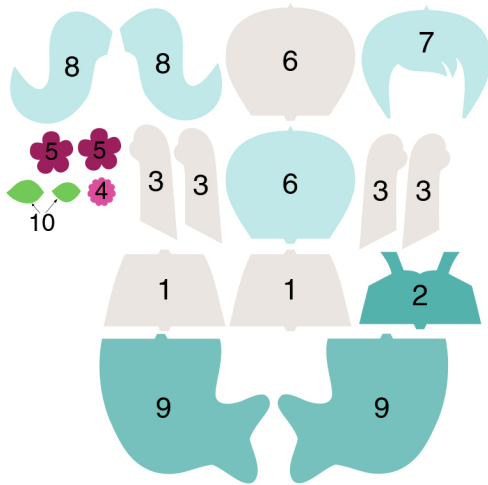


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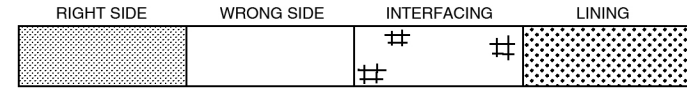


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|------------------------|----------------|
| 1 - UPPER BODY         | 6 - HEAD       |
| 2 - UPPER BODY OVERLAY | 7 - HAIR FRONT |
| 3 - ARMS               | 8 - PONYTAIL   |
| 4 - FLOWER             | 9 - TAIL       |
| 5 - LOWER FLOWER       | 10 - LEAVES    |

↑ Grainlines are indicated by the direction of the number unless otherwise noted.

# General Directions

## FABRIC KEY



## SYMBOLS



NOTCH



PLATEAU



DOTS

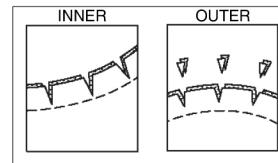
All of these are to help with aligning your pattern pieces.

Markings will be printed on the wrong side of the fabric. When necessary, transfer to the right side of fabric with a water soluble marker or your favorite method.

With RIGHT sides together, stitch 1/4" (6mm) seams and press all seams open, unless otherwise indicated.

**TACK:** A small hand stitch to secure fabric.

Sewing procedures *ITALICIZED* in Sewing Directions are defined below:

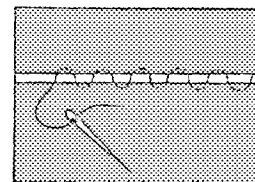


**CLIP CURVES**

**CLIP CURVES** to make seams lie flat.

**Inner Curve** - Make little clips, or snips, in the seam allowance just to, but not through, the stitching.

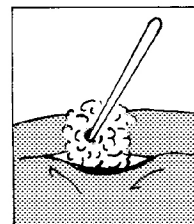
**Outer Curve** - Cut little wedge-shaped notches from seam allowance.



**LADDER STITCH**

**LADDER STITCH** - Using a strong thread, take a small stitch in one edge close to seam. Then take a small stitch in the other edge close to seam. Pull up thread after each stitch to bring edges together.

Continue to alternate from edge to edge with the smallest hand-stitches possible. Knot thread securely at end of stitching.

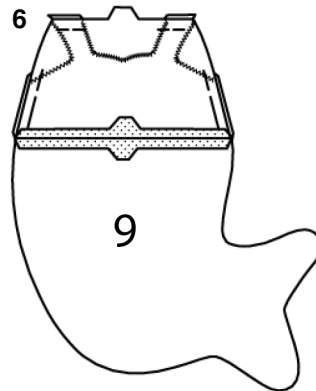
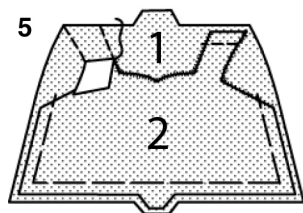
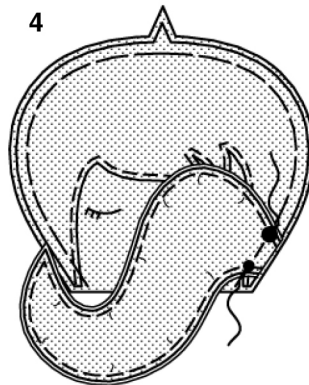
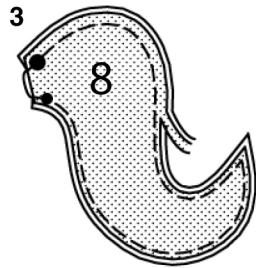
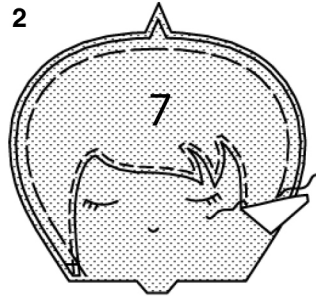
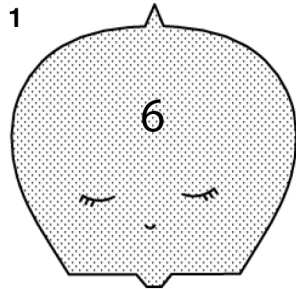


**STUFF**

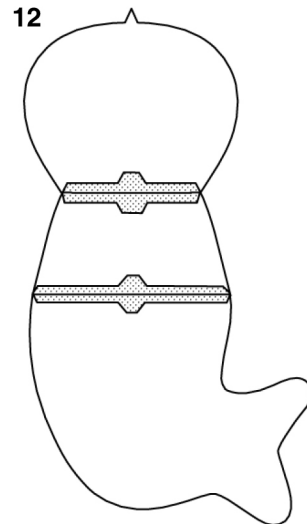
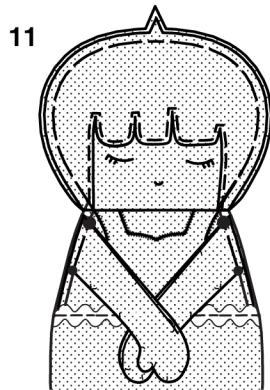
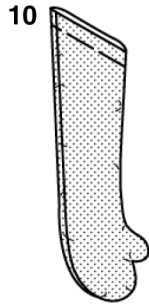
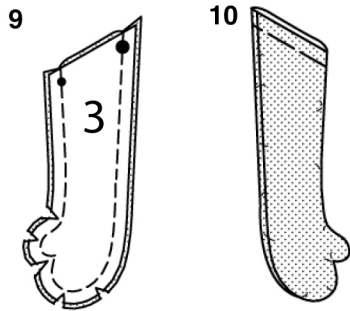
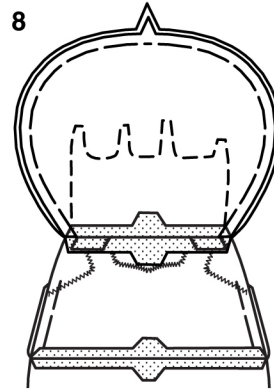
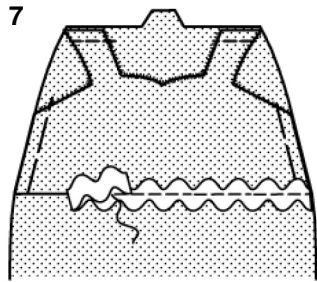
**STUFF** - Pull fiberfill apart and fluff it before you use it. Break apart the lumps and thick spots. This will help to create a smoother looking project. Use small pieces and pack into place using the end of a crochet hook or chop-stick.

Pack firmly in place each time stuffing is added. Use both hands to mold and shape, being careful not to over stuff or make lopsided.

# Sewing Directions



1. On **OUTSIDE** of head (6), paint eyelids and lashes in one color and lips in second color. This is the head front. The contrast head (cut of same color as hair) is the head back.
2. On **OUTSIDE**, pin hair front (7) to head front along lines, matching notches and having raw edges even. Stitch close to inner raw edge of hair. Baste remaining raw edges together.
3. With **WRONG** sides together, pin ponytail (8) sections together. Stitch, leaving ends with small and large dots open. Trim close to stitching.
4. **STUFF** ponytail lightly. Baste raw edges together. On **OUTSIDE**, and with **RIGHT** sides together, pin ponytail to hair at head front, matching small and large dots. Baste.
5. Pin **WRONG** side of upper body overlay (2) to **RIGHT** side of one upper body (1) along lines, matching plateaus and having raw edges even. Baste strap ends, side and lower edges together. Zig-zag (satin) stitch along upper edges. This is the upper body front. The remaining section (1) is for the upper body back.
6. With **RIGHT** sides together, stitch upper body front to one tail (9) section.



7. On OUTSIDE, stitch center of rick-rack over seam.

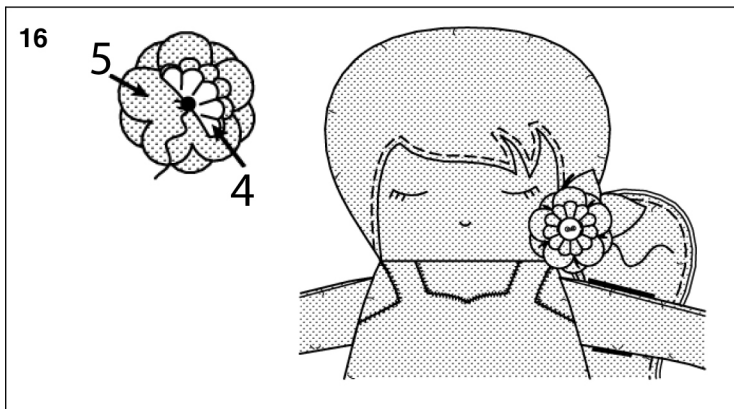
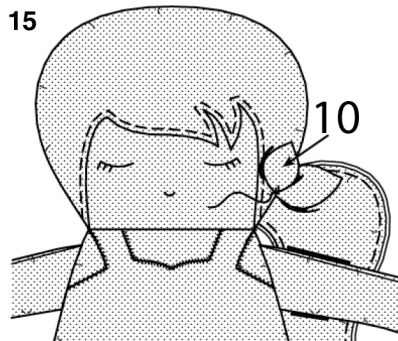
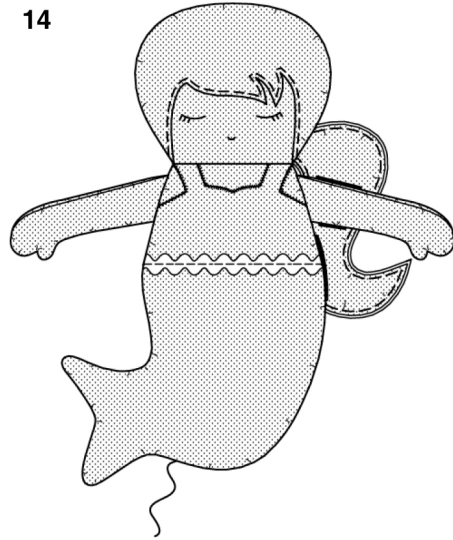
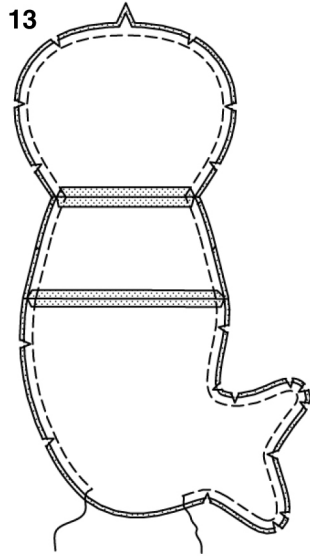
8. With RIGHT sides together, stitch head front to upper body front.

9. Make two arms as follows:  
With RIGHT sides together, stitch two arm (3) sections together, matching small and large dots, leaving end with small and large dots open. **CLIP CURVES.**

10. Turn arm RIGHT side out. **STUFF** arm firmly, placing less fiberfill at opening. Baste arm opening edges closed. Repeat for other arm.

11. On OUTSIDE, pin arms to side edges of body front, matching small and large dots. Baste.

12. With RIGHT sides together, pin remaining tail and upper body back sections together. Stitch head back to upper body back.



**13.** Stitch rick-rack over body and tail seam in same manner as for front.

With **RIGHT** sides together, stitch front to back, matching notches and leaving an opening along lower edge of tail. Be careful not to catch in free ends of polytail. **CLIP CURVES** and clip to stitching at inner corners.

**14.** Turn body **RIGHT** side out.

**STUFF** body firmly.

**LADDER-STITCH** opening closed.

**15.** Lap edges of leaves (10) and hand-sew them to hair front and ponytail over the seam.

**16.** Pin two lower flowers (5) together, matching small dots. Tack flower (4) to lower flowers, matching small dots.

Pin flowers to hair front and ponytail, over the leaves, as shown. Sew button to flower at small dot.