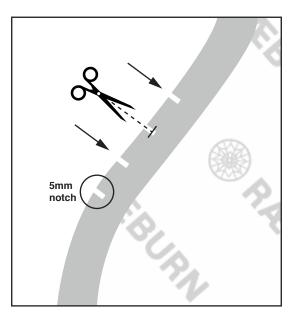
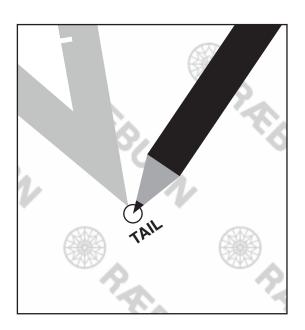


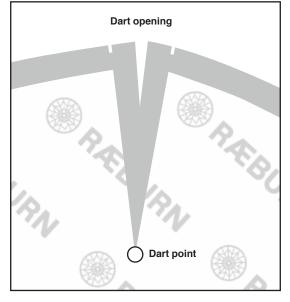
Grey line indicates 1cm seam allowance, cut along outside edge



Notches are used to match cut panels when stitching. Snip 3mm only



Use point marks for guidance only. Use chalk, pencil or pins to mark on fabric, do not snip/cut



Follow dart point when closing darts. Use chalk, pencil or pins to mark on fabric, do not snip/cut

#### RÆBURN OFFCUT POLAR BEAR INSTRUCTIONS

#### **MATERIALS NEEDED:**

- A4 printed pattern
- Sewing machine
- Fabric (offcuts & scraps welcome)
- Thread
- Scissors
- Pins / chalk or pencil
- Hand sewing needle
- Fill

#### **HANDY TIPS**

**1cm Seam Allowance** / All pattern pieces have a 1cm border, which is the seam allowance (grey outer edge). Always stitch 1cm from the edge of your material, to ensure that the seam is secure and won't come undone

**Pattern Pieces** / There are x20 pattern pieces in total, across x9 A4 sheets of paper. Tape A4 printouts together edge to edge, with no overlap

**Printing out the pattern** / When printing your A4 pattern ensure print settings are set to 100% scale and no border

**Lay plan** / When laying patterns on the fabric try to follow the direction of grainline (refer to key for grainline information) and always consider reducing fabric waste

**Finding the grainline** / The grainline is essentially the weave of the fabric. To find the grainline stretch the fabric vertical, horizontal and diagonal - the grainline should have the least amount of stretch and the diagonal (bias) the most. Each pattern piece has an arrow which should follow the direction of the grainline

Pin the fabric before stitching / If you have access to pins we recommend that you use them to pin your pieces of fabric together before you stitch them. This will help you to stitch accurately

**Follow the notches** / The pattern pieces have small marks on the borders, called notches. These match to different pattern pieces to ensure that you are stitching the right pieces together

### **ORDER OF ASSEMBLY**

# **HEAD**

- Stitch the eye detail 'X' on the x2 Side Headpieces, following the x4 marked points as a guide
- Stitch 2 pairs of ears together (fabric right sides together), following the curve of the ear pieces. Trim the seam allowance to **0.2 0.3cm**
- Turn the ears out so that the right side of the fabric is showing
- Turn the corner of each ear in, using the notch as the fold



- Place the folded ear face down aligning the edge with the marks on the side headpieces with the ear pointing towards the nose, stitch 1cm seam allowance
- Trim the seam allowance to **0.2-0.3cm**, turn the ear back on itself and top stitch the edge of the ear to keep the ears pointing towards the back
- Stitch the polar bear top head and the underbody together, matching up the notches labelled nose
- Attach the top head to the side head, by matching P1 sections and sewing to the notch

#### **BODY**

- Place the tail pieces right sides together and stitch leaving the bottom edge open, trim the seam allowance to **0.2 0.3cm**.
- Turn the tail out so that the right side of fabric is showing, add fill (optional)
- Pin the darts from the point, to the notch on the seam allowance
- Close all the darts on the body **EXCEPT** the dart labelled tail
- Snip dart seam allowances so that these lay flat
- Attach the body pieces together starting at the neckline, sew down along the back leaving the tail dart open
- Sandwich the tail into the back body matching the centre notch to the seam in the tail dart, close the dart

#### **LEGS**

- Pair the inside legs with the correct partnering outer legs
- Stitch the inside leg to the outer leg, leaving the bottom seam open. Remember to leave 1cm seam allowance at top inside back leg seam, this will be needed when attaching to the underbody (both back leg seams to meet at the back body seam)
- Stitch the feet to the legs make sure the foot is facing the right direction by matching the notches. Trim the seam allowance to **0.3 0.4cm**
- Turn out the legs

## **JOINING SECTION**

- Align the neckline of the head and body, remember to follow the notches and then stitch together
- Match the left body and underbody pieces following the notches
- Begin stitching down the left side of the top head from where you previously finished before and continue all the way around the side head, underbody and legs
- Start on the right side at the top head, stitch down the right side finishing after the first leg
- Continue to stitch from the back of the underbody towards the middle stopping after the back leg is completely attached

## **ALMOST THERE ... THE FINISHING TOUCHES**

- Turn your polar bear through to the right side using the gap
- Stuff your polar bear! If you don't have regular stuffing, improvise with scrap fabric, bubble wrap, old socks, or plastic bags get creative!
- Hand stitch the small gap closed

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# **VOILA!!! YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR RÆBURN POLAR BEAR. WELL DONE!**



# **DON'T FORGET..**

Tag us online @raeburn\_design / We look forward to seeing your Polar Bear creations!