



Shaylee the Baby Fairy

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Materials Needed:

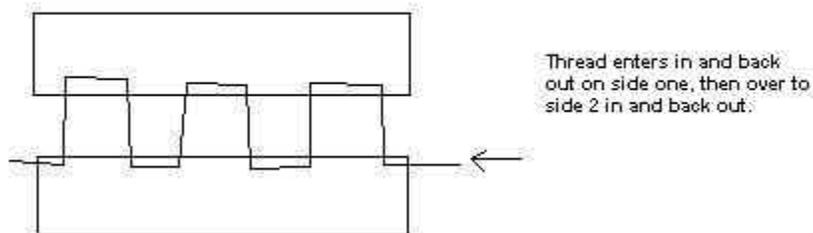
- ⤴ ¼ yard flesh colored jersey fabric (t-shirt fabric) could also use craft velour, fleece or other slightly stretchy fabric. Many doll websites sell fabric in flesh tones for doll making.
- ⤴ Black, white and (eye color) embroidery threads
- ⤴ Optional (Craft fur for wig)
- ⤴ Craft squares of felt (whichever colors you want to use for the outfit/wings).
- ⤴ Flannel fabric (White) for diaper
- ⤴ Hand needle
- ⤴ Thread to match flesh colored fabric
- ⤴ Polyester fiberfill stuffing.
- ⤴ Optional: (poly pellets, plastic stuffing beads).

- ⤴ Invisible ink marker
- ⤴ Powdered blush
- ⤴ Velcro

Sewing together the body parts:

Begin by cutting out all body parts from the flesh colored fabric. When cutting your flesh tone fabric, be sure that the lines in the fabric are lined up with the arrows on the pattern pieces. The stretch of the fabric is opposite of the arrows on the pattern pieces. The arrows are to make it easier to line up with the knit lines in the fabric. Machine stitch body/legs, leaving the top open. Machine stitch arms leaving the tops open, then machine stitch the head, leaving a section at the bottom large enough for turning right side out. Since the ears are so small, they will need to be hand sewn together. Trace the ear shape onto the fabric with your invisible ink marker, then hand sew on the lines, turn right side out, then turn the open edges inward and blind-stitch closed.

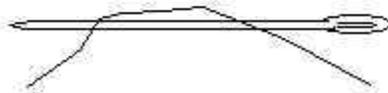
Demonstration for Blind-stitch or Ladder-stitch: To see this stitch in action, there are videos of it on youtube



Quilters Knot: A quilter's knot is used to secure your stitches. You will begin and end each hand stitch with a quilter's knot. By using this knot, you can also hide your knots inside the dolls body, so they're not visible from the outside, which makes a nice finished look for your doll. To do that, you just insert your needle back into the fabric exactly where the knot is and pull tightly, pulling the knot inside the toy, then cut off string.

Demonstration for Quilters knot: There's Youtube videos demonstrating this knot;
m.youtube.com/watch?feature=related&v=aVhJVKeTkWY

With threaded needle, insert needle into fabric as shown below. With the needle tip sticking out of the fabric, you will wrap the thread around the tip 3 times, hold in place and pull needle through, pulling the knot tight, you can then go back in at the knot site, pulling your knot to the inside of your toy, pull needle out and cut string this makes your knots hidden and looks much nicer.



Stuffing:

If you are only using the fiberfill for stuffing your doll, you can just stuff the arms, legs, body and head full, however if you'd like to add polyester plastic pellets to your doll, which adds a bit of weight and also gives the doll a natural flexibility, you will first put stuffing in the feet and hands section, filling the remainder with poly pellets. Put stuffing in the behind of the doll and fill the remainder of the body with the pellets. The head gets stuffed only with the stuffing. Now you can close all the openings; Turn the open edges of the arms in 1/4" and blind-stitch closed. Tuck in the open edges of the head and blind-stitch closed. Tuck in the opening of the body and blind-stitch closed.

Attaching parts:

Attach all parts using the blind-stitch as illustrated above. The head will be attached at the top of the body, sewing all the way around on both sides of the body. The arms are attached about 1/4" below the head, be sure to line up evenly on both sides.

Sculpting:

Now that you have your doll mostly assembled, you can begin sculpting her features, fingers, toes, belly button, bum and facial features.

Optional: Making the Wrists and fingers

The ankles on the doll are done the same way

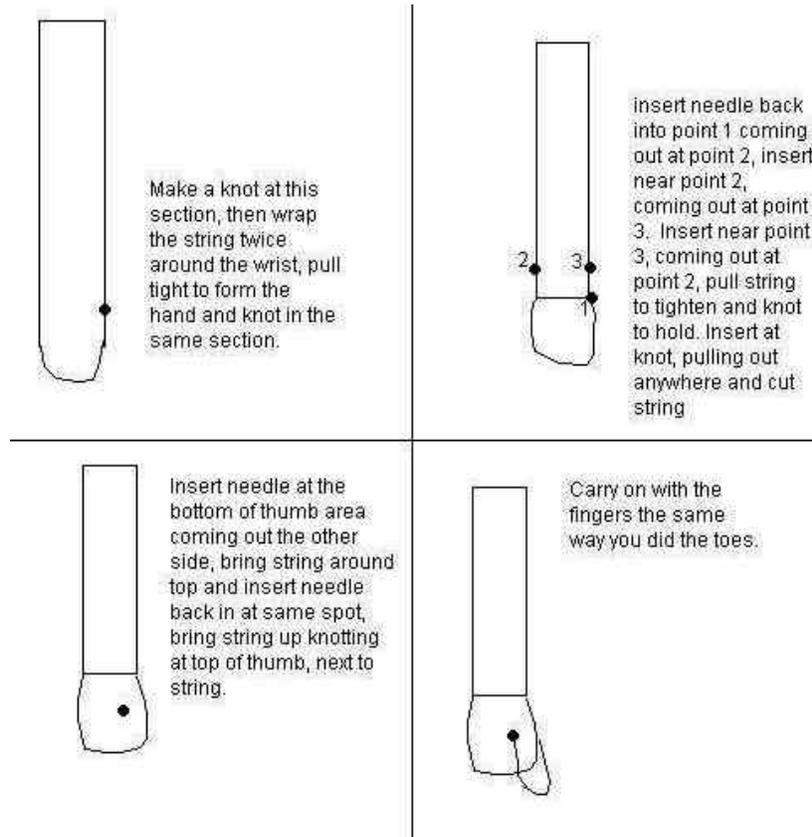
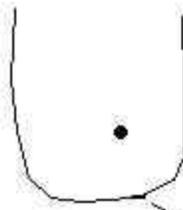


Illustration for sculpting toes and fingers:



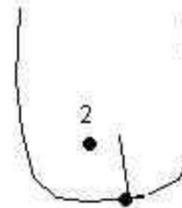
Begin by making a knot here where you want the first toe to begin.
Insert needle coming out evenly on the bottom side.



Bring string around top of foot and insert back into same spot, coming out evenly on bottom side again pull tight.



You should see the formation of your first toe, keeping it pulled tightly, make a quilter's knot at the top of the toe, next to the string.

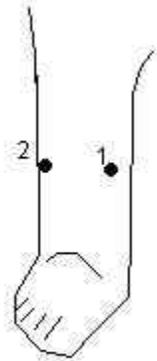


Insert needle back in at knot and come out at the bottom of the second toe

going through to other side, then bring string over top of foot, insert in same spot and bring to top of foot, make a quilter's knot at the top of the toe, next to the string and repeat until you have all 5 toes.

You will do the same for the fingers of your doll. The thumb of your doll is already in place, so you will only need to sculpt 4 fingers.

(Optional) You can add knee and elbow dimples on your doll.

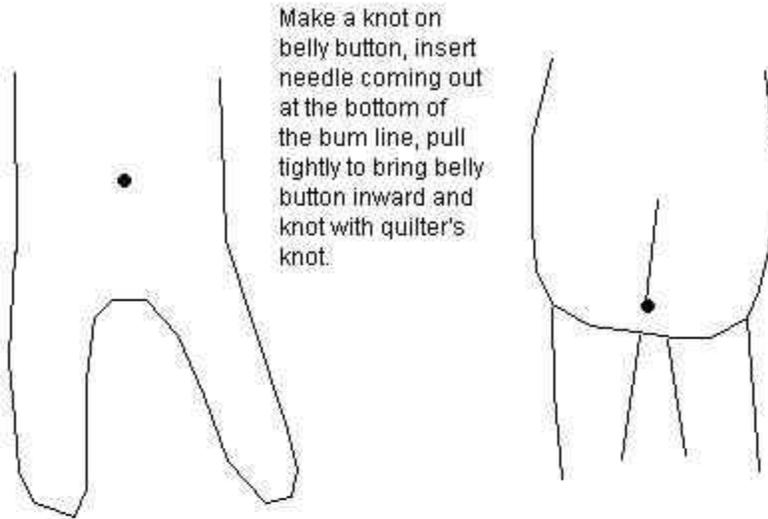


Make a knot at point one coming out at point 2, insert needle back in close to point 2 coming back out at point one, insert back in close to point 1 and into point 2, pulling the string to form the knee indentions, knot to hold in place

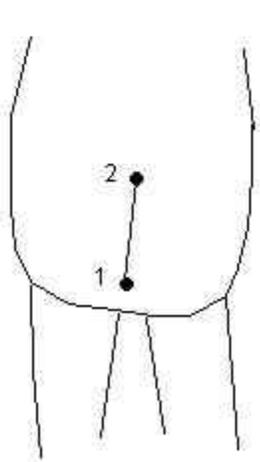
Optional: If you'd like your fairy to have her legs in a sitting position, like the one I made, you can blind-stitch her legs up against her hips, however, she is more floppy without this stitch if you decide to use the poly pellets.



Demonstration for sculpting the belly button and bottom:
(Photo below)



Make a knot on belly button, insert needle coming out at the bottom of the bum line, pull tightly to bring belly button inward and knot with quilter's knot.

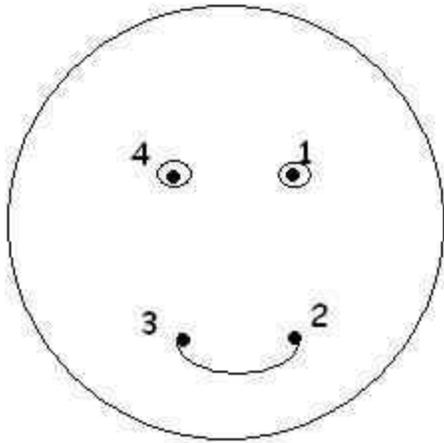


Insert needle back in at knot and come out at point 2. Then bringing thread over top of bum, insert needle back in at point 1 and back out at point 2, squeezing the bum in at both points, pull string tightly to separate the two sides of the bum. Then bring the string back over top and at point one, you will make a quilter's knot.



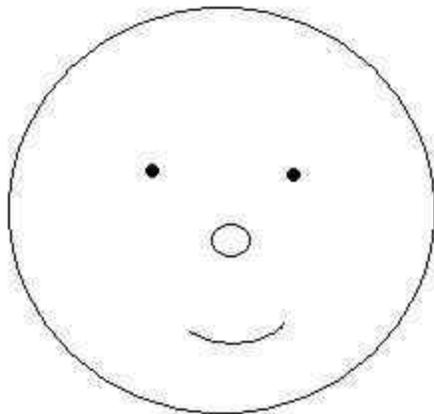
Behind sculpting and belly button sculpting.

For the face, use your invisible ink marker to draw the eyes, nose and mouth where you want them to go. The nose circle will need to be approx. 1/2" diameter (Not the 1" diameter shown in the illustration).

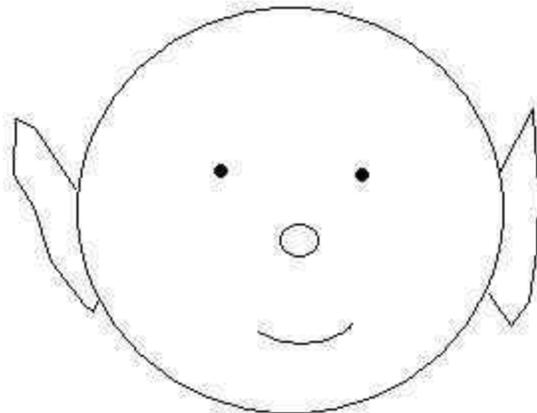


Begin by making a knot at the eye point 1. Insert needle into head, coming out at the corner of the mouth, point 2, then over the top of the mouth and insert into point 3, coming out at point 4, pull tightly to bring mouth inward.

For the nose, take a small circle of fabric approx. 1" diameter and roll it into a small ball, then blind-stitch to the dolls face.



Then attach the ears evenly on each side.



Eyes: Draw the shapes of the eyes with the invisible ink marker. Then, using your black embroidery thread to outline the outer edges of the eye shape, using the embroidery back stitch as demonstrated below for embroidering outlines. With embroidery thread, you'll notice that there are 6 strands of thread wound together. We only want to use 2 of the strands for this, so just pull out 2 strands about an arms length and single thread the needle. Next, use your eye color thread (two strands) and fill in the colored part of the eye by weaving in and out of the area until it is completely colored in. Fill the remainder with white embroidery thread, add black circle in the center and a white dot near the black circle. If this seems too difficult, you can instead just embroider circles with your eye color thread only, maybe adding a couple of eyelashes.

Embroidery Back Stitch



Enter needle into fabric at point 1 going over top of fabric into point 2, then under fabric into point 3, then over into point 4, continue in this way until your line is finished.

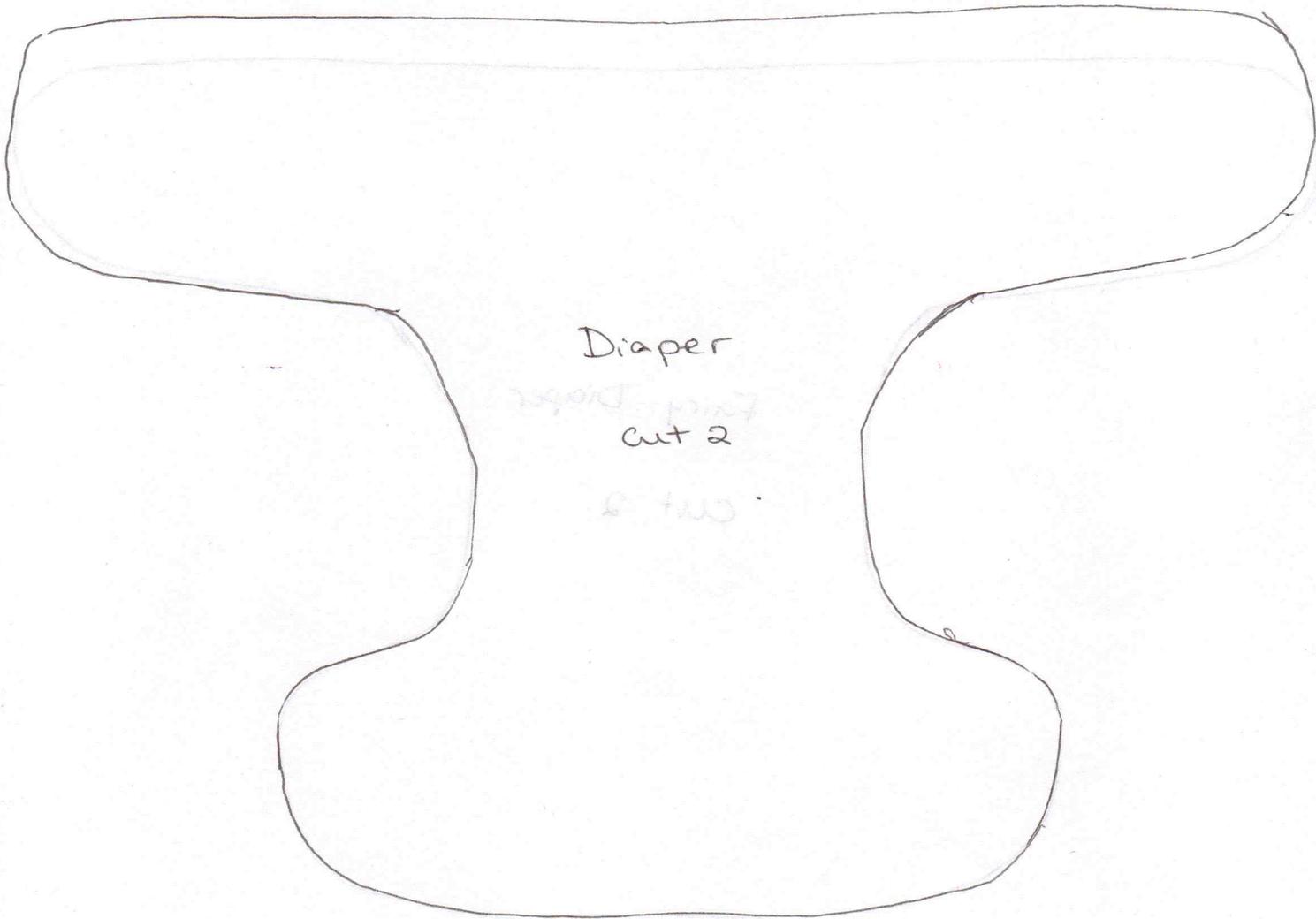
Wig: (Optional) The dolls look just as cute with no hair but if you'd like to add hair, using craft fur, cut out the 3 wig pieces and sew into a cap. Put the wig on the doll and sew into place along the outer edges of the wig.

Making the outfit:

Shoes: Cut out 4 shoe patterns from felt. Sew along edges leaving top open, turn right-side out (tweezers may help). Fold top edges down.

Hat: Cut 2 pieces from felt, sew together, leaving bottom open. Turn right side out. Fold edges inward $\frac{1}{4}$ " and sew a hem around the hat opening. You can cut out felt shapes to add style to your doll's hat.

Wings: There's lots of different things you can do for the wings. The ones I made were with felt, using 3 different colors of felt. You can cut out shapes in the felt to reveal the color underneath and that has a neat effect. After you cut out shapes in your felt, sandwich all 3 of them together and sew along outer edges to hold together. You can either attach the wings to your doll using a blind-stitch or you could make little straps for the wings, so that they're removable, because your fairy can also be an elf at Christmas time, without the wings.



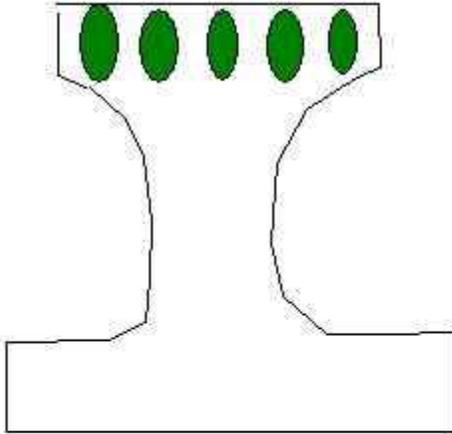
Diaper

Front Diaper
cut 2

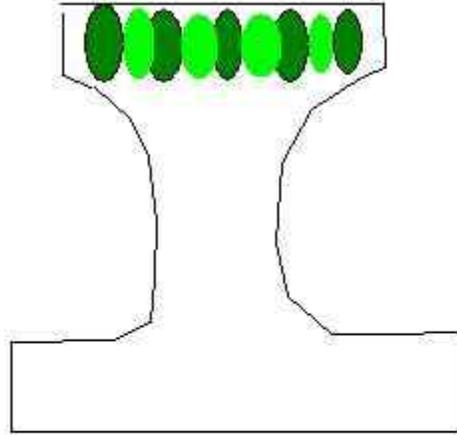
cut 2

Diaper: Cut out the two diaper pattern pieces and sew together, leaving a small opening for turning. Turn right side out and sew opening closed. Use small Velcro fasteners on outer edges of diaper. Cut out the leaf patterns from green felt using 2 different shades of green felt. You will need approx. 18 leaves. First lay all of one color leaves down along the top edges of the diaper, then lay the other color leaves in a line on top of the other color leaves but in between, so that you can see both leaf colors equally.

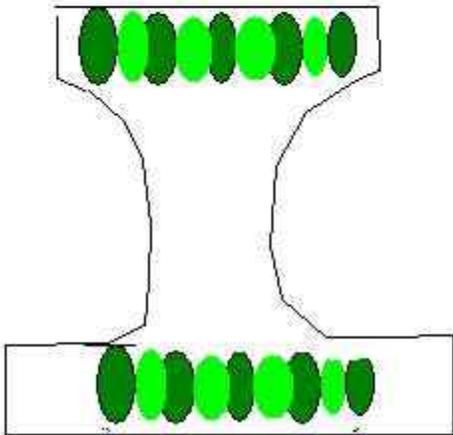
Lay down the first color of leaves along edge of diaper.

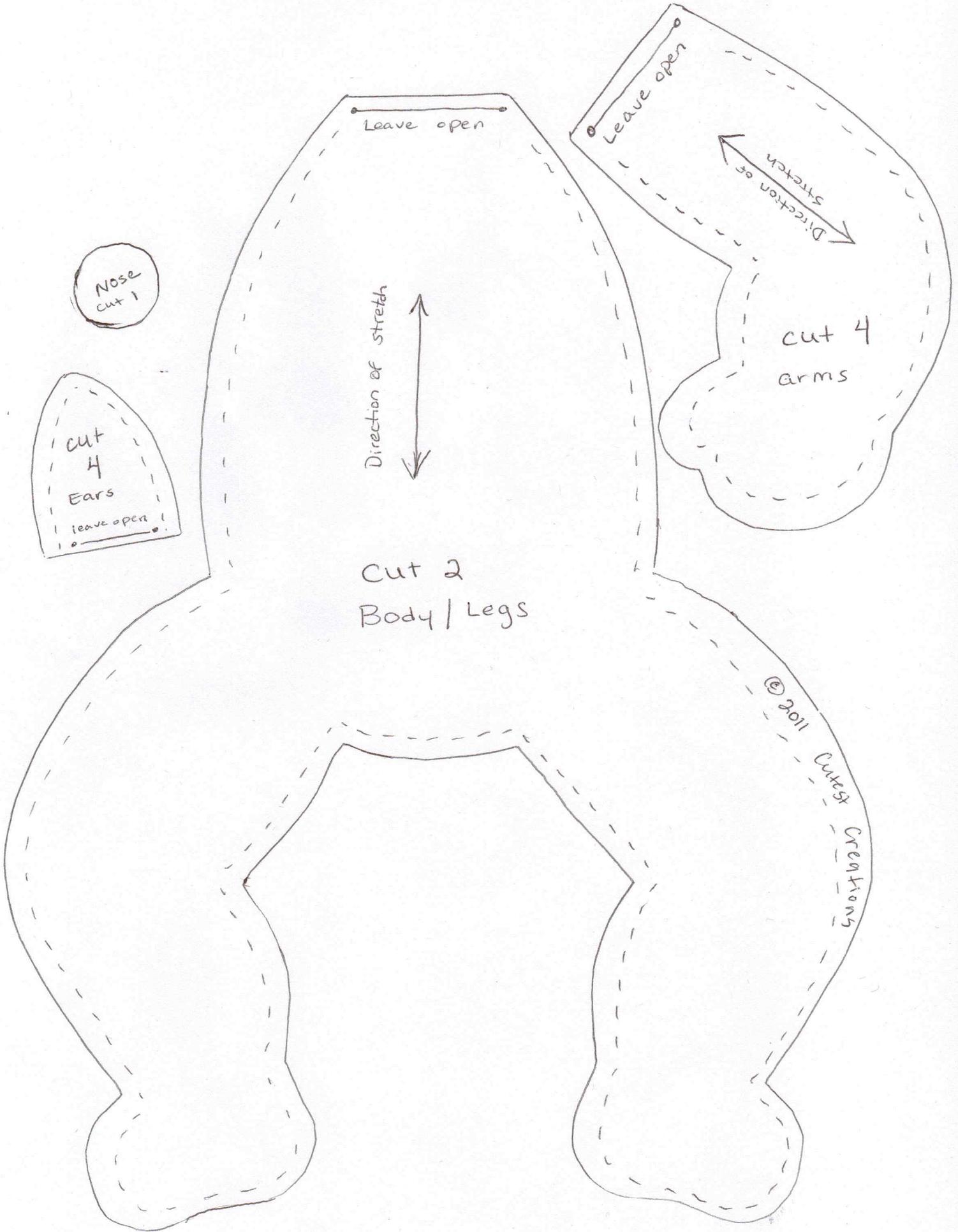


Then lay the other color on top in between the first color. Then sew across attaching the leaves in place.



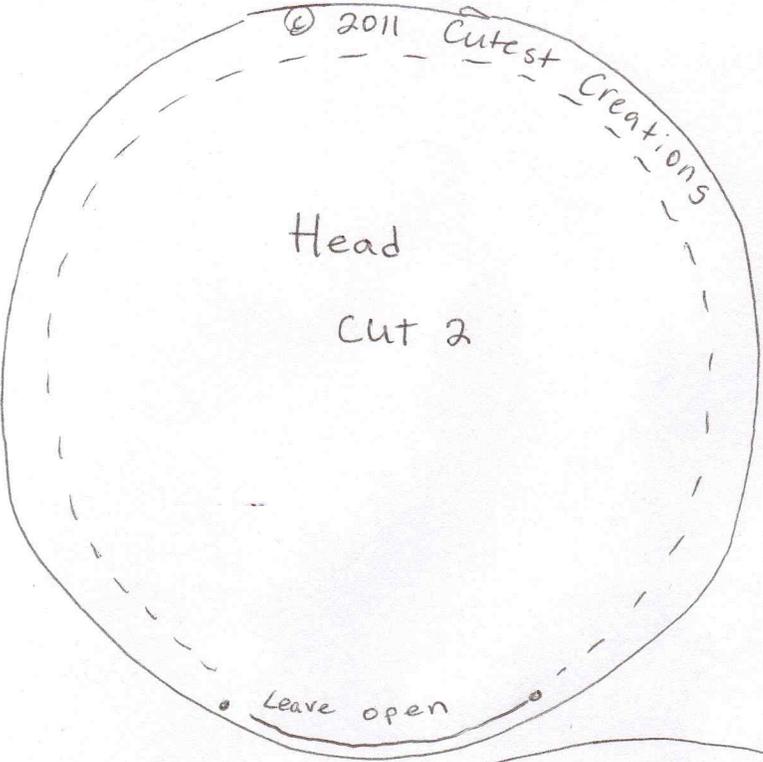
Repeat for back half of diaper.



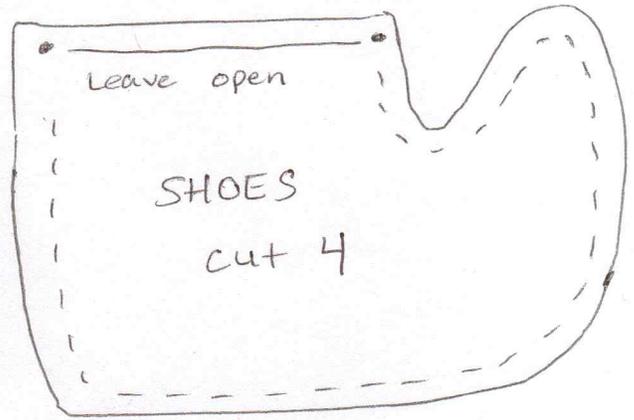


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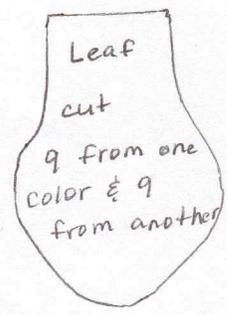
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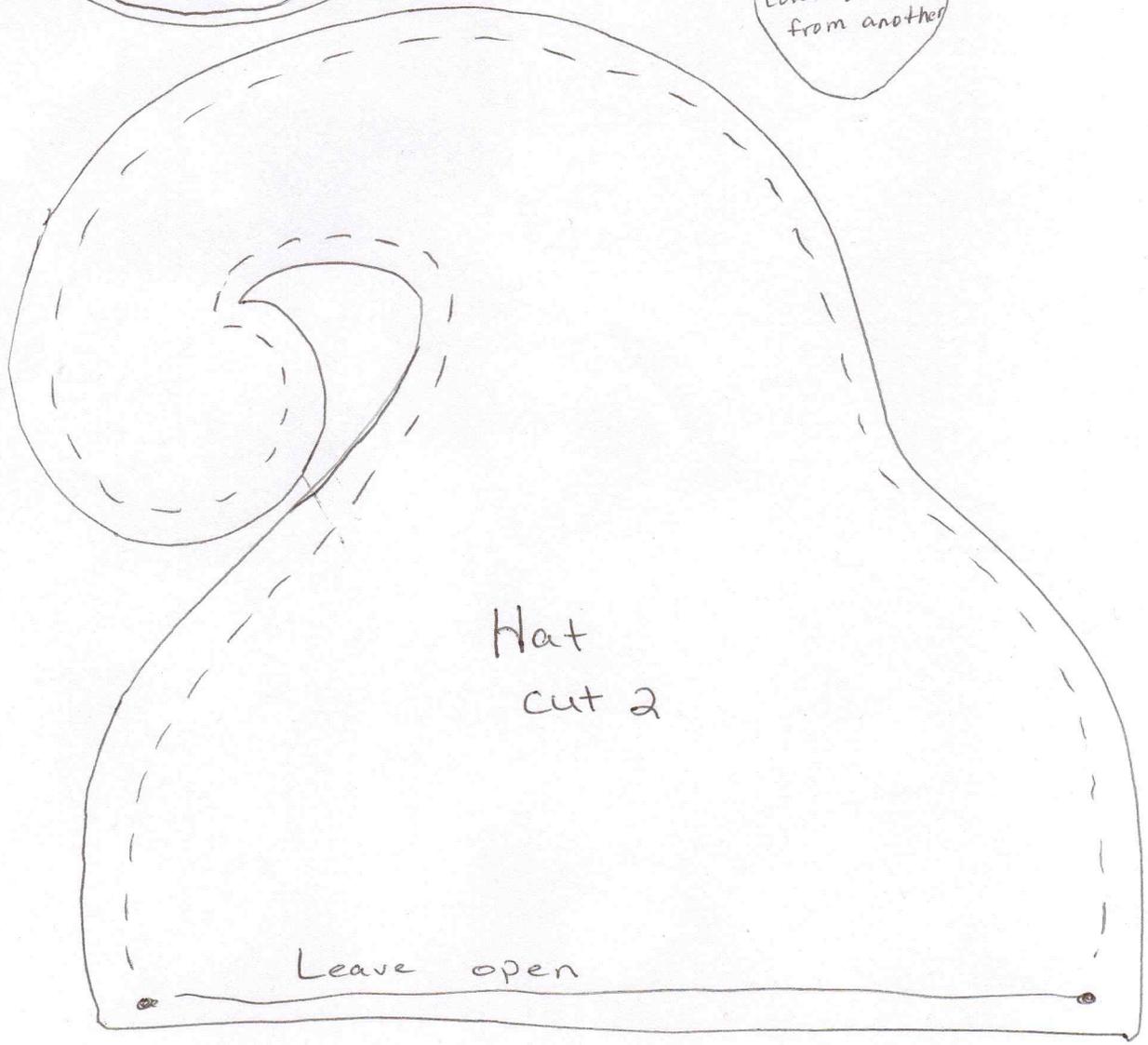
Head
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Leave open
SHOES
cut 4

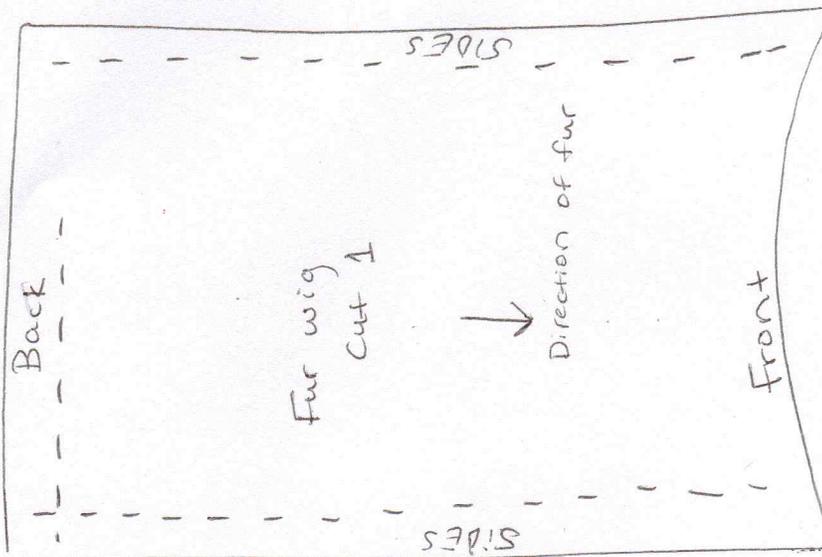
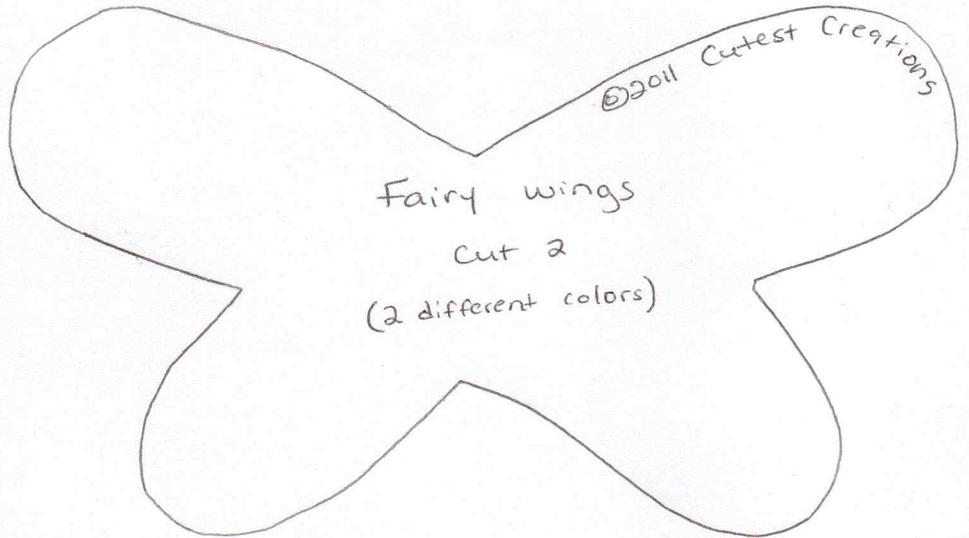
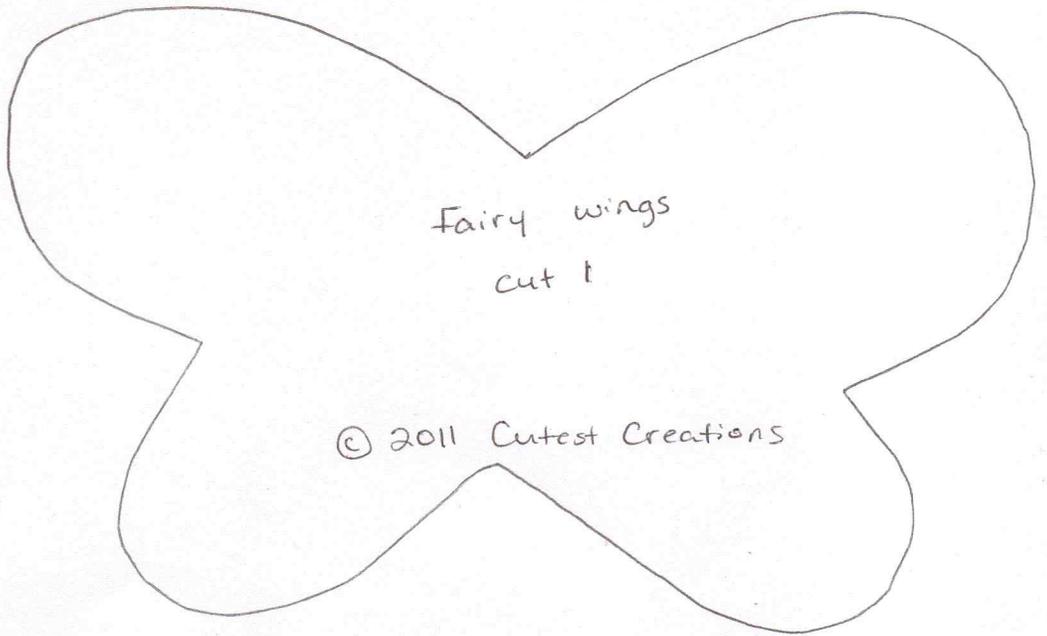


Leaf
cut
9 from one
color & 9
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Hat
cut 2

Leave open



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