

Cut two pieces for body

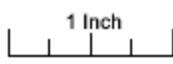
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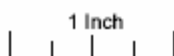
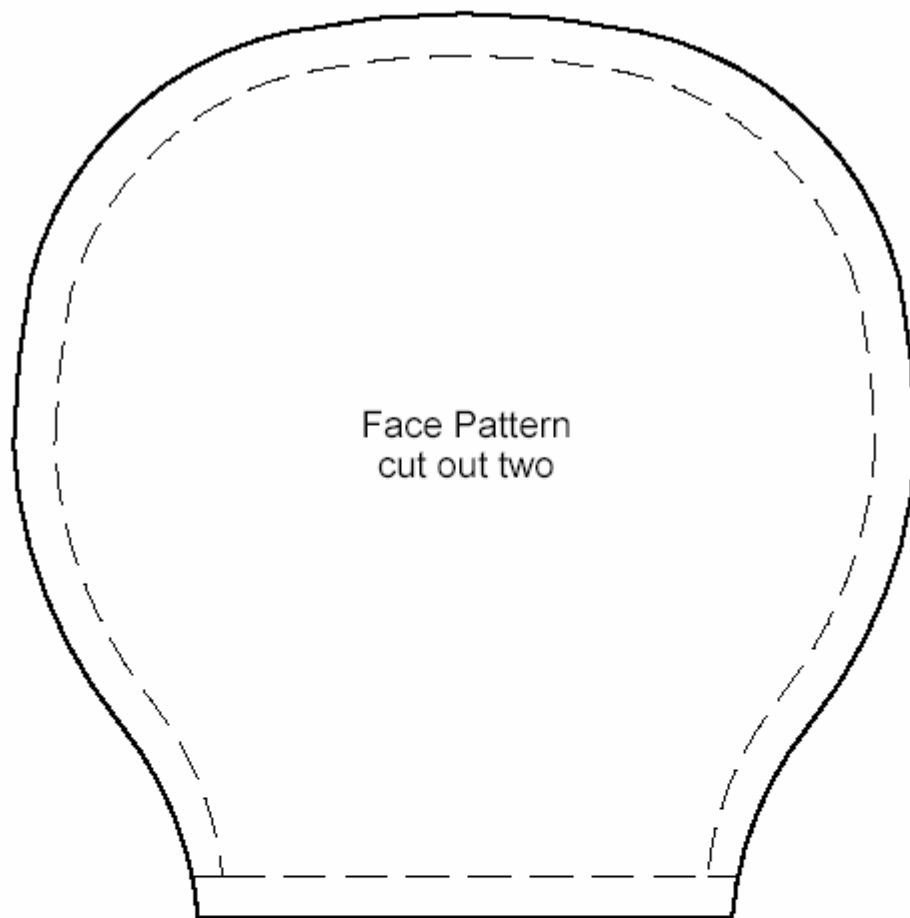
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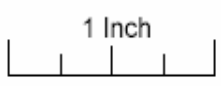
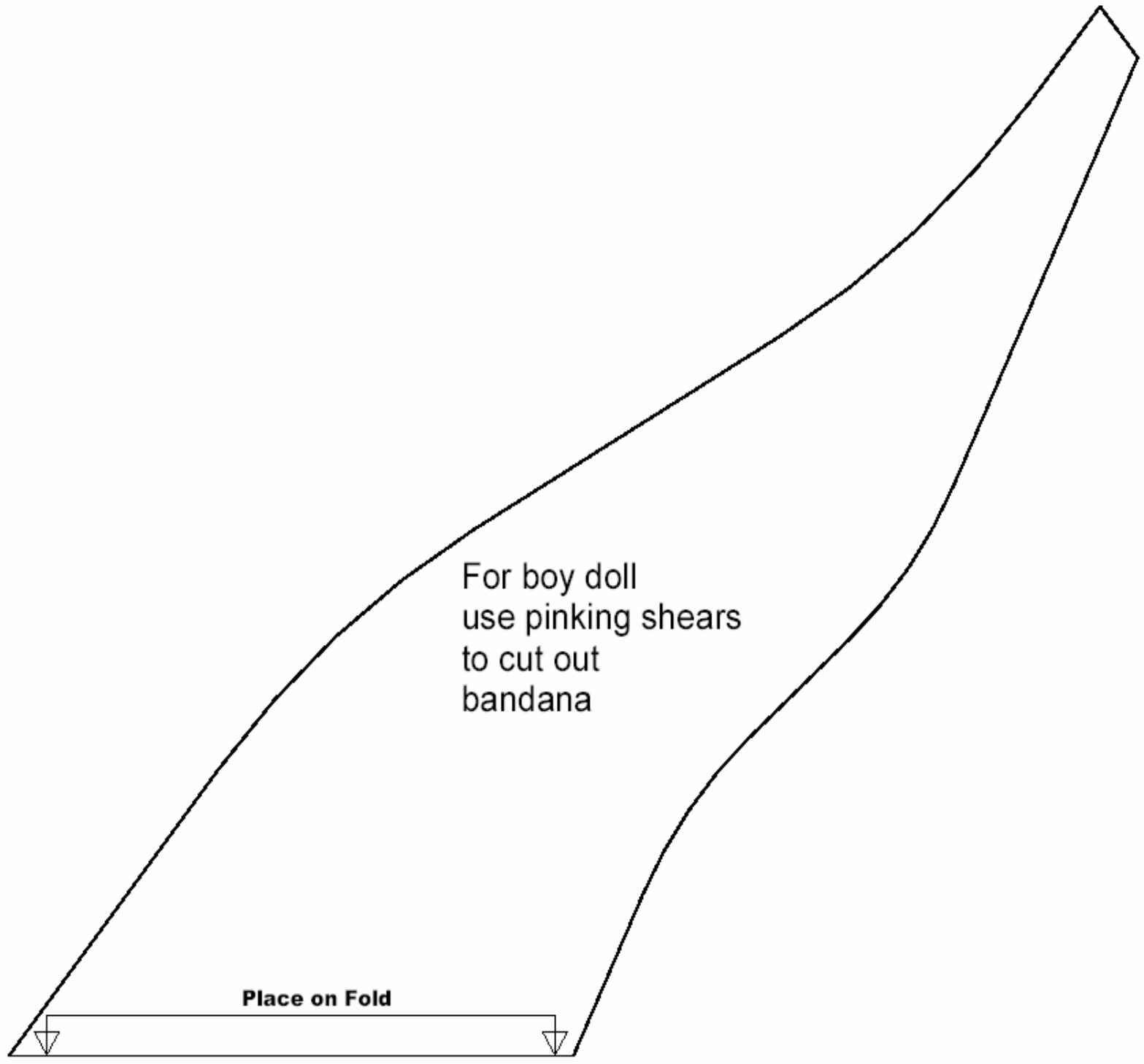
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Cut out both pattern parts and attach together using the match line to align the parts to form one pattern.







Doll Instructions

1. Cut two face patterns.
2. Cut two body patterns.
3. Having right sides together, stitch each face pattern to each body pattern along neckline using 1/4 inch seam allowance.
4. Having right sides together, stitch around entire body, using 1/4-inch seam allowance; Double stitch in the crotch area, then clip to that point. Leave a small opening on the outside area of one leg for stuffing with filler.
5. Press doll, then turn the doll to the right side.
6. Stuff dolls tightly with filler.
7. Close the opening by hand stitching.
8. Use yarn to make braids. Sew or use glue gun to doll's head.
9. Using stencil, paint the doll's face. On one side of the face, the doll is awake. On the other side of the face, the doll is asleep.
10. Add bandana for boy dolls. Tack by hand stitching or use a glue gun.
11. Tie ribbons around the neck and braids of girl dolls.

Helpful Tips . . .

- 1 1/8 yard of 45 inch fabric will make at least 9 doll fronts or backs.
- 1/3 yard (12 inches) will make faces for 7 dolls.
- 30 – 36 inches of yarn is a good length for braids for a girl doll. 21 strands will make a nice braid.
- A hot glue gun works well when attaching the hair, especially when making many dolls. And, the hair is secure on the doll's head.
- The sleeping face on the doll can represent a person before accepting Jesus. The Awake face on the doll can show how Jesus opens our eyes. "I once was blind, but now I see."
- Coordinate fabrics for a doll's front and back body. Use a fabric color for the doll's face that will be similar to the child that will receive the doll.
- When making salvation necklaces – use twine, ribbon, or elastic. The elastic can slip off the doll's neck easily, so the child receiving the doll can use as a bracelet also
- If you do not want to make necklaces, they may be painted on the doll's body.
- When making hair and costume, you can come up with creative ideas for each ethnic group. You can Google for images of ethnic rag dolls, or there are books on ethnic costumes. Your local library may be able to help you find something. You should find out if there is anything that a group, race or nationality might find offensive.
- To stuff the doll a piece of board similar in size to a ruler works well. If you have many people stuffing dolls, an inexpensive way would be to go to a store with a lumber department to find a board the correct size. Then cut the board in 8 to 10 inch lengths. Even a wooden spoon handle will work well.
- When making the dolls, pray for the children that will get that doll.