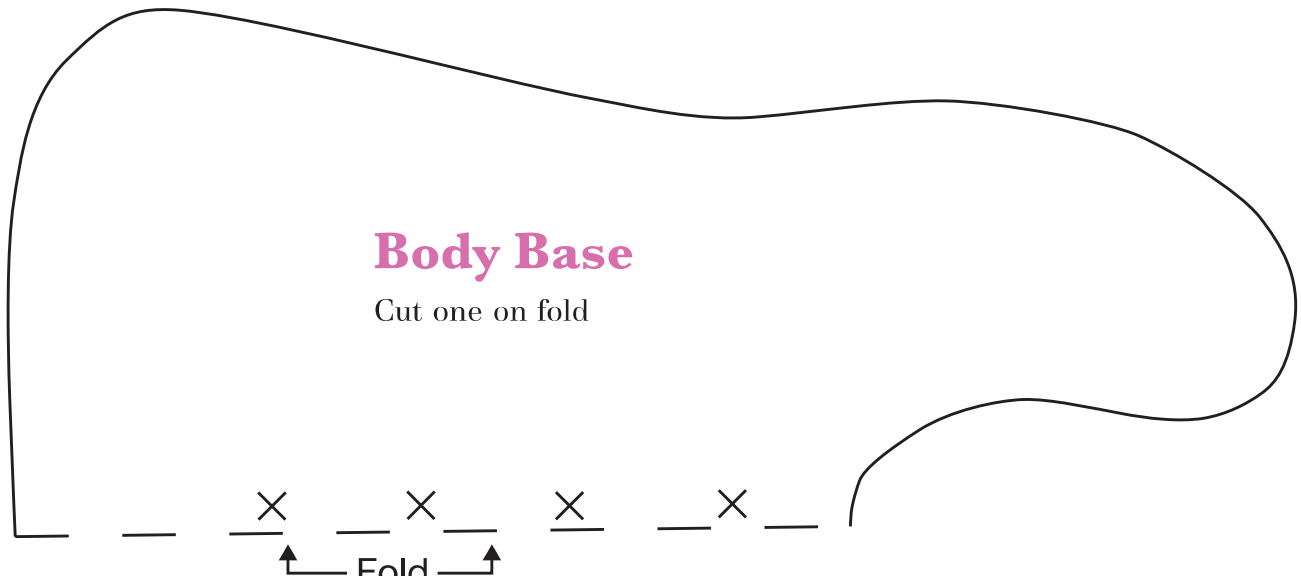
Ear

Cut four



Head

Cut two (one reversed)



Body Base

Cut one on fold