



Technique:	Sewing, Appliqué
Designed By:	Linda Turner Griepentrog
Skill Level:	Beginner
Crafting Time:	Weekend
Finished size:	15" x 11½" (38.10cm x 29.21cm) (excluding fins and tail)

Featuring Coats Dual Duty XP®

Colorful fins, tails and body piecing make this an ideal project for using up your scraps, or using a favorite group of coordinating fabrics.

Supplies

- **Coats Dual Duty XP®** All-purpose thread
- ½ yd (45.72cm) body fabric, for fish back and forward front portion
- ¼ yd (22.86cm) fabric, for fish body tail area
- ⅛ yd (11.43cm) each of two fabrics, for fish body center stripes
- ¼ yd (22.86cm) fusible interfacing
- 4" (10.16cm) square of felt for eye
- Scraps for Fins and Tails:
 - Top Fin - 4" x 14" (10.16cm x 35.56cm)
 - Tail - 22" x 6" (55.88cm x 15.24cm)
 - Bottom Fin - 14" x 4" (35.36cm x 10.16cm)
 - Side Fin - 14" x 5" (35.36cm x 12.70cm)
- Craft glue
- 30mm wiggle eye
- Polyester fiberfill
- *Patterns provided on page 3 - 5.*

Cutting

From the body fabric, cut:

- (1) fish body, for pillow back
- (1) front body strip #1, 6" x 13" (15.24cm x 33.02cm)

From the fish body tail area fabric, cut:

- (1) strip #4, 5" x 13" (12.70cm x 33.02cm)

From each of the fish center strip fabrics, cut:

- (1) strip #2 and 3, 3½" x 13" (8.89cm x 33.02cm)

From the tail/fin fabrics, cut:

- (2) each of the respective pattern pieces

From the fusible interfacing, cut:

- (1) each of the top fin, bottom fin, side fin, and tail

From the felt square, cut:

- (1) eye, using the pattern provided

Preparation

1. Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse the interfacing pieces to their respective fabric mates.
2. Seam allowances are ¼" (.64cm).

Assembling the Fins and Tail

1. Pair an interfaced piece with a matching non-interfaced piece, sew around the curved edges, leaving the straight edge open.
2. Trim the seams and clip the curves, then turn each fin/tail right side out through the opening. Press.
3. Stitch lines from the straight edge up to about ½" (1.27cm) from the curved portion to emphasize fins.
4. Pleat the straight portion of the top and bottom fin straight edges to measure 3" (7.62cm) across; baste. Pleat the side fin to measure 2" (5.08cm), and pleat the tail to measure ½" (1.27cm) less than the narrow end of the fish body pattern; baste each across the straight edge.

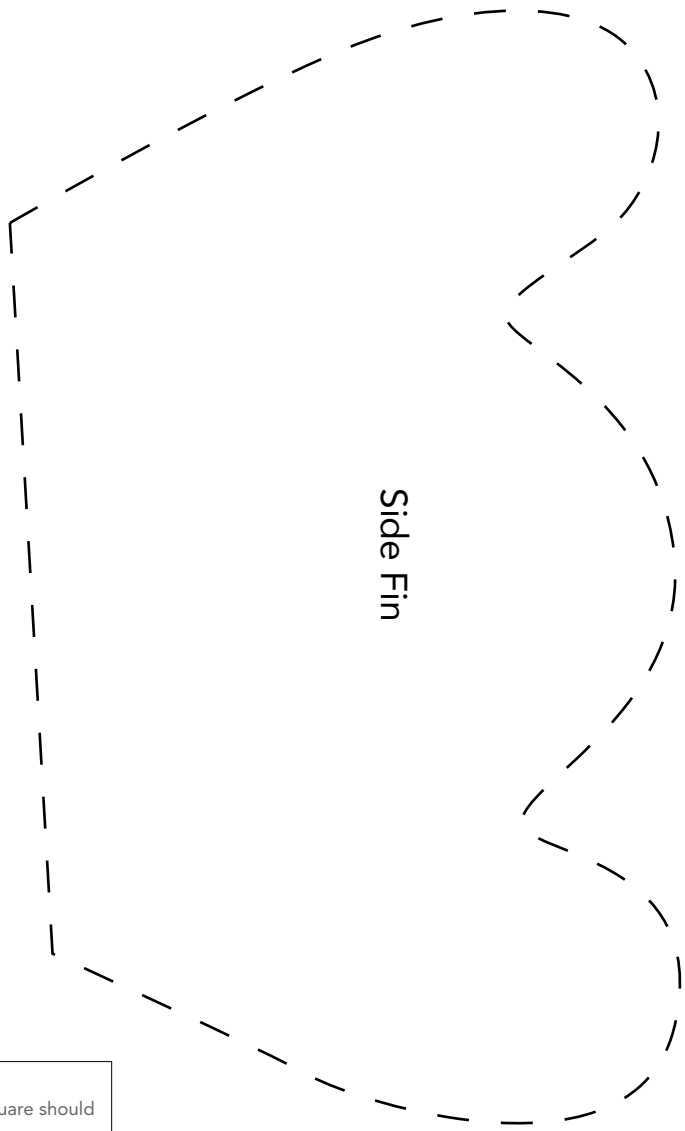
Assembling the Body

1. With right sides up, lay out the body strips on the table top in numerical order, starting with section #1 (head) on the right.
2. Matching the straight edge of the side fin to the cut fabric edge of strip #2, center the fin and pin in place.
3. Sew the body strips together and press seams toward strip #1.
4. Cut out a fish body shape from the pieced fabric rectangle using the pattern provided. Mark the top and bottom fin locations.
5. With right sides together, baste the straight edge of the top and bottom fins to their respective positions, easing slightly around the curve. Baste the tail between the seam allowances of the narrow end of the body. Pin the fins and tail out of the way so they're not accidentally caught in the outer seaming—only the straight edges should be caught in the seam.

6. Glue the wiggle eye to the felt eye circle. Allow to dry thoroughly.
7. Position the eye onto the front fish body in the marked location. Using a narrow zigzag stitch, appliqué the circle.
8. With right sides together, align the fish body back and front portions. Sew around the edges, leaving about 4" (10.16cm) open at the lower edge spanning the bottom fin.

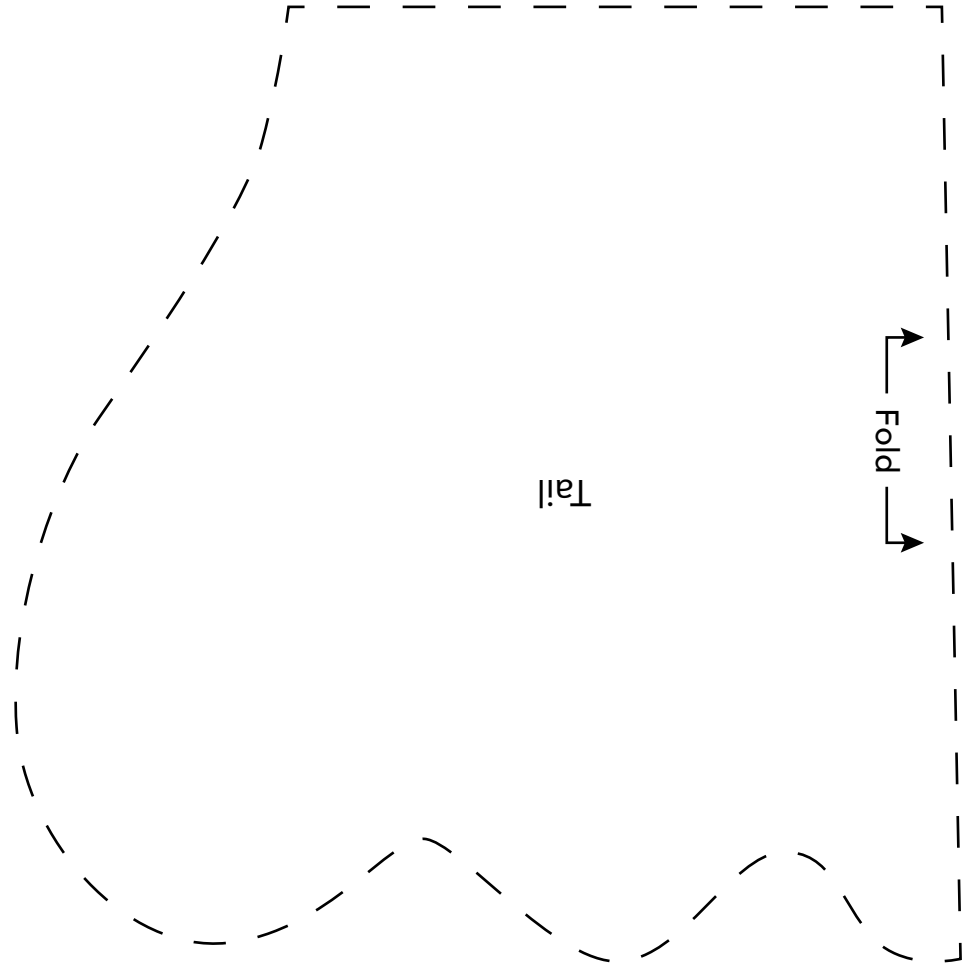
Finishing

1. Turn the fish right side out through the opening.
2. Stuff to the desired firmness.
3. Sew the opening closed.



Side Fin

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measure 1" x 1"
(2.54cm x 2.54cm)
when printed.



Tail

Fold

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Eye



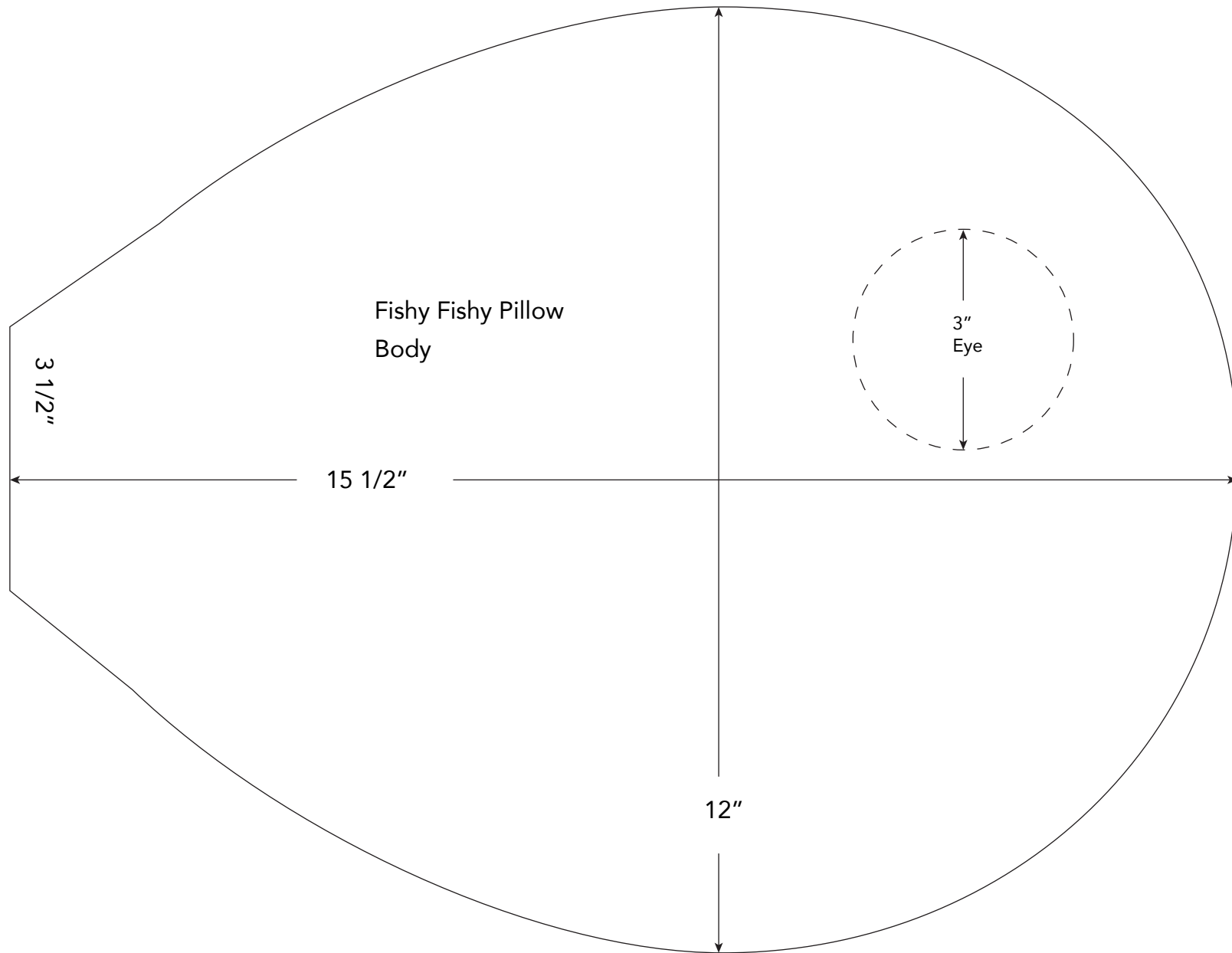
Bottom Fin



Top Fin

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