



Snip-Stitch-Stuffity Boj!

Getting Started

Boj loves to make stuff from other stuff – so before you go out and buy new material, you could check if you have any scrap material, old clothes, sheets, pillow cases etc. that could be upcycled.

Ideally the appliqué pieces ie. eyes, nose, mouth, spots and inner ear should be cut from non-fraying fabric such as felt or fleece. But if you don't have any, then raw edges can be sewn using a zig zag stitch to prevent fraying.

The black tail could be made from a piece of cord, an old shoe lace or you could plait several strands of wool together. Otherwise a piece of felt can be used with the pattern piece provided.

The tail end could be made with some tufty fur or a fluffy pompom if you prefer.

Your Boj doesn't have to be perfect – Boj-ing is all about having a go and making the best with what you've got!



Top Tips!

- For parts that need a front and back, fold your fabric in half, pin together and cut both front and back at the same time.
- You may want to chalk mark your fabric pieces as you go with their letter and 'front/back' so you don't get confused!
- You can also mark on the dots to align ears, arms, legs and tail later.
- Always pin fabric before sewing to avoid slipping and bunching!
- When sewing the front and back pieces together, remember to put them with the right sides of fabric facing each other and then sew the seams on the wrong side. This will make sure that the right side of fabric becomes Boj's outside.
- The dashed lines on the body pieces show where the stitching needs to be. This is 1 cm in from the outside edge.
- You can hand sew or use a machine. A simple running stitch is fine to join fabric pieces together. However when attaching appliqué elements such as eyes, spots etc - use a blanket stitch (hand sewing) or zigzag stitch (on machine).



Instructions

Stage 1 - Print the template

Make sure you print as large as you can onto an A4 sheet.

Stage 2 - Cut out the template shapes

Stage 3 - Trace the shapes onto your fabric & then cut out

- A- body x2 (front & back)
- B- ears x4 (two ears front & back)
- C- arms x4 (two arms front & back)
- D- legs x4 (two legs front & back)
- E- eyes x2
- F- pupils x2
- G- inner ear x2
- H- nose x2 (front & back)
- I - mouth x1
- J- tummy spots x5
- K- tail x2 (front & back) unless using alternative
- L- tail end x2 (front & back) unless using alternative



Stage 4 - Sewing

Main Body

1. Sew pupils (F) to centre of eyes (E).
2. Sew eyes (E) and mouth (I) to the upper and middle parts of the body front (A).
3. Sew tummy spots (J) to the bottom half of the body front (A). It doesn't matter if these overlap the edge of the body piece at this stage as any overlap will disappear once Boj is sewn together.
4. With right sides facing each other, pin and sew the straight section of the nose (H) to the straight edge of the snout (A).
5. Repeat 4, sewing the back nose piece to the snout on the back body piece.

Ears

6. Sew the inner ear pieces (G) to the two ear fronts (B).
7. Sew the front and back of the ears (B) together, leaving the bottom edge open.



Arms and Legs

8. Sew front and back of each arm (C) together leaving the straight end open.
9. Sew front and back of each leg (D) together leaving the straight end open.

Tail

Tail (this can be made using two strips of felt cut from the templates - alternatively you can use a cord / shoe lace / plaited wool)

10. If using felt for the tail – pin and sew front and back of tail (K) together as close to the edge as possible.
11. Sew tail end (L) pieces together, leaving a gap at the bottom straight edge.
12. Turn right side out and stuff lightly.
13. Insert the end of the tail into the tail end gap and firmly sew the two together.
14. If you prefer, a pompom could be made and attached to the tail.

Final Build

15. Turn all parts the right way round. These will look better if you first trim the sewn seams and cut a notch into any corners - taking care not to cut through the actual stitches!



16. Lightly stuff the ears, arms, legs and tail.

17. Pin each of these to the front of Boj's body, aligning with the dots on the templates. It is important to remember that, at this stage, the pieces will face into the middle of Boj. Once sewn and the body pieces turned right side out, they will all sit correctly!

18. Attach these with simple tacking stitches to keep them in the right place.

19. Now sew the front and back body pieces together, right sides facing, making sure that you include the ends of the arms, legs, ears and tail, but taking care not to sew through other sections of these body parts. Leave a large gap along the straight edge of Boj's back between top of eye and arm.

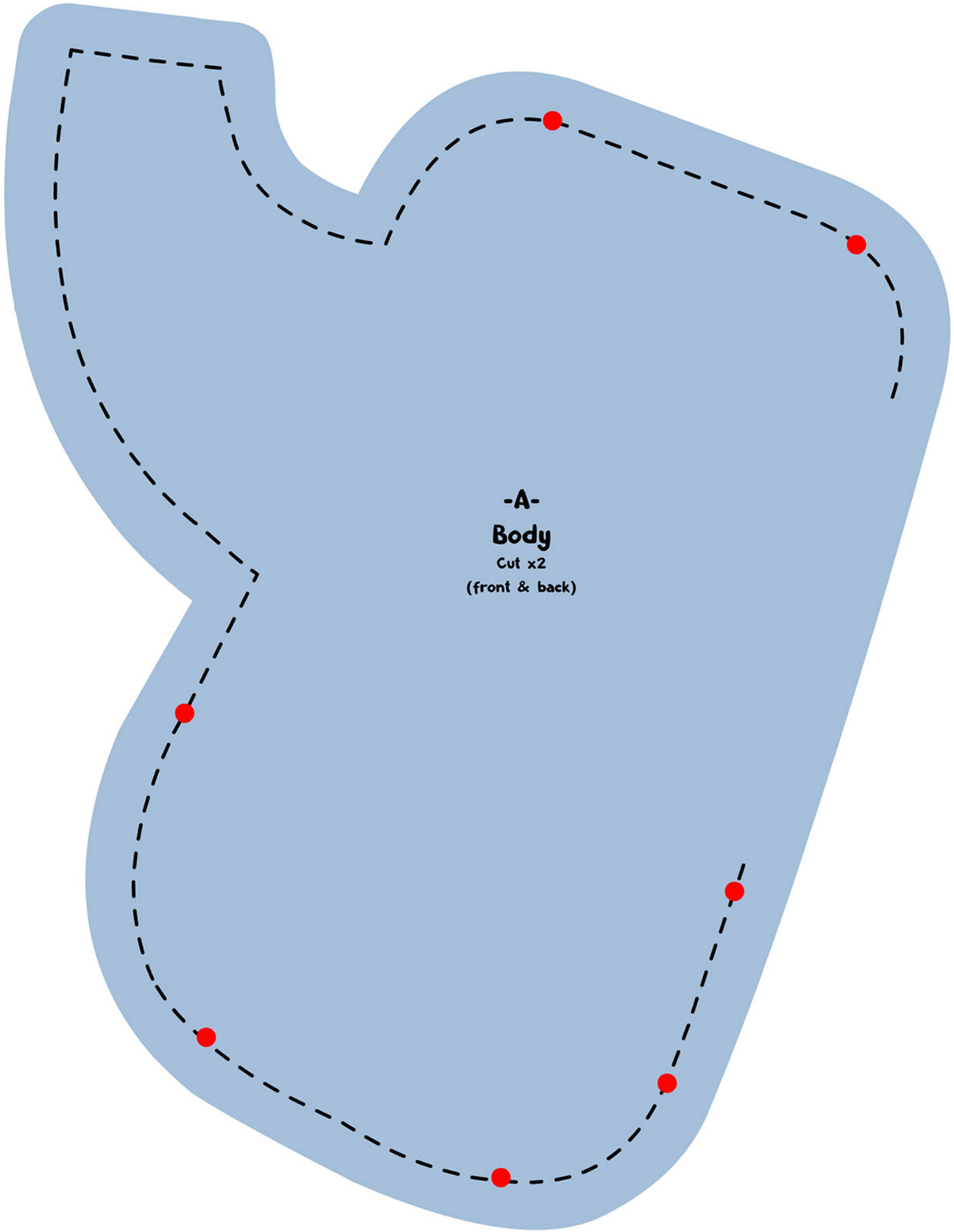
20. Again trim seams and cut notches into any corners, turn Boj right side out taking care to bring out the added body parts fully. Boj should start looking real now!

21. Stuff Boj and sew up the gap along his back.

22. You may wish to embroider spots onto Boj's nose.

23. Give him to someone special - to be snuggly-cuddled!





-A-
Body
Cut x2
(front & back)

