

OERPY TIGER

lap pets cats & wildcats

SEWING PATTERN HACK



a free sewing pattern by



derpy tiger pattern hack

This pattern hack is meant to work alongside my **LAP PETS: CATS & WILDCATS PLUSH SEWING PATTERN**. It is a set of extra templates that replaces the head, ears, and tail from the original pattern. With those together you can create the absolutely lovable **DERPY** from K-pop Demon Hunters! This adorably ridiculous tiger is heavily influenced by traditional working class Korean folk paintings, called *minhwa*. Tigers often represented the aristocracy. So the paintings give the tigers a ridiculous appearance (called *babo horangi* or idiot tiger) as a way to poke fun at the ruling class.

In these instructions you'll find a guide for sewing the head, ears, and tail and how they're incorporated into the original design.



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DIFFICULTY:

This version of the pattern has about the same difficulty as the original. The hardest parts are likely all the curves in the body and the time needed to add all the body marking details.

MAKES:

ONE PLUSH: About 16" long from front paws to back paws, 8" wide from each side of legs, and 5" tall to top of head.

SKILLS USED:

- ladder stitch
- fusible web applique
- sewing curves (straight to curved pieces, inner to outer curves, outer to outer curves, etc.)
- darts
- matching notches & points
- basting
- hemming
- gathering; gathering stitch
- needle sculpting
- using hook and loop tape

FABRICS & NOTIONS:

- 1/2 yd. of turquoise fabric for main body
- 1/2 yd. of aqua fabric for belly accents
- 1/8 yd. of black fabric for ears and tail tip
- 12" x 14" of scrap fabric for poly pellet pouch (stretchy fabric works the best, such as an old t-shirt)
- 1 1/4" of sew-in hook and loop tape, about 5/8"-1" wide
- basic sewing tools (sewing machine, scissors, iron, ironing board, needles, pins, fabric marker, seam ripper, point turner or chopstick)
- matching sewing thread
- poly-fil stuffing
- poly pellets
- spoon or funnel for filling poly pellets
- **APPLIQUE SUPPLIES:**
 - 8" x 8" of aqua applique fabric for eye outlines and body stripes
 - 9" x 9" of black applique fabric for eye corners, pupils, body stripes, forehead stripes, and mouth
 - 3" x 3" of red applique fabric for outer eyes
 - 3" x 3" of yellow applique fabric for irises
 - 3" x 3" of turquoise applique fabric for chest spots
 - 5" x 5" of pink applique fabric for nose, inner ears, and paw pads
 - 3" x 3" of white applique fabric for teeth and eye shines
 - 15" x 12" of light or heavy duty fusible web



SUGGESTED MAIN FABRICS:

MINKY OR FLEECE

Medium weight, plush fabrics with about 20%-30% stretch along the crosswise grain work best for this project. The varieties shown to the left are some good options and names to look for. Try to avoid heavyweight versions of fleece that are intended for outdoor apparel or they may cause trouble for the detailed areas.

You can also use non-stretch fabrics (such as felt), but be aware that the curves will be more difficult to sew and the result will look different. The plush will become more elongated and the edges will look sharper.

10" of minky
stretches to 13"
= 30% stretch

MINKY

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FELT



FUSIBLE WEB:

- Fusible web adhesive is a sheet of adhesive with a paper backing.
Not to be confused with fusible interfacing, which is adhesive attached to a fabric/fiber backing.
- Some common brands are **Pellon** & **HeatnBond**
- In countries outside the US, it may also be known as **bondaweb**
- It comes in **light** and **heavy duty** varieties. Lightweight strength is meant for applique you intend to sew later. Heavy duty versions are for a no-sew bond. If you try to sew them later your machine might have trouble penetrating the glue.

APPLIQUE FABRICS:

- Good applique fabrics include **flannel, cotton, felt, minky**, and **fleece**.
- Flannel and cotton are best for detailed applique with a lot of layers because they're thinner. Meanwhile felt, minky, and fleece are better for simpler applique like body markings.
- Flannel** is used in the example instructions (page 7).

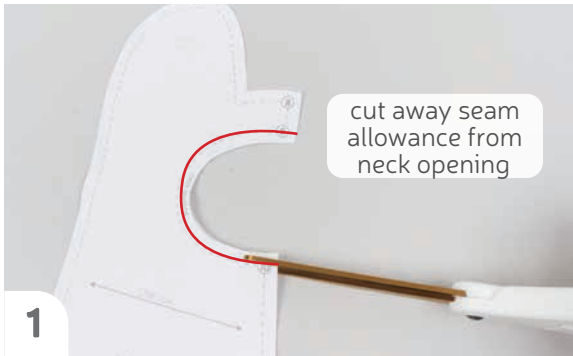
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FABRIC CUTTING GUIDE:

Follow the cutting guide below for what colors to cut from the pattern pieces from the **LAP PETS: CATS & WILDCATS PATTERN**. Above are the original pieces and below are new pattern hack pieces.

The new pieces have the same letter as the original, but a new prefix: **D FOR DERP**. For example the **HEAD FRONT (A)** has been changed to **D-A FOR DERP**.



Before cutting out your fabric, the templates need one adjustment. Take the **CHUBBY CAT BACK BODY** piece (L) and trim away the seam allowance from the **neck opening**. This will make the neck opening a little bigger for the new Derpy pieces.



If desired, you can draw in the new stitching line, $\frac{1}{4}$ " inside the previous stitching line. You can also readjust the **numbered points, 9 and 10**.

LABEL	NAME	COLOR
ORIGINAL PATTERN		
J	CHUBBY CAT BELLY	AQUA
K	CHUBBY CAT POCKET	AQUA
L	CHUBBY CAT BACK	TURQUOISE
M	CHUBBY CAT FOOT	TURQUOISE
N	CHUBBY CAT FOOT BOTTOM	AQUA
PATTERN HACK PIECES		
D-A	HEAD FRONT	TURQUOISE
D-O	HEAD BACK	TURQUOISE
D-C	EAR	BLACK & AQUA
D-W4A	TAIL	TURQUOISE
D-W4B	TAIL TIP	BLACK

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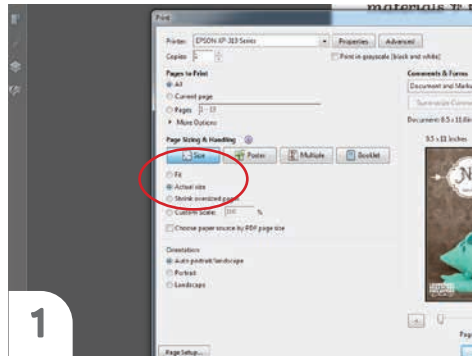
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PRINTING THE PATTERN:

Set your computer to print **PAGE 16-20.**

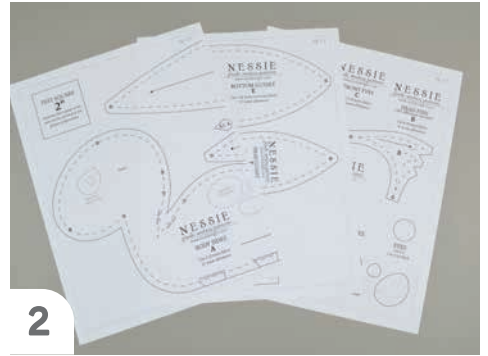
If you're unfamiliar with printing and assembling a .pdf pattern, read the steps to follow.

For the best results, use a .pdf reader like **ADOBE READER**. That's what is shown here and will give you the most control over the settings.



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At the print dialog box, check the box that says print at "Actual Size" or 100%. Any other selection (such as "Fit to page") will distort the pattern so it's slightly larger or smaller and we don't want that.



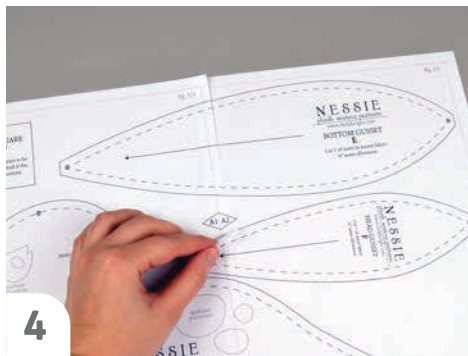
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Print the pages needed for the file. You might have one or more. Either way, be sure you have the full collection by noting the page numbers in the corner.



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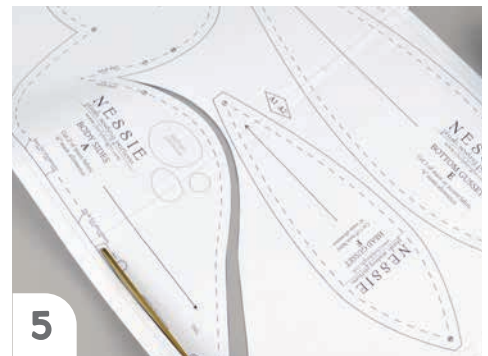
It's likely your printer will have a margin that ensures your image doesn't print to the very edge. Assembly will be easier if you trim off this blank margin edge. This will give you pages that overlap slightly during assembly. If you trim across the gray outline boxes, this will give you pages that don't overlap but rather butt against each other.



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To line up the pattern pages, match up the corresponding diamond shapes. Each diamond will have a letter, so it's simply a matter of matching A1 to A2, B3 to B4 and so on. The faint gray lines indicate the border of every page, you should be able to line those up as well. When the diamond goes together, tape it in place.

If you have many pages, it's easier to tape up the pages into rows first. Then tape the rows together into a full block.



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You can trace the patterns onto a different paper, or you can also just cut them straight from the printer paper -- be sure that each piece is fully taped together along the joins so they don't fall apart when you cut them.

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BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Briefly read the project instructions so you know what to expect.
- If desired, mark the cut fabric pieces with the markings and symbols from the pattern. Or wait until the applicable step before transferring.
- Note that a ¼" seam allowance is used throughout the project, which is included in the pattern templates.



Use the new applique templates and **HEAD FRONT (D-A)** to replace the head from the original **LAP PETS: CATS & WILDCATS** pattern.

1. FUSE THE EYE APPLIQUE



a. Grab your fusible web and applique templates. Trace the pieces for the face. Derpy has a very detailed face so give yourself some time for this part. You should have:

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| • eye outlines (2, aqua) | • eye corners (2, black) | • outer eyes (2, red) |
| • irises (2, yellow) | • pupils (2, black) | • eye shines (2, white) |
| • nose (1, pink) | • mouth (1, black) | • teeth (4, white) |
| • forehead dots (3, black) | • forehead stripes (6, black) | |

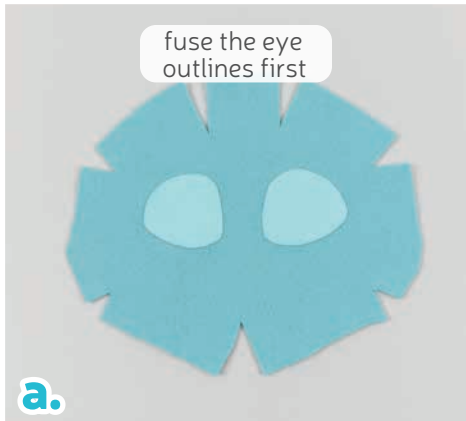
b. Fuse the bumpy (adhesive) side of the fusible web onto the applique fabrics.

c. Cut out your applique pieces and grab your **HEAD FRONT** piece (D-A). Grab the **eye outline** applique piece. Set your paper pattern on top of the head front piece. Align the applique piece on top where the placement markings are. Next, carefully pull the paper pattern away while holding the applique piece in place.

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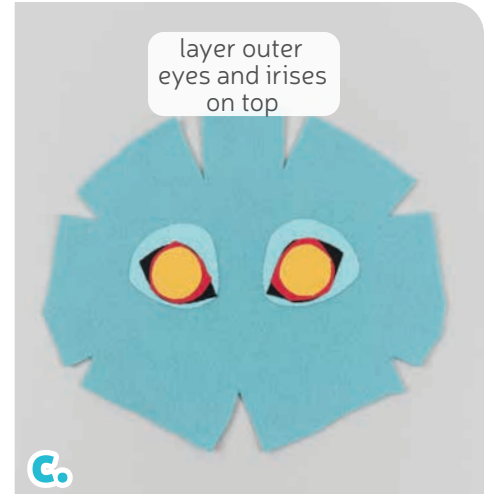
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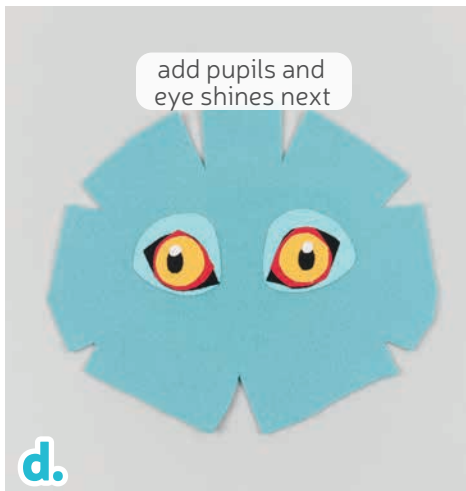


b.



c.

- a. Fuse the first applique layer with your iron. Use a press cloth, such as a scrap piece of cotton. This will help protect any polyester or fuzzy fabrics from melting or scorching.
- b. Add the **eye corner** pieces next. Use the paper pattern and photos as a placement guide. This is another foundation layer that will create the black corners of the eyes.
- c. Next add the **outer eyes** and **irises**. The red outer eyes should provide a nice border to the yellow irises.



d.



e.



f.

- d. Add the **pupils** and **eye shines** next. These are placed just slightly outside of the center to give Derpy his signature look.
- e. Next add the three **forehead dots** going up the center. Then add the **forehead stripes**. The stripes start at the **eye outlines** then work their way up the forehead, evenly spaced. The **mouth** is added below the eyes.
- f. Lastly add the **teeth** on top of the **mouth**, then the **nose** right above the mouth.

If you used heavy duty fusible web, you can keep the pieces fused without sewing, or you can sew them in place a number of ways. I've used a zigzag stitch here.

→ Refer to page 10 for some other applique options.

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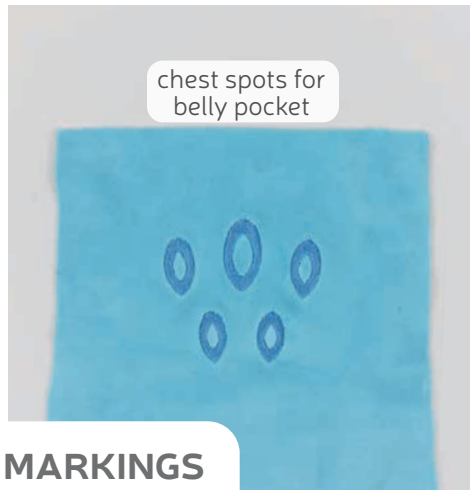
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3. APPLIQUE THE PAWS & EARS

→ Also take this time to applique the paw pads and ears.

- a. The **EARS** (D-C) get *inner ear* applique (2, pink).
 - b. The **BELLY** (J) gets *paw pads* for the front paws (10, pink). These applique templates are from the original pattern.
 - c. And the **FOOT BOTTOMS** (N) also get *paw pads* (10, pink). These applique templates are also from the original pattern.
- Follow the same steps as before, tracing the design and fusing it to your main fabrics.



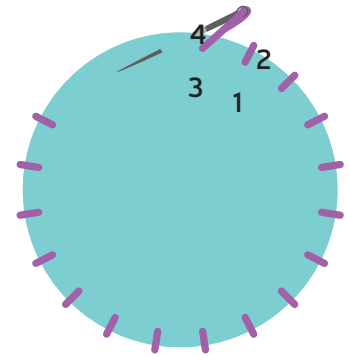
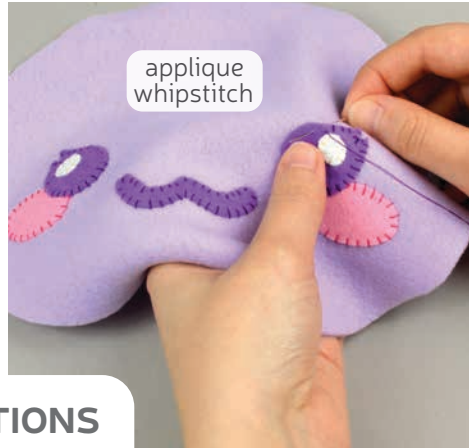
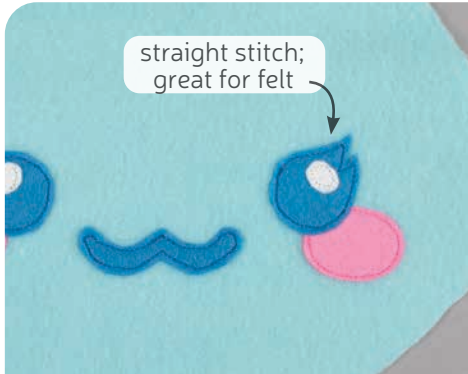
4. APPLIQUE THE TIGER MARKINGS

→ Also take this time to applique the tiger markings.

- a. The **BACK** pieces (L) get *outer body stripes* (6, black), and *inner body stripes* (6, aqua). These are placed down the middle between the neck opening and the back dart.
 - b. The **POCKET** (K) gets *chest spots* (5, turquoise). These start about 2" down from the top edge of the pocket.
 - c. And the **TAIL** (D-W4) also gets *outer tail stripes* (3, black) and *inner tail stripes* (3, aqua).
- Follow the same steps as before, tracing the design and fusing it to your main fabrics.

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5. OTHER APPLIQUE OPTIONS

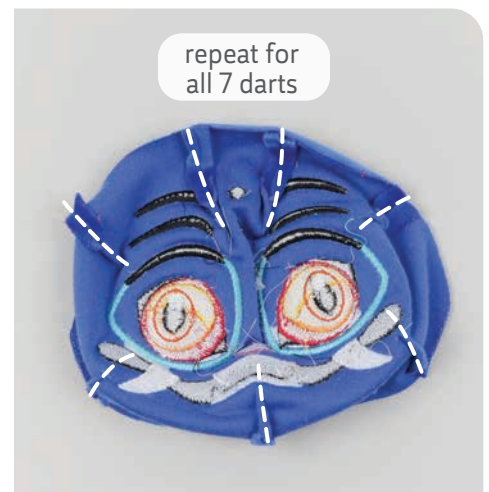
- Other options for applique include a straight stitch. That's done by sewing around the edge of the applique pieces with a straight stitch using matching thread -- about 1/8" in from the edge.
- You can also applique by hand using a whipstitch. Thread a hand-sewing needle with some matching thread and knot it. Bring the thread up from the back of the project; about 1/8" in from the edge of the applique shape. Bring it down perpendicular from the curve, just outside of the applique shape. This completes one stitch.
- For the next stitch, bring the needle back up about 1/8" away from the previous stitch and 1/8" in from the edge just as in the first stitch. Once again, bring it down just outside the applique shape. Continue this way until you've sewn around the shape.



Refer to step 7 from the original **LAP PETS: CATS & WILDCATS PLUSH PATTERN** to sew the head front darts. Refer to the original for more detailed instructions, but there is a brief overview below:

6. SEW THE HEAD FRONT DARTS

- Step 7:** Align the head front darts and sew them.
- Unlike the original pattern, Derpy has 7 **darts**. There are 3 along the bottom and 4 along the top.



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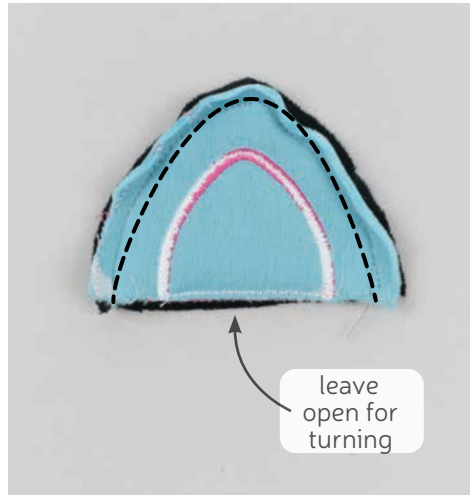
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The following steps 7-8 will replace steps 12-13 from the original **LAP PETS: CATS & WILDCATS PLUSH PATTERN** using the new ear pieces.



7. SEW THE EARS



- Grab your **EAR** pieces (D-C). Take one from your black fabric and one from your aqua fabric. Align them with right sides facing and the raw edges matching up.
- Sew the pieces together around the long curved edge. Leave the straight edge free for turning the piece right side out.
- Turn the ear right side out, then repeat this once more with your other ear pieces for two total.

8. BASTE THE EARS

- Grab your **HEAD FRONT** so far (D-A). If you haven't already, note the **ear placement lines** found on the paper pattern for the head front. Align the **EARS** within these lines so the inner ears are facing up.
- Now flip the ears downward so the inner ears face down and the raw edges are flush. Pin the ears in place. Baste the ears to the edge of the head to hold them in place for future steps.



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Refer to steps 14-15 from the original **LAP PETS: CATS & WILDCATS PLUSH PATTERN** to sew the rest of the head. Refer to the original for more detailed instructions, but there is a brief overview below:

9. SEW THE HEAD

- a. **Step 14:** Sew the head back.
Step 15: Attach the head back
- b. Turn the head through the opening in the back to finish.



Refer to steps 17-20, then 22-30 from the original **LAP PETS: CATS & WILDCATS PLUSH PATTERN** to sew the body. Refer to the original for more detailed instructions, but there is a brief overview below:

10. SEW THE BODY

- a. **Step 17:** Hem the **BELLY POCKET** (K).
Step 18: Attach the hook and loop tape.
Step 19: Baste the belly pocket to the **BELLY** (J).
Step 20: Attach the **FEET** (M).
Step 22: Sew the body dart.
Step 23: Attach the back feet.
Step 24: Sew the center back.
Steps 25-27: Sew the body to the belly.
Step 28: Attach the **FOOT BOTTOMS** (N).
Steps 29-30: Clip and turn the body.



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Refer to steps 31-35 from the original **LAP PETS: CATS & WILDCATS PLUSH PATTERN** to stuff the pieces and attach the head. Refer to the original for more detailed instructions, but there is a brief overview below:

11. STUFF & ATTACH THE HEAD

- a. **Steps 31-32:** Create the **POLY PELLET POUCH**.
- Steps 33-34:** Stuff the body and head.
- Step 35:** Attach the head.



The following steps 12-13 will replace steps 41-43 from the original **LAP PETS: CATS & WILDCATS PLUSH PATTERN** using the new tiger tail pieces.

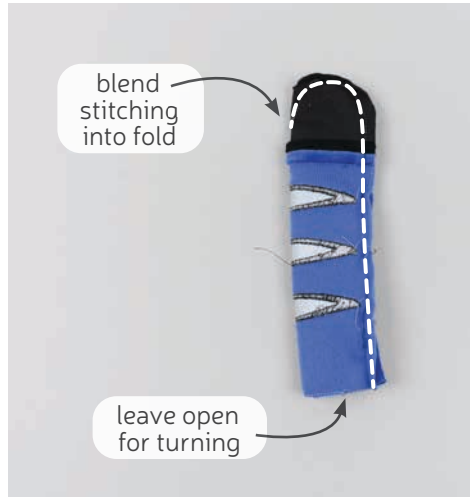
12. ATTACH THE TAIL TIP

- a. Grab your **TAIL** (D-W4a) and **TAIL TIP** pieces (D-W4b). Align these pieces together so the straight edges match up and the right sides are facing. Pin the fabrics together.
- b. Sew the tail tip to the tail along this straight edge.



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13. SEW THE TAIL

- Grab your **TAIL** (W4) and open up the pieces, then fold it in half lengthwise so it makes an even skinnier shape. This should line up the tail tip seam from before. Make sure right sides are facing and pin the fabrics together.
- Sew the tail by starting at the bottom corner and working your way down the tail. Sew around the tip of the tail. When you get to the fold, try to blend your stitching into the fold for a smoother transition and a rounder finish. Leave the bottom straight edge open for turning.
- Turn the tail right side out through the opening you left.



Refer to steps 44-45 from the original **LAP PETS: CATS & WILDCATS PLUSH PATTERN** to stuff and attach the tail. Refer to the original for more detailed instructions, but there is a brief overview below:

14. STUFF & ATTACH THE TAIL

- Step 44:** Stuff and cinch the tail closed.
Step 45: Attach the tail to the body back.



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Refer to steps 46-47 from the original [LAP PETS: CATS & WILDCATS PLUSH PATTERN](#) to needle sculpt the paws. Refer to the original for more detailed instructions, but there is a brief overview below:

15. NEEDLE SCULPT THE PAWS

a. Step 46: Prep your needle and begin the first few stitches.

Step 47: Finish the needle sculpting.



needle
sculpt the
front and
back paws

CONGRATS!
This completes your
plush! Now give it a
big squishy hug!

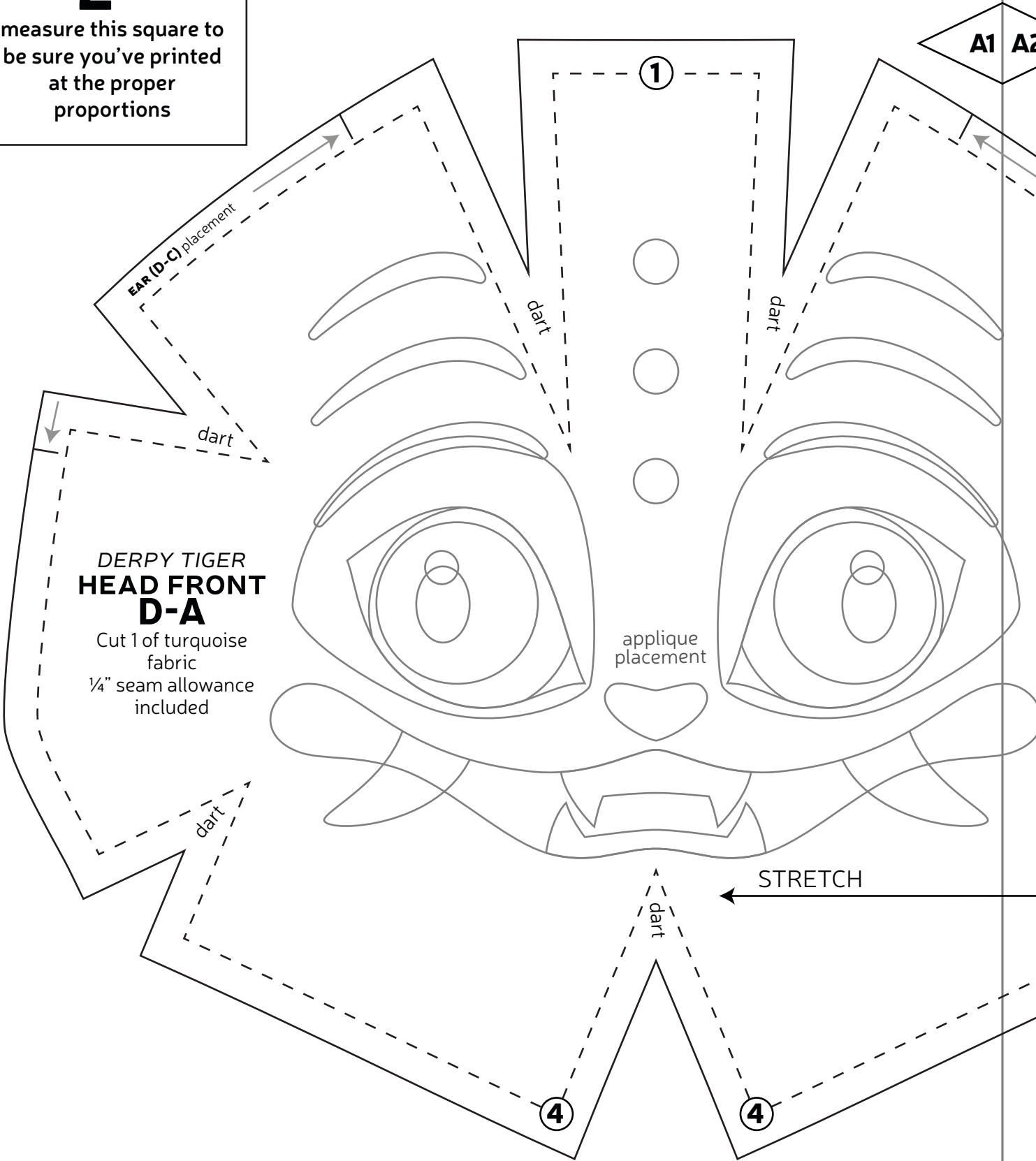


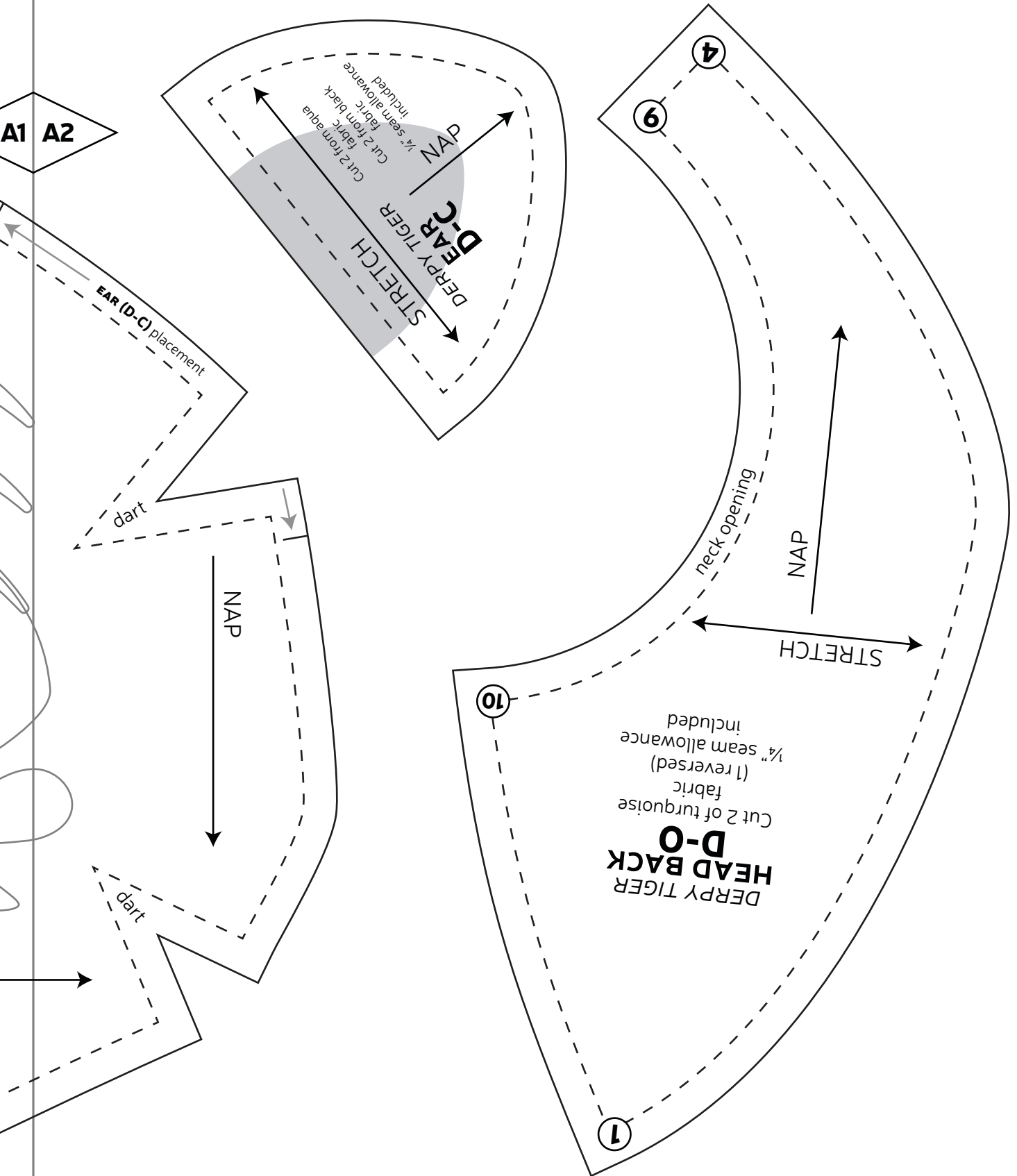
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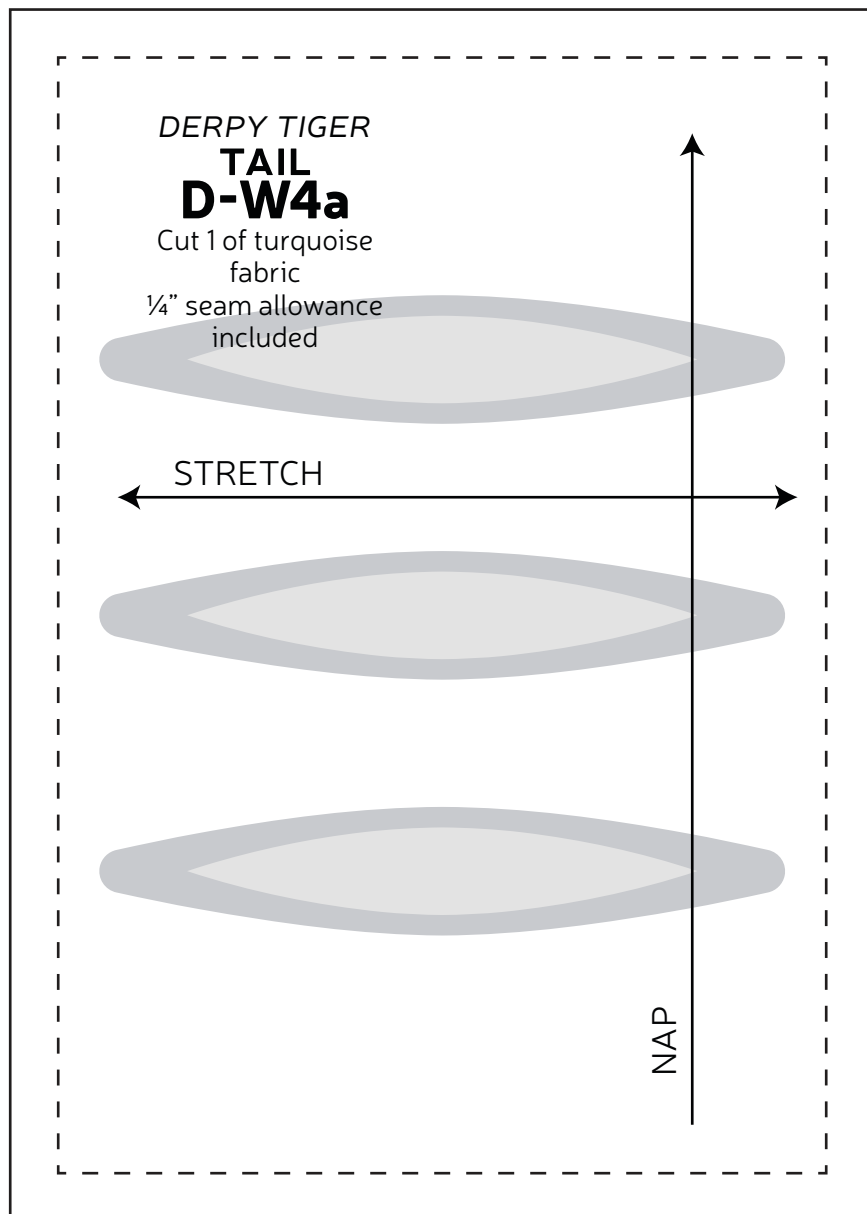
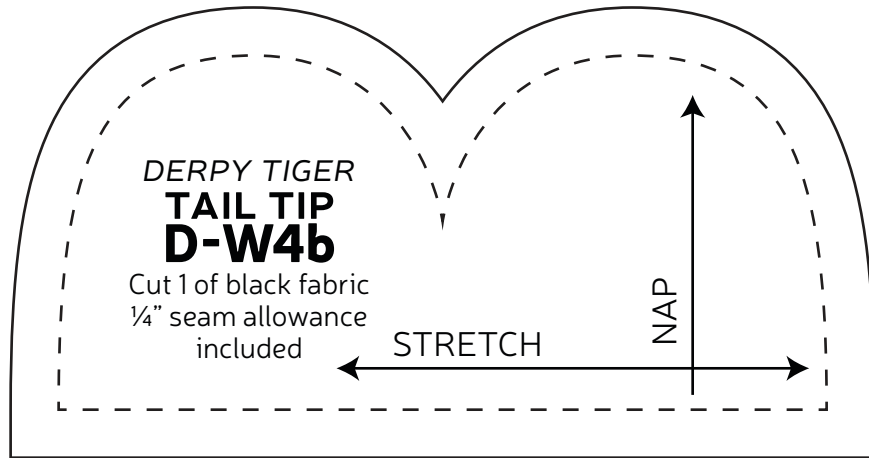
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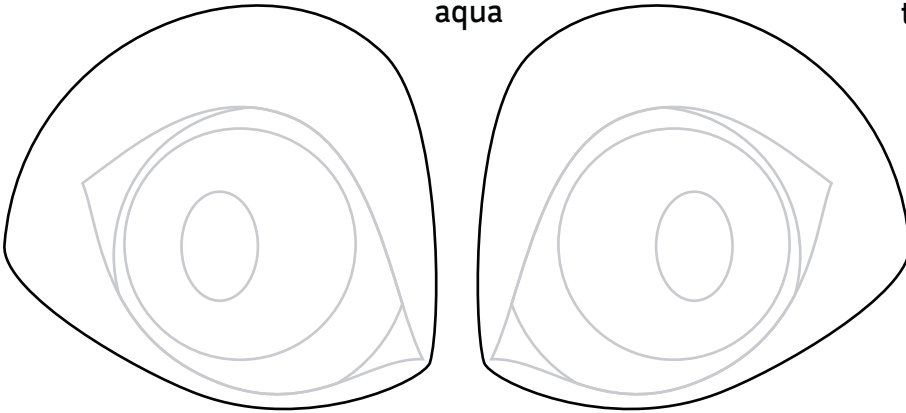






EYE OUTLINES

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EYE SHINES

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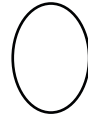
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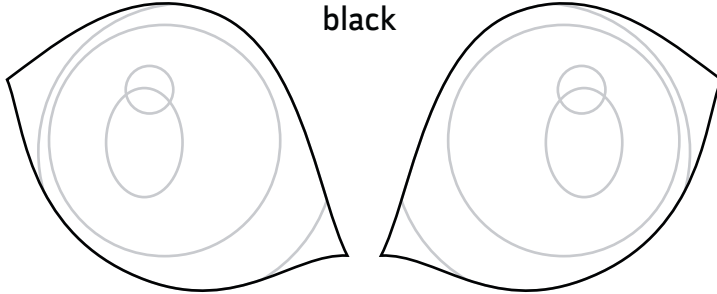
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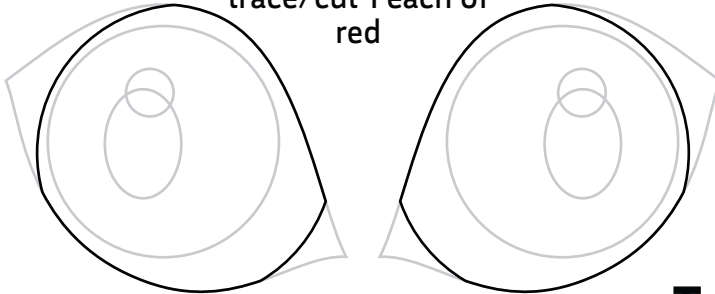
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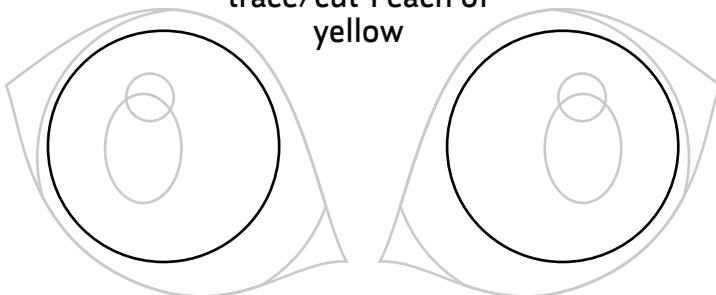
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IRISES

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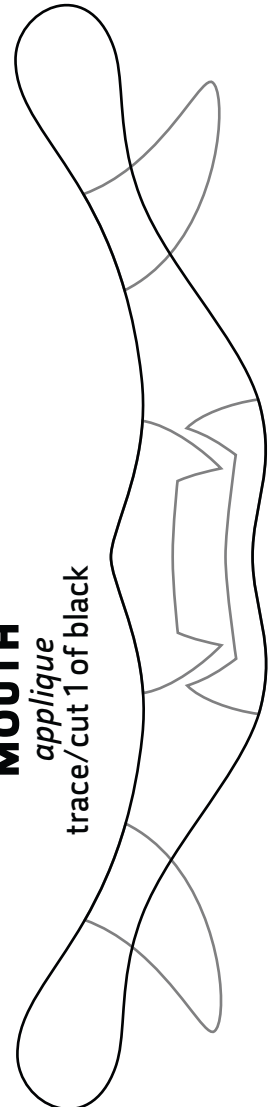
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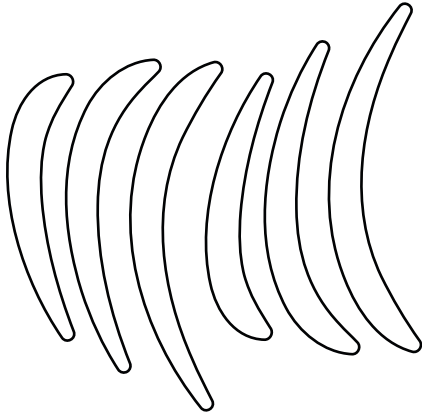
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FOREHEAD STRIPES

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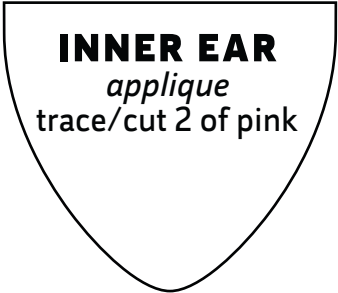
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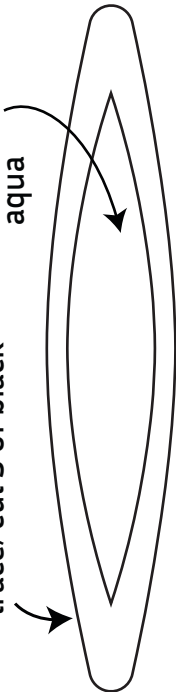
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INNER TAIL STRIPES

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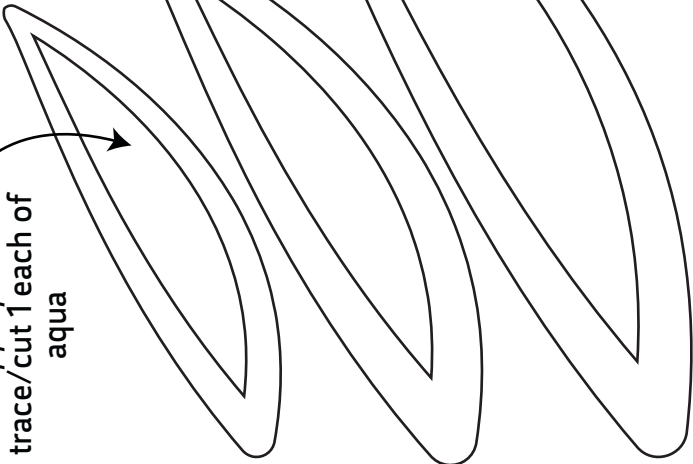
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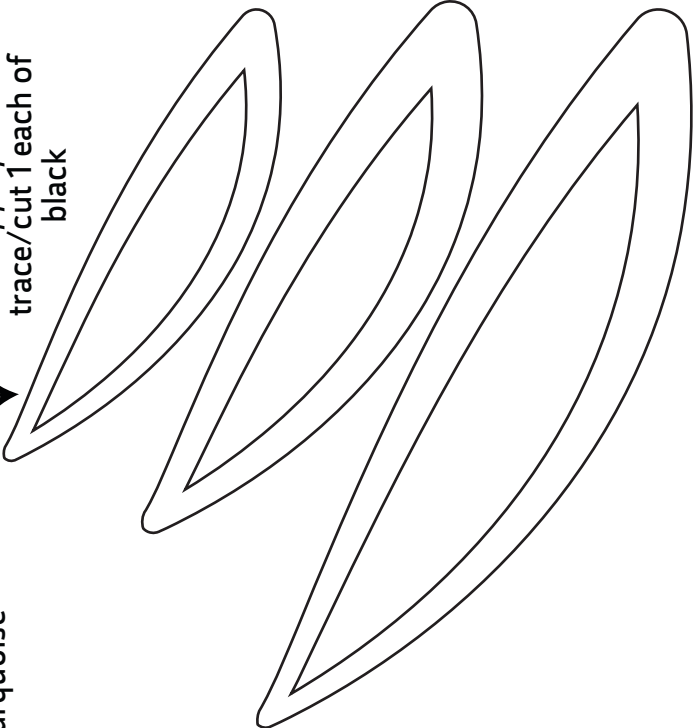
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OUTER BODY STRIPES

applique
trace/cut 1 each of black



CHEST SPOTS

applique
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