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The Loopy Bird—Emu Puppet Pattern

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ingredients:

- ♦ 1/2" foam (high density) - 45cm x 50cm piece
- ♦ A5 piece balsa wood 3mm, or mdf, or a piece of plastic box
- ♦ 20cm luggage strap (belt) for mouth plate
- ♦ A4 piece of felt or rubber sheet (A4 nonslip silicone) for mouth plate
- ♦ Upholstery cotton in appropriate colours
- ♦ Needle and pins
- ♦ Small piece of black eva foam for eyelashes and eyeliner
- ♦ Contact adhesive (make sure you are in a well ventilated area when using this glue)
- ♦ 30cm x 60cm orange or yellow fleece for beak
- ♦ Fleece for feet 30 cm x 40 cm
- ♦ Toy stuffing small amount for the feet
- ♦ Fur 50cm x 25cm for head
- ♦ Fur 50 cm x 70 cm for body
- ♦ One or two ostrich feathers your choice of colour
- ♦ Pva glue
- ♦ Pritt stick

Neck options:

1. Solid colour fleece neck—26cm x 30cm fleece
2. Stripey fleece neck—6cm x 26cm x 6 stripes in choice of colours
3. Knitted stripey neck—50 grams of 2 colours worsted or aran wool

Leg options:

1. Solid colour fleece legs—two 16cm x 24cm
2. Stripey fleece legs—12 strips of fleece in your choice of colours 16cm x 5.5cm
3. Knitted stripey legs—2 colours worsted or aran wool from your 50gram used for the neck

Eyes: (ingredients as shown in the video or you can choose another way to make eyes)

- ♦ 2 x ping pong balls
- ♦ Cotton wool
- ♦ Wood glue
- ♦ Black eva foam small piece
- ♦ Black paper backed velvet or felt small piece

utensils:

- ♦ Stanley knife
- ♦ Cutting mat
- ♦ Scissors—fabric and general
- ♦ Glue gun & glue sticks (always be careful when using a glue gun as you can burn yourself)
- ♦ Knitting needles 3.75 (if knitting legs and neck)
- ♦ Sandpaper

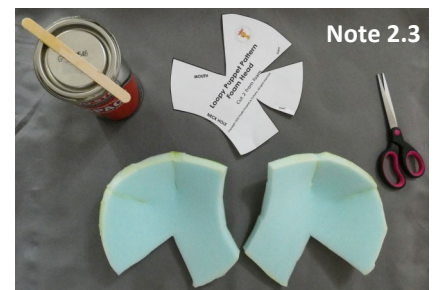
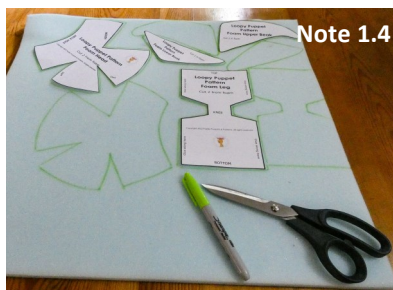
method:

1. Foam pattern pieces:

1. Print off the pattern pieces onto A4 paper or card. Please use your internet browser or Adobe Acrobat Reader (free to download online) to print, ensure that it is set to print onto A4 portrait paper and that the scale is set to actual size or 100%.
2. Cut out the pattern pieces.
3. Sort out all the foam pattern pieces.
4. Using a permanent marker draw around each foam pattern piece onto the foam. For this particular pattern you need 2 of each.
5. Using sharp scissors cut out your foam pattern pieces.

2. The Foam Head:

1. Get your 2 foam head pattern pieces and use your paper pattern to make sure you know which are the darts.
2. Apply contact adhesive to both sides of each dart on both head pieces and allow adhesive to cure for 6 or 7 minutes. (Please ensure you have good ventilation when using contact adhesive.)
3. Press darts to close and hold for a few seconds.
4. Apply contact adhesive to the top edges and the chin on both head pieces. Allow to cure for 6 or 7 minutes.
5. Starting at the top of the head press the two pieces together at one end and then the other before pressing the seam join together to



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make sure you get everything in the right place. Continue joining the top part of the head together.

6. Press the chin section next matching the two ends first before joining the middle of the chin.

3. The Foam Beak:

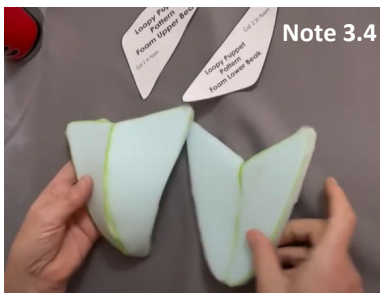
1. Lay out your foam beak pieces (keep the pattern pieces in front of you so you know which piece is which and where to apply the glue).
2. Apply the contact adhesive to the edges shown on the pattern pieces and allow to cure for 6 or 7 minutes.
3. Press the glued edges together on the two bottom pieces.
4. Press the two glued edges on the top beak pieces together start at one end then the other before pressing the middle sections together.

4. The Foam Legs:

1. Glue down the straight sides of the foam leg pieces (not the cut out knee sections).
2. Allow the contact adhesive to cure for 6 or 7 minutes.
3. Press the two sides together to form a tube.

5. The Fabric Head:

1. The pattern piece comes in two parts as the pattern is larger than A4. There is a glue tab to show you where to overlap and stick the pattern together.
2. If you are machine sewing you will need to cut around the dotted



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outer line of the pattern piece. If you are hand sewing you will need to cut around the solid line of the pattern piece.

3. Make sure to know which direction the fur is running naturally before placing and drawing around your pattern.
4. Take care when cutting fur to make sure you don't cut through the hair run a fine pair of scissors along the fabric before cutting in small amounts.
5. When placing the second head pattern piece remember to flip it over and ensure the fur is running in the same direction as the first piece you cut.
6. Tuck in the hairs and join the darts together before stitching using appropriately coloured upholstery thread.
7. Put the two head pattern pieces together with fur to the inside tucking in the hairs before sewing the top of the head together and then the chin pieces together. (Use pins to ensure that the seams and ends are in the right place.)
8. You can now turn the head piece the right way out.
9. Get your foam head piece and push it into the fur head piece lining up the seams.

6. The Mouth:

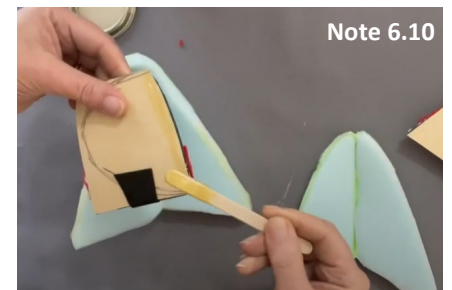
1. Draw around the upper and lower mouth plate patterns onto balsa wood or mdf sheets.
2. Use a cutting mat underneath and cut the pieces out with a stanley



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knife.

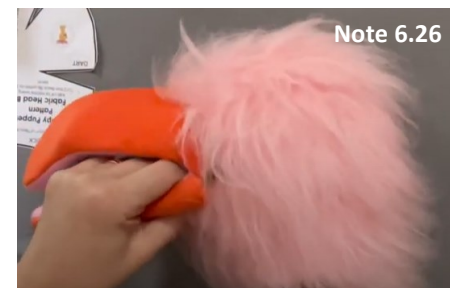
3. Sand around the edges to smooth.
4. Using the same pattern pieces draw the shapes onto the backing paper of the self adhesive rubber sheet and cut out the shapes.
5. Cut the luggage strap a little bit wider than each width of mouth plate pieces.
6. Sew the luggage strap piece to the rubber sheet piece at the sides leaving wiggle room for your fingers.
7. Peel off the backing paper and stick the rubber sheet to the mdf or balsa wood mouth plate.
8. Use an offcut of the rubber sheet over the bottom edge to help secure the rubber sheet in place.
9. Using the wood mouth plates as a guide use contact adhesive down the edges of the foam beak piece (you don't want to use glue down the whole length of the sides of the foam).
10. Also apply contact adhesive to the wooden side of the mouth plates along the sides.
11. Allow the contact adhesive to cure for 6 or 7 minutes.
12. Once cured push the edge of the foam beak onto the wooden mouth plate. Keep squeezing the two surfaces together until you have a nice join.
13. Pin the fabric pattern pieces onto doubled over fleece (right sides together). Keep in mind the stretch of the fleece which needs to be



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side to side of the beak.

14. Cut out the pattern pieces.
15. Pin the two pieces together for the upper beak, you are going to sew along the top of the beak (the pattern shows where you start and finish the sewing line).
16. Do the same for the bottom beak pieces.
17. Pin the inside beak pattern pieces to the felt and cut around. Cut around the dotted line if machine sewing or the solid line if hand stitching.
18. Find the centre point of the upper beak fabric pieces and pin together.
19. Pin the rest of the beak sides together.
20. Do the same for the bottom beak pieces.
21. Stitch the pinned edges together.
22. Turn the fabric beak pieces the right way out.
23. Feed the foam upper beak section into the upper beak fabric section. Line up the stitched seam with the glued seam.
24. Do the same for the bottom beak pieces.
25. Sew the top and bottom beak pieces together along the inside felt.
26. Carefully attach the fleece beak to the edge of the fur head. To avoid seeing the fur edge overlap the fleece onto the fur. Use overstretch all round the edge.



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7. The neck:

There are various options for the neck section of the Loopy bird.

7a—Knitted neck:

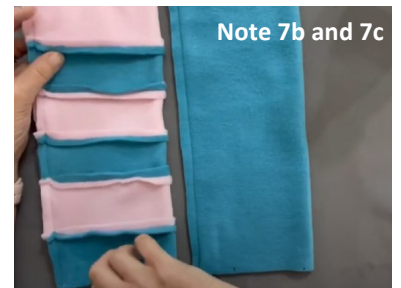
1. Cast on 52 stitches
2. Knit 10 rows in stocking stitch with colour A
3. Knit 10 rows of stocking stitch with colour B
4. Continue working in these stripes until work measures 30 cm or until the desired length of neck.
5. Cast off.

7b—Solid fleece neck:

1. Measure and cut out a 26cm x 30cm piece of fleece. (You can make it wider if you have larger arms.)
2. Fold in half and stitch down the side.
3. Turn the neck piece the right way out.

7c—Stripey fleece neck:

1. Measure and cut out 6 strips of fleece in your choice of colours 6cm x 26cm (You can make it wider if you have larger arms.)
2. Sew the strips together.
3. Fold the rectangle of striped fabric in half and stitch down the side.
4. Turn the neck piece the right way out.

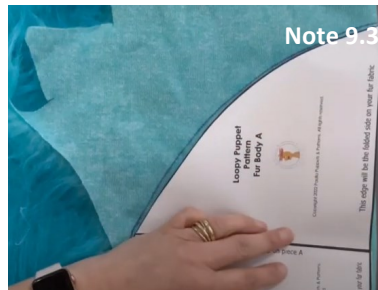
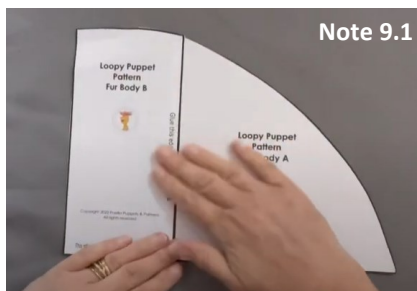


8. Attach the neck:

1. Get your Loopy bird fur head and with the neck seam to the back of the head we're going to attach the neck and head together.
2. Match the back seam of the head with the back seam of the neck and pin in place and pin the front to the front and pin the sides just so the neck is joined accurately.
3. Using over stitch hand sew the neck and head together.

9. The body:

1. Glue together the two pieces of the body pattern to form one pattern piece.
2. Check which way the fur is going and fold it over with fur to the inside.
3. Place the pattern piece on the folded edge as shown on the pattern piece and draw around the pattern
4. Flip the fur over and flip the pattern match it up and draw around.
5. As with the fur head using sharp scissors cut small amounts trying not to cut through the hairs.
6. Repeat this process to get your second half of the Loopy bird's body.
7. Put the two pieces of the body together (fur to the inside).
8. Place your neck at the top of the body section and draw a line.
9. Cut this little section out on both pieces of the body.
10. Hand stitch down both sides of the body tucking in the hairs as you



go. Make sure to leave the bottom of the body and the neck section unstitched.

11. Tuck the neck of the Loopy inside the body section ensuring that the back seam of the neck matches to the middle line on the body and pin in place before hand stitching.
12. Turn the body the right way round.

10. The legs:

There are various options for the legs of the Loopy bird.

10a—Knitted legs:

1. Cast on 38 stitches.
2. Work 8 rows in stocking stitch with colour A
3. Work 8 rows in stocking stitch with colour B
4. Continue working in these stripes until work measures 26cm or desired length of legs.
5. Cast off.
6. Knit another in the same way.

10b—Solid fleece legs:

1. Measure and cut out two 16cm x 24cm pieces of fleece.
2. Fold in half and stitch down the side.
3. Turn the fleece the right way out.
4. Feed the foam leg into the fleece leg sections ensuring that the



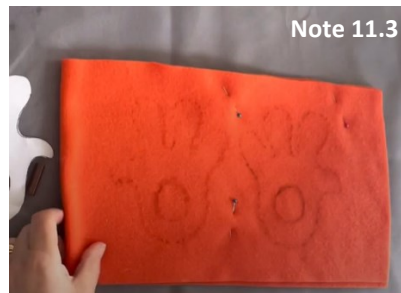
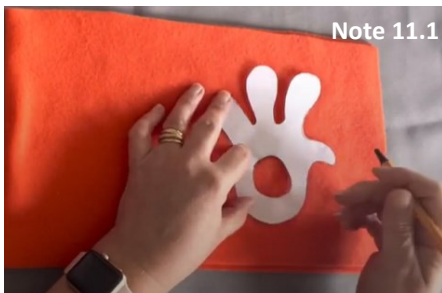
glued seam matches the stitched seam. The short bit is to the top of the leg.

10c—Stripey fleece legs:

1. Measure and cut out 12 strips of fleece in your choice of colours 16cm x 5.5cm
2. Sew the strips together.
3. Fold the rectangle of striped fabric in half and stitch down the side ensuring that the seams match.
4. Turn the legs the right way out.
5. Feed the foam leg into the fleece leg sections as above.

11. The feet:

1. Fold the piece of fleece in half and draw around the foot pattern.
2. Flip the pattern piece for the second foot.
3. If you are hand sewing the feet you can cut the pieces out, if using a sewing machine pin the folded rectangle of fabric together.
4. Stitch the edges together.
5. If you have used a sewing machine you can now cut out the feet. Leave a small margin around the outside and carefully cut down between the toes making sure not to cut through your stitches.
6. Carefully pulling the sides apart you need to cut around the circle on each foot (this is where you will be attaching the feet so you only need to cut it on one side of the foot).



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7. Turn the feet the right way out making sure the toes are pushed all the way out.
8. Use toy stuffing to stuff the feet through the hole until you are happy with the shape making sure to fill the toes.

12. Attaching the feet to the legs:

1. Do a running stitch around the bottom edge of the legs to gather the fabric slightly.
2. Match the seam at the back of the leg to the back of foot and sew the leg neatly to the hole on the foot.

13. attaching the legs to the body:

1. Pin the legs to the front of the body (inside) when you are happy with the positioning.
2. Sew in place sealing the top of the leg at the same time.

14. Eyes:

There are many options for eyes. For the video we used ping pong balls.

1. Carefully using a stanley blade cut away a small circle at the back of the ping pong ball.
2. Fill the ball with layers of cotton wool and wood glue. Allow to set.
3. Decide how far apart you want your eyes to go.
4. Using a glue gun fill the cut section with hot glue and push the eyes onto the head. Hold in place for a few seconds until the glue has had time to dry.



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5. Using the pattern cut two eyelids out of your preferred colour fleece or felt.
6. Tuck the fabric around the ping pong ball (straight edge to the front). Use hot glue along the straight edge first hold in place and allow to set.
7. Glue along the top of the ping pong ball and tuck the eyelid into position at the back of the eye carefully avoid gluing to the fur.
8. You can use various materials to create the pupil. For the video we used paper backed velvet.
9. Cut two circles from your chosen material.
10. Getting the focus of the eyes is really important and adds to the character of your Loopy.
11. Cut a little slit in the circles to the middle so that you can overlap them slightly when gluing in place. This allows them to fit snugly to the ping pong ball.
12. Once you are happy with the position of the pupils use pva glue to stick in place.
13. Cut a thin strip of black eva foam for the eyeliner to give a nice neat edge to the eyelid.
14. Use hot glue on the edge of the eyelid and stick the eyeliner to it, hold in place and allow to set.
15. Use a little spot of white paint or tippex on the pupil to bring your Loopy's eyes to life.



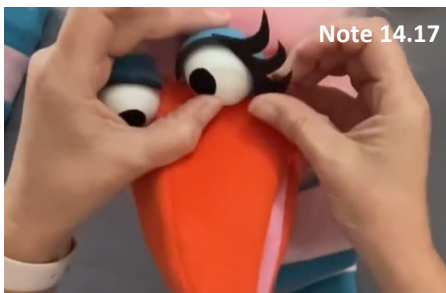
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16. Cut out the eyelashes from eva foam using the pattern piece.
17. Glue in place with a hot glue gun.

15. Finishing touches:

1. Ostrich feathers in your choice of colours.
2. Strip away a few fronds of the ostrich feather and put a tiny bit of hot glue on the hard end.
3. Wait a few seconds for the glue to cool and then roll between your fingers.
4. Separate the fur on the top of the Loopy head and put some more glue on the squeezed end of the feather and pop into place on the top of the head. Push the fur back around the feather.
5. Repeat this process as many times as you like to decorate the head.

We hope you enjoyed making your very own Loopy Bird puppet. If you have any questions or comments please contact us. Don't forget to have fun!



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Loopy Puppet Pattern Foam Head

Cut 2 from foam

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MOUTH

NECK HOLE

Dart

Dart

TOP

Loopy Puppet Pattern Foam Leg

Cut 2 from foam

Glue along here

Glue along here

KNEE

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Glue along here

Glue along here



BOTTOM

Glue along here

Loopy Puppet Pattern Foam Upper Beak

Cut 2 in foam

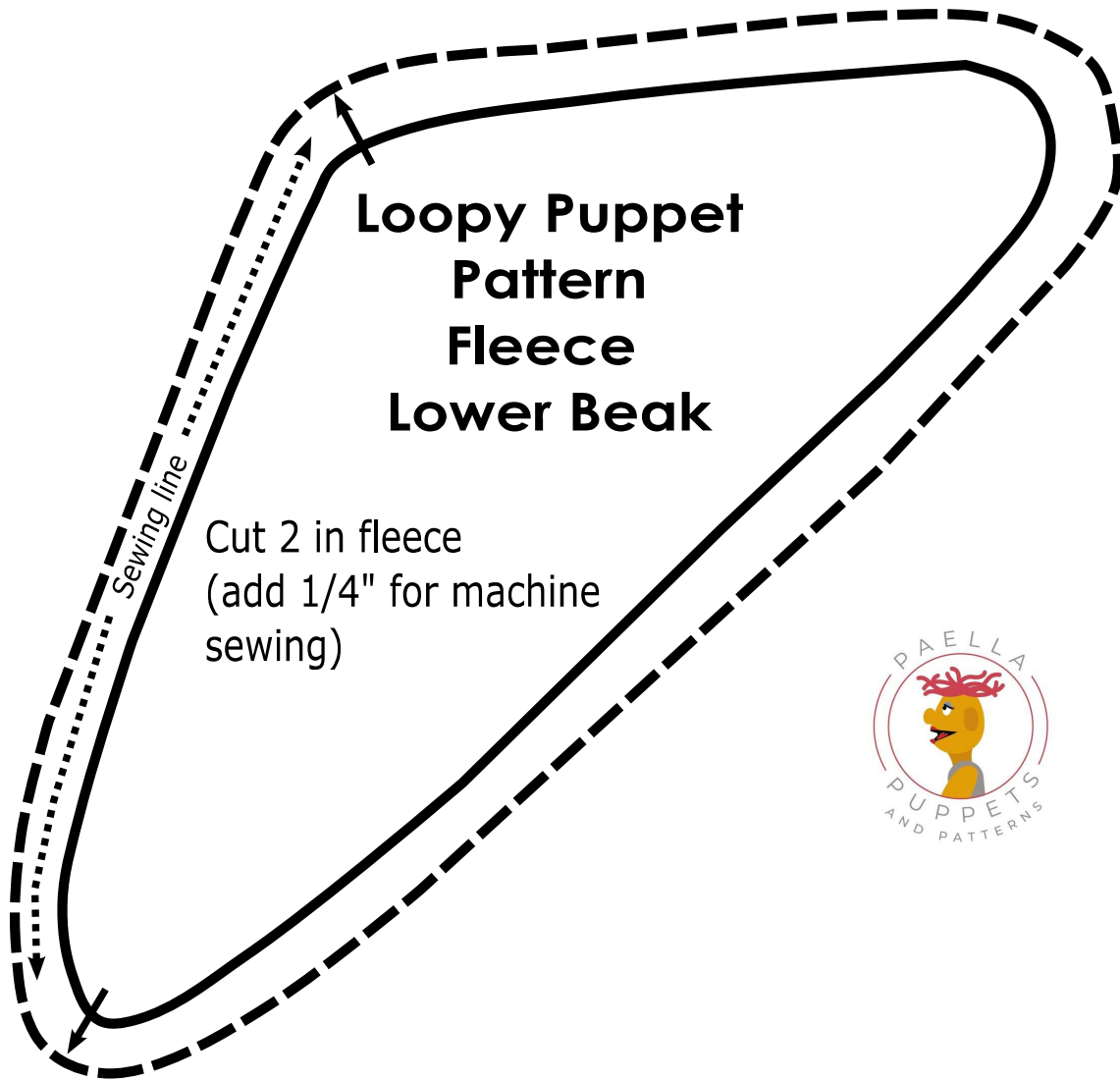


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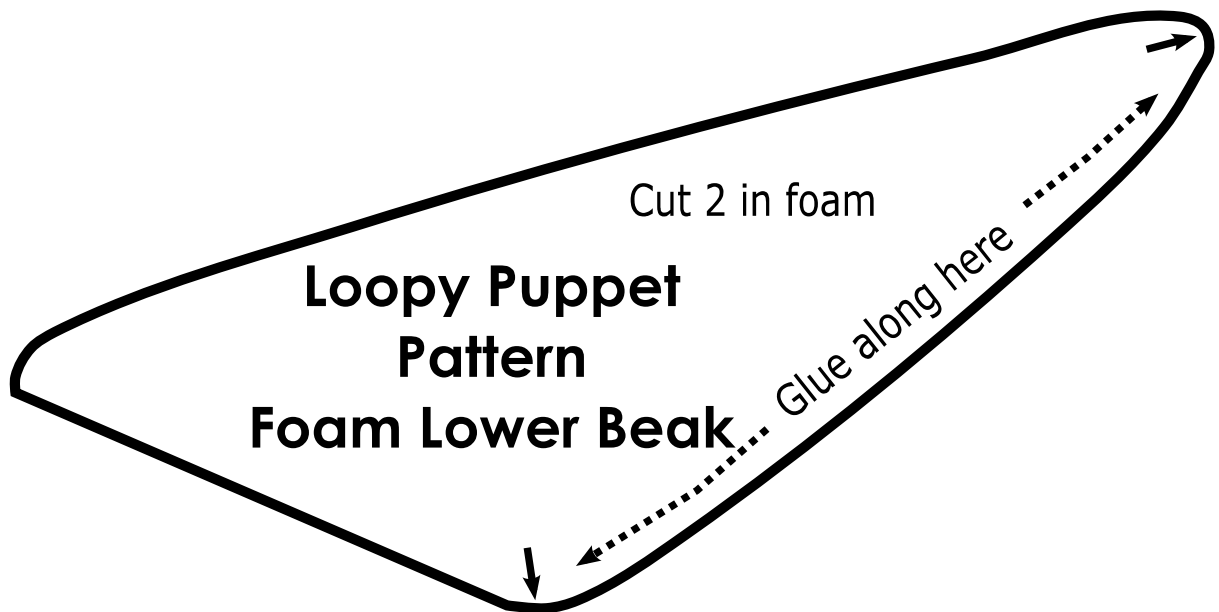
Cut 2 in fleece
(add 1/4" for machine
sewing)

Loopy Puppet Pattern Fleece Upper Beak

sewing line



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Loopy Puppet Pattern Inside Lower Mouth

Cut 1 in felt or velvet

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Loopy Puppet Pattern Inside Upper Mouth

Cut 1 in felt or velvet

Base

**Loopy Puppet
Pattern
Upper Mouth
Plate**



**Loopy Puppet
Pattern
Lower Mouth
Plate**

Loopy Eyelid
Cut 2 in fleece



Loopy Eyelash
Cut 2 in felt

Loopy Puppet Pattern Fur Body A



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This edge will be the folded side on your fur fabric

Glue this flap to piece B

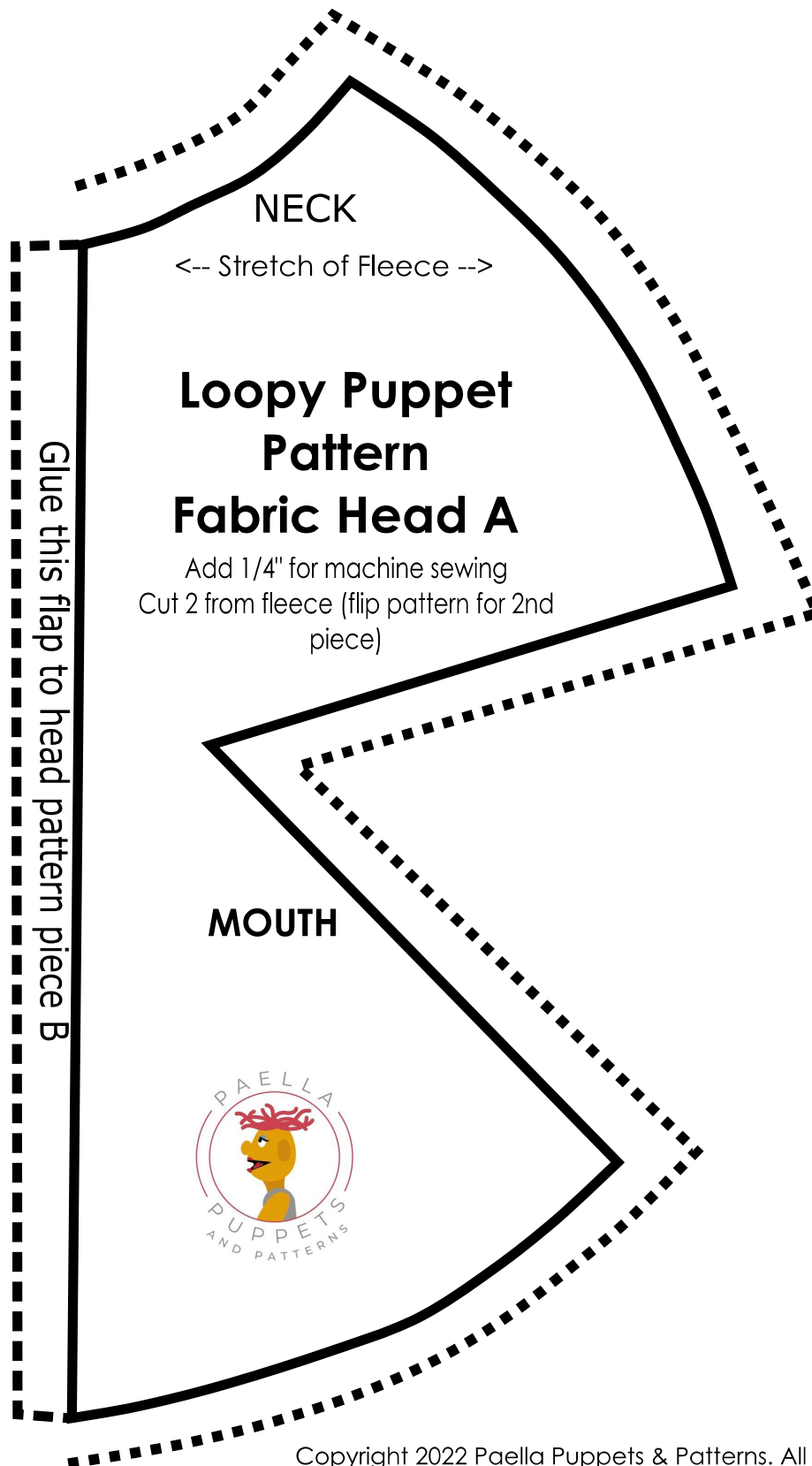
Loopy Puppet Pattern Fur Body B

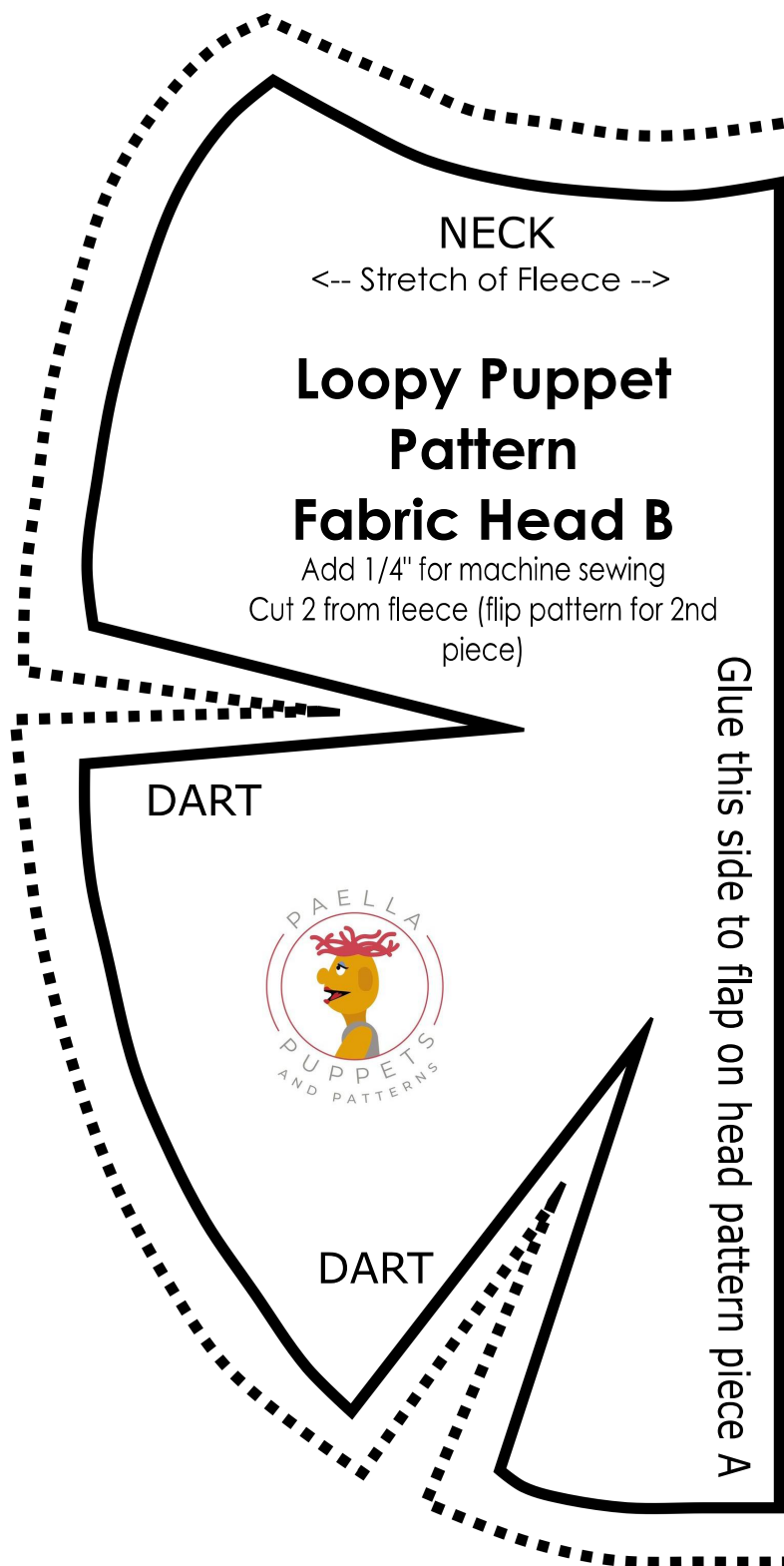


Glue this edge to flap on piece A

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This edge will be the folded side on your fur fabric





Loopy Puppet Pattern Foot

Cut 4 in fleece as
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