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Title: "Hand-Crafted Felt Puppets"

My son is at the stage where he LOVES anything and everything animal-related, and I knew that a set of his favorite animals in the form of felt hand puppets would go over big with him! So I pulled out my favorite Fiskars sewing tools, and a few versatile Fiskars shape templates, and went to work crafting a set of his own.

#### Supply List:

Fiskars: 12-8371 7097 18x24 Cutting Mat

Fiskars: 12-9793 7097 45mm Comfort Grip Rotary Cutter

Fiskars: 12-8762 7097 6x24 Ruler

Fiskars: 12-75807097 Razor Edged No 8 Bent Scissors

Fiskars: 12-5977 7097 12-in-1 Sewing Multi Tool

Fiskars: 9445 7097 Pinking Shears

Fiskars: 67517197 Classic No. 5 Micro-Tip Scissors

Fiskars: 48507097 Circles Template

Fiskars: 12-49107097 Super Sized Circles Template

Fiskars: 4856 7097 Stars Template

Fiskars: 4855 7097 Hearts Template

Other: various colored felt, straight pins, needle, sewing machine, thread, embroidery thread, button, googly eyes

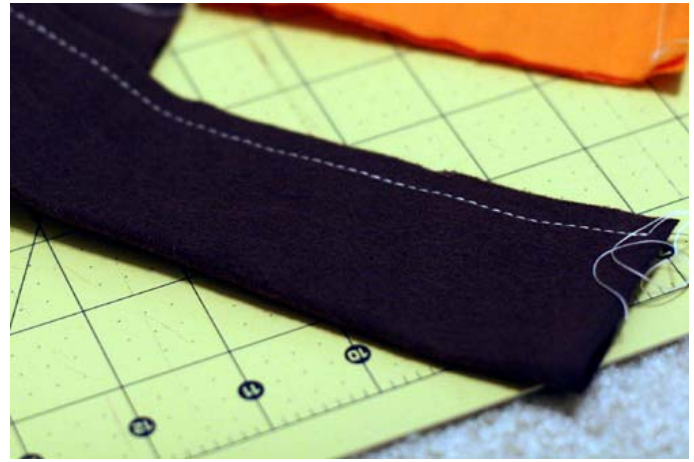
## Constructing LION puppet:



\*NOTE: I used a tan thread for all machine stitching on the lion puppet.



1. Either use the puppet-base pattern that I drew (included in this download) or draw your own. Trace the pattern onto 2 pieces of yellow felt, and trim using Fiskars Classic No 5 Micro-Tip Scissors.



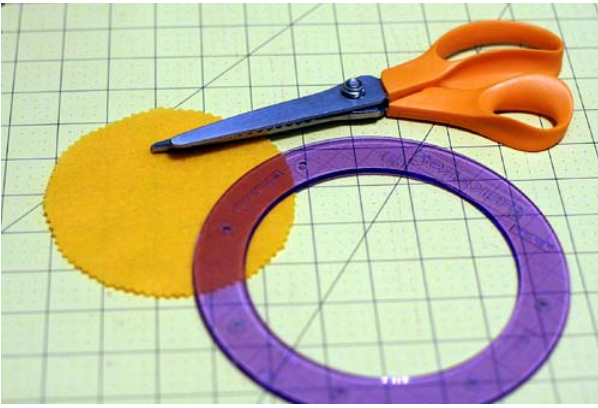
2. Next create the ruffle at the bottom of the lion puppet. Use the Fiskars rotary cutter, ruler, and mat to trim two 5 inch wide, by 10 inch strips of brown felt (I used a thinner felt, sold off the bolt, for this). Fold strip in half lengthwise, pin to hold, and stitch open sides together with .25 inch inseam.



3. Pin ruffle strip to bottom of each side of body base, folding as you go, to create the ruffle. Stitch ruffle to puppet body base.



4. Pin both sides of puppet body base together (right sides out) and machine stitch around edge, approximately .25 inch in.



5. Now that body base is finished, work on the lion's head and mane. Using the 4.5 inch super-sized circle template, trace circle onto yellow felt then trim with pinking shears.



6. Pin yellow head to brown felt, then machine stitch around edge of yellow circle to secure, and then use pinking shears to trim around edge to create a layered look.

7. Use the rotary trimmer, mat and ruler to cut various colored strips of felt (all about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch wide) to use as the lion's mane.

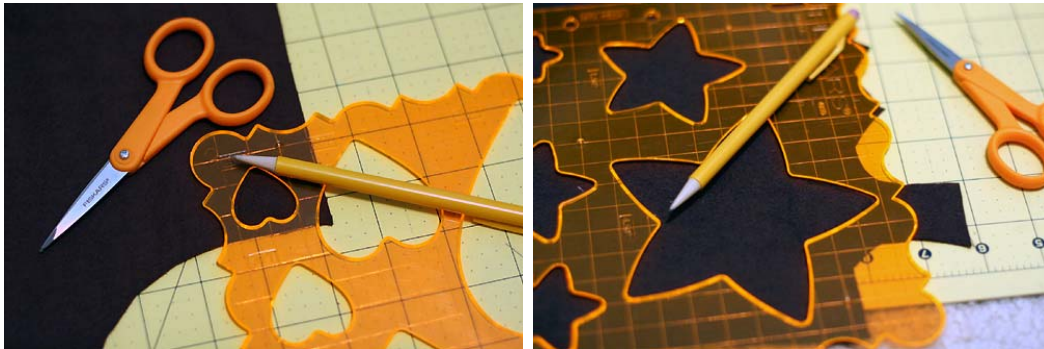


8. I stitched the mane strips to the lion's head, tucking a few under as I went, going around the entire circumference of the lion's face, and re-stitching where my other stitch line already was.



9. Once finished, you may want to trim some of the excess off of the back, for less bulk in the finished puppet.

10. Using the small 1 inch heart template, trace and trim the nose for the lion.



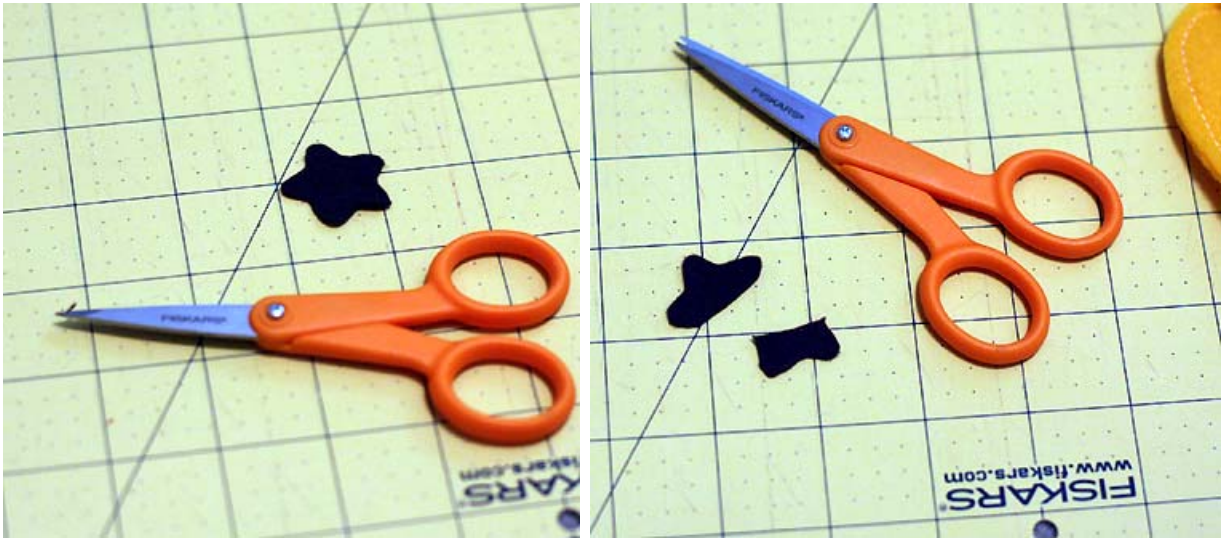
11. Using only ONE point of the 4.5 inch star template, trace and trim the brown back of the ear.

12. Repeat using one point of the 3 inch star template for the inner orange part of the ear. Layer ear parts and stitch together. Trim orange felt face, using pinking shears and 3.5 inch circle template.



13. Machine stitch orange face to lion head, tucking ears behind orange face as you stitch.

14. Machine Stitch nose on, glue down eyes, and embroider mouth.



15. Using the small 1 inch star template, trim stars from brown felt for paws. Then trim in half, so that 3 point part will be “paw”.



16. Use fabric glue to glue face and paws to puppet body and finish lion puppet!

## Constructing Elephant Puppet:

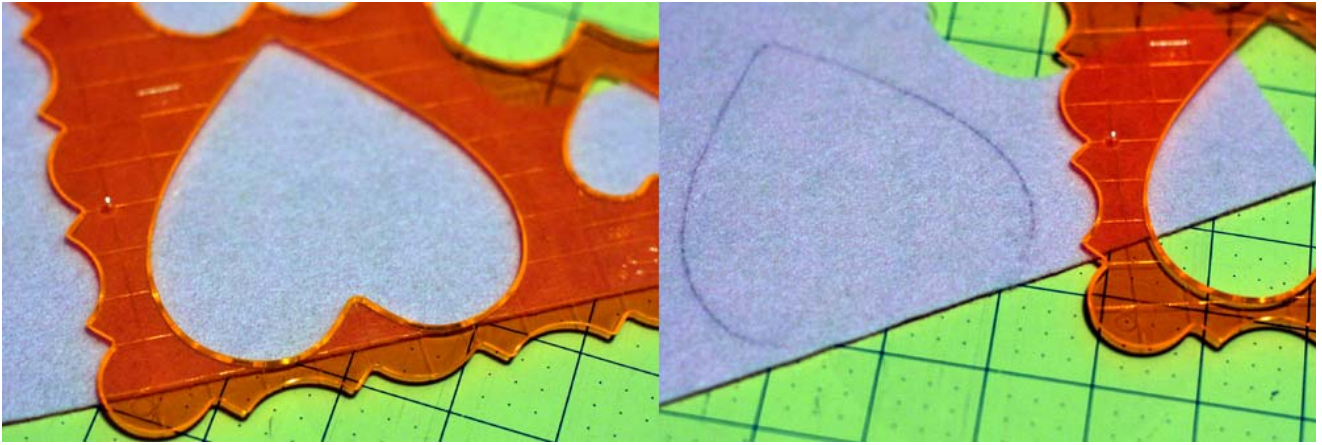


*NOTE – I used gray thread for all machine stitching of the elephant puppet.*

1. Use puppet body pattern to trim 2 sides from grey felt.

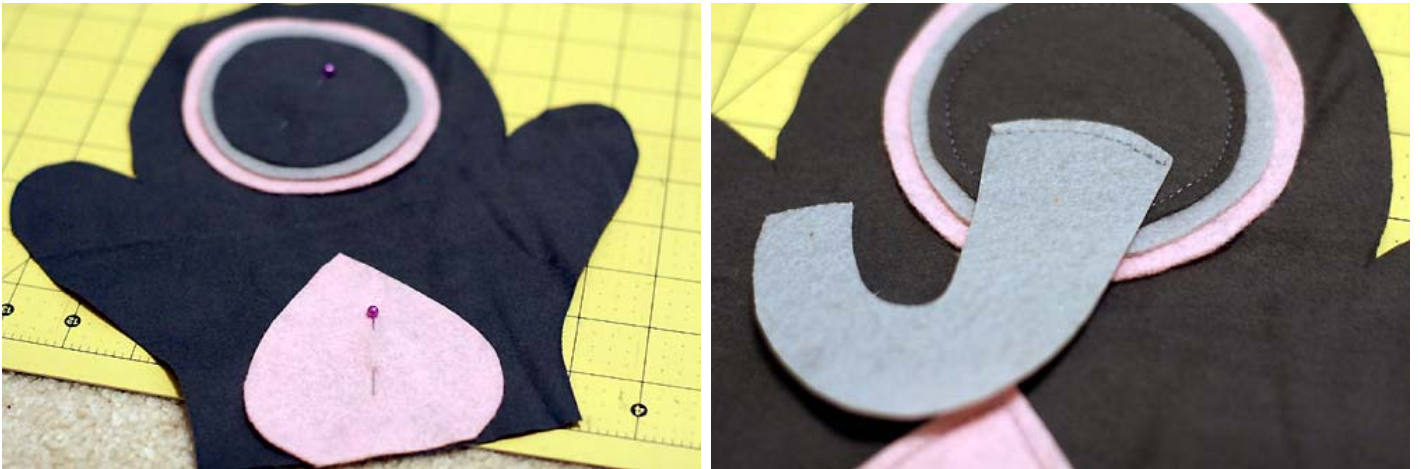


2. Trace and trim pink face circle using 4 inch circle template, light grey circle using 3.5 inch circle template, and grey circle using 3 inch circle template.



3. Trim pink felt belly using 3.5 inch heart template. Position heart template onto felt so that upper part of heart shape falls outside of felt – see photo – and trim.

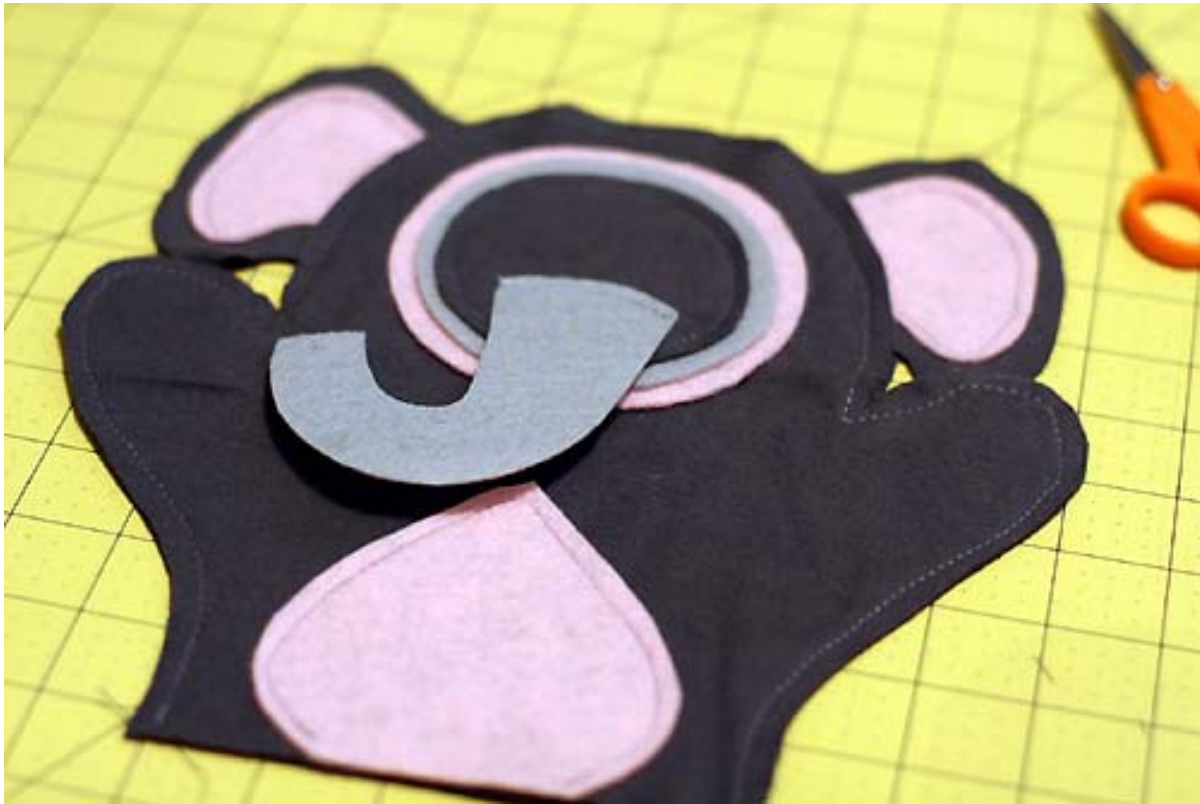
4. Pin face and belly to FRONT side of puppet body and stitch in place.



5. Use trunk pattern provided in download to trim from light grey felt, then stitch only at very top, to face.



6. Use ear patterns provided in download to trim ears from grey and pink felt – layer and stitch.



7. Place 2 parts of puppet body base together, tuck in ears, and machine stitch around edge to secure.



8. Glue on eyes and elephant puppet is now complete!

## Constructing Monkey Puppet:



*NOTE: I used tan thread for all machine stitching of monkey.*

1. Trim 2 sides of puppet body base from brown felt. Using 1.5 inch circle for tan felt, and 2 inch circle template for brown felt, cut circles for ears, layer and stitch.



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2. Trim monkey's face from tan felt, using pattern included in download. Machine stitch to front side of puppet body base.



3. Use 3 inch circle template to trim thin crescent shape for monkey's smile, and stitch to face. Glue on eyes and stitch on button nose. Tuck ears in between 2 layers of puppet body base and machine stitch around edge to secure.



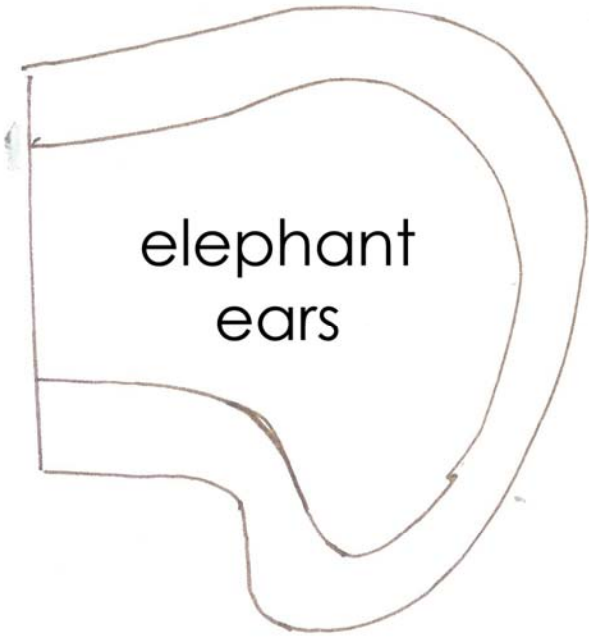
5. Cut banana from pattern provided in download and embroider detail with embroidery thread. Glue to hand.



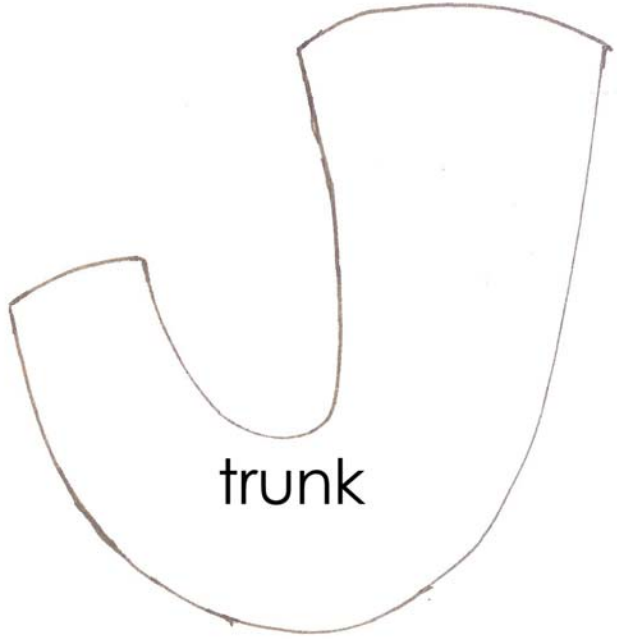


Your hand-crafted puppet family now consists of 3 family animal members and is ready for a puppet show! Mix & Match other Fiskars tools to create a whole array of different animals!

NOTE: templates for body and some parts below – you may need to increase size of hand to fit your needs.



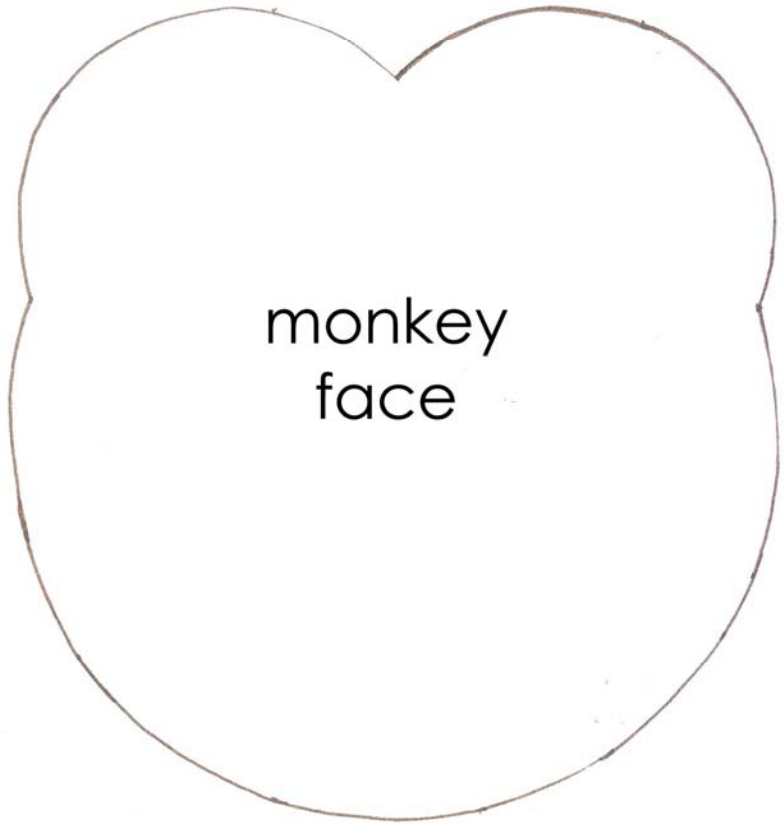
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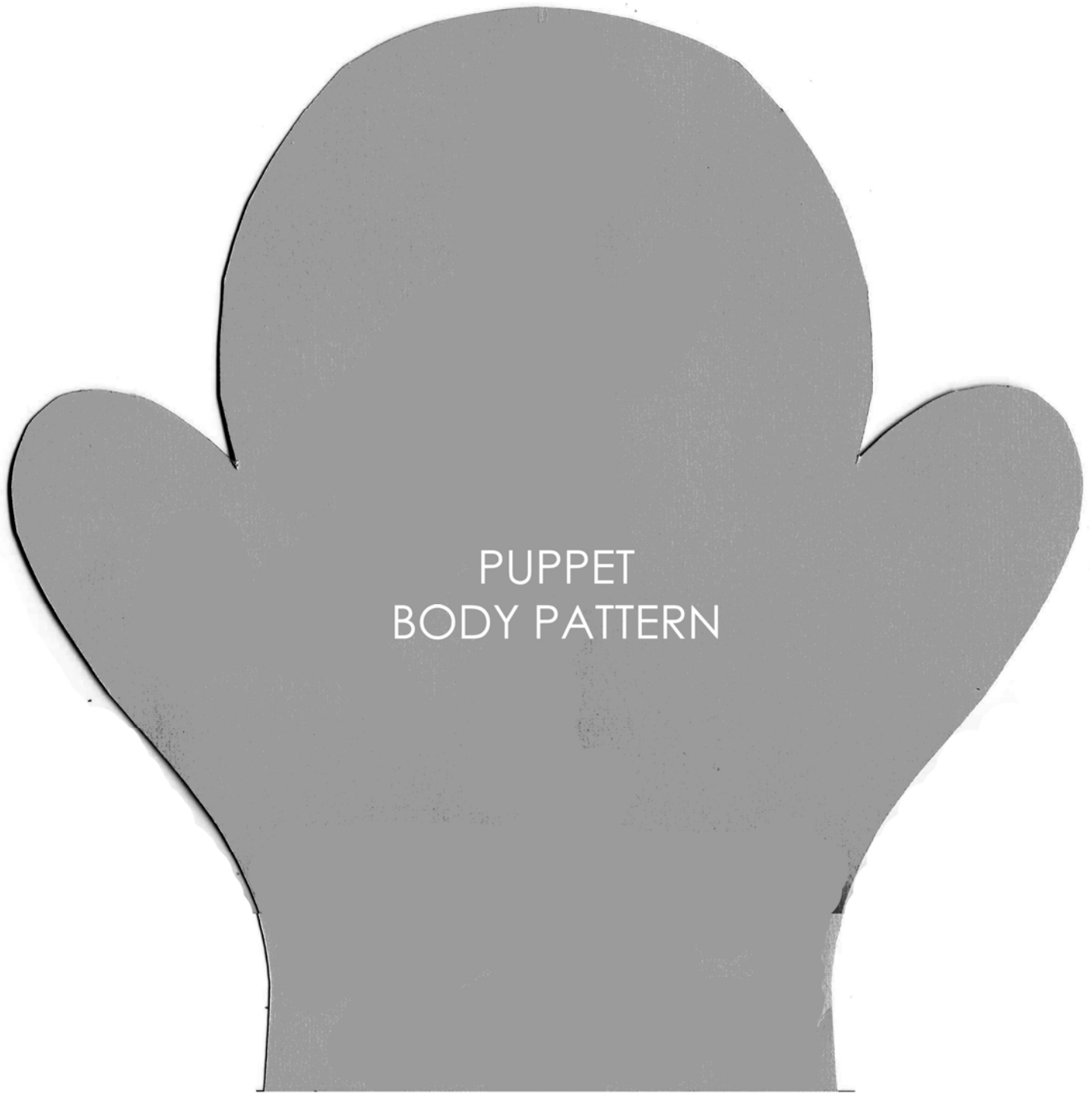
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BODY PATTERN