

# Ball "Piggie" Instructions & Pattern Pieces

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## Five Pattern Pieces:

1. BALL PIGGIE BODY (cut 6 from fabric)
2. PIG TAIL (cut one from fabric)
3. SNOUT -- (cut one from fabric and one from felt)
4. SNOUT DISK - (cut one from plastic)
5. Ears (cut two from fabric)

## Supplies needed:

- 1/3 yard Fabric  
(Scraps work great)
- Two 1/2 or 3/4 inch buttons
- Small piece of felt
- 85 grams of Fiberfill stuffing

## Sewing Notes:

Seams are 1/2 inches unless otherwise noted.

1. Pin and cut out all the pattern pieces.
2. Mark the following using tailor's chalk or a wooden pencil (depends of color of your fabric):
  - ☑ 1/2 inch seam line on the wrong side of 3 body pieces.
  - ☑ Button (Eye) placement mark = 3 inches down from center of two body pieces
  - ☑ Mark nostrils on the right side of the snout fabric.
3. Sew on button eyes using a double-threaded hand sewing needle.
4. Place the felt circle on the back of the snout fabric. Double-thread a needle with black thread (or color of your choice) and embroider the nostril marking by using long "tack" stitches" (use 3 or 4 tack stitches for each one and then tie off on the wrong side); cut close to tie-off.
5. Using a double-threaded hand sewing needle, sew a running stitch (about 1/4 inch away) around the edge of the snout fabric. The running stitches should not be too long. Do not cut off threaded needle and do not pull the

thread yet.

6. Lay plastic disk inside of the snout fabric on top of the felt and pull the thread so that the snout fabric pulls up and around the plastic disk. Whip stitch the opening of the snout fabric; tie off and clip thread.

7. Pin (right sides together) and sew the two body pieces with the buttons using a  $\frac{1}{2}$  ( $\frac{4}{8}$ ) inch seam line and press seam line open.

8. Mark Snout Placement: 3 inches down sewn seam line (centered below the 2 button eyes). The mark will be the top of the snout.

9. Using thread that matches the fabric, hand sew the snout onto the fabric from the back side using running stitches that are closely spaced. You can feel the snout from the back side of the fabric. Your running stitches should be a complete circle when you are finished. Tie off thread and then clip.

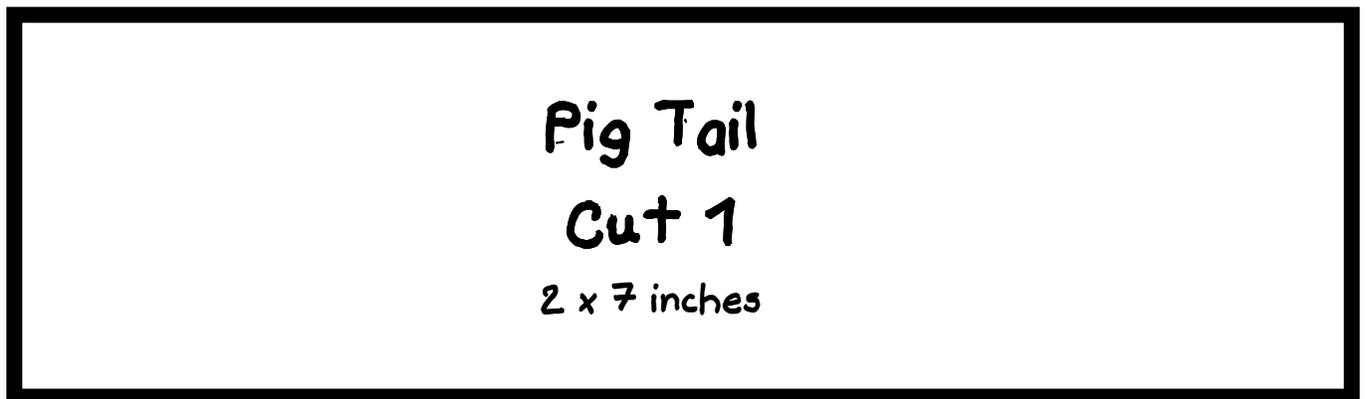
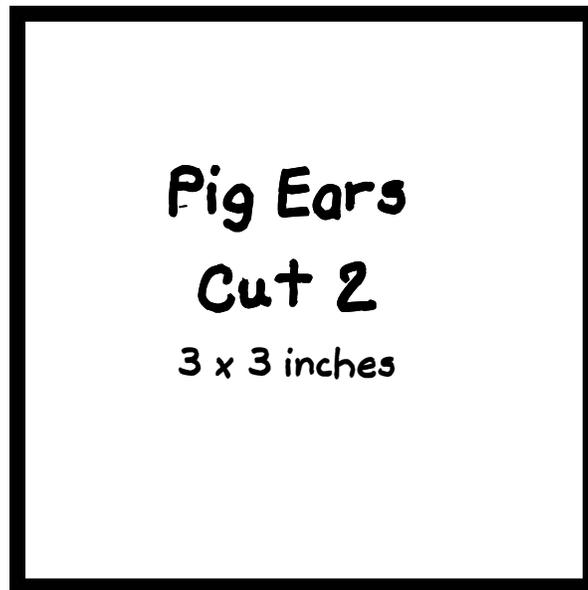
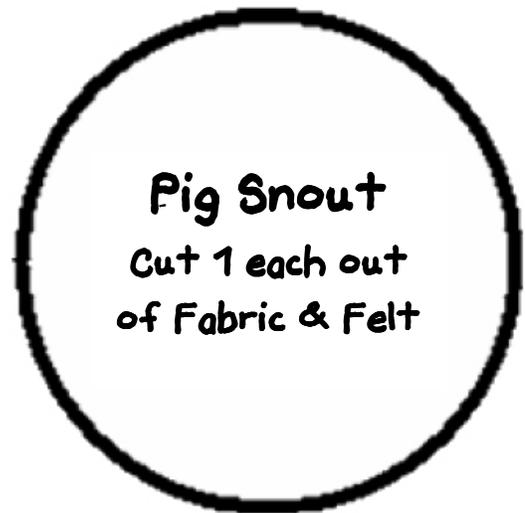
10. To create the ears, fold square into a triangle and then fold triangle in half into a smaller triangle. Mark ear placement 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches down from top of the body pieces that contain the button eyes and the snout. Pin and sew in place using a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam.

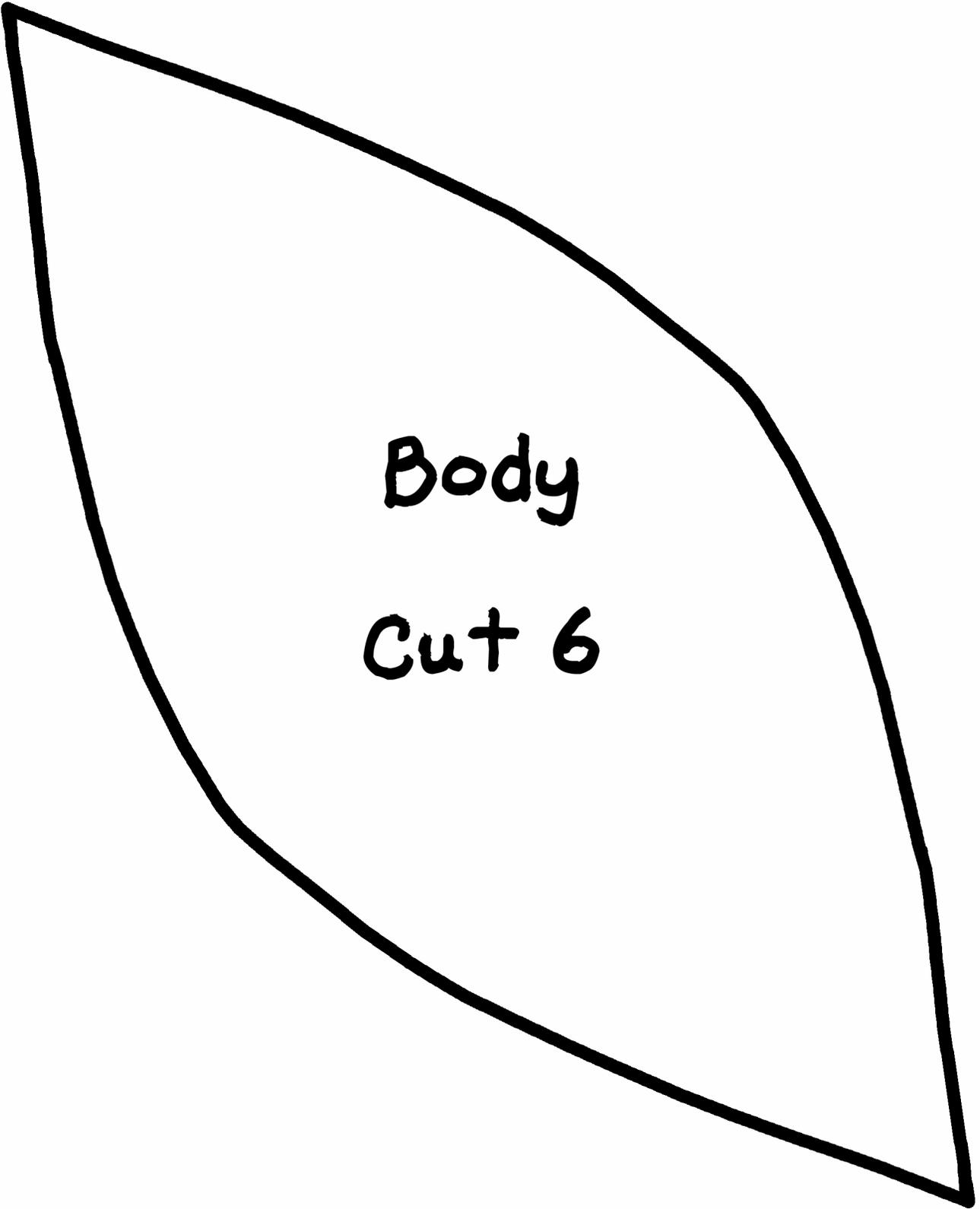
11. To create the tail for the piggie, fold fabric in half width-wise (right sides together) and sew a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam. Using a bodkin or similar tool, turn the tail right side out.

12. On a new body piece (remember 2 have already been sewn together) mark 6 inches down from the top for tail placement. Fold tail in half and sew to body piece at a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch. Pin another body piece to the piece with the tail attached; you will sew the seam that attaches the tail to another body piece (now 4 body pieces have been sewn).

13. Pin and sew the rest of the body pieces. Remember to leave a 5 or 6 inch opening on one of the body pieces to turn the piggie right side out and to allow for filling with fiber fill.

14. Properly fill the piggie with fiber fill and then using needle and thread that matches fabric, sew the opening closed using neat tiny whip stitches or a blind stitch.





Body  
Cut 6