



Technique:	Sewing/Fabric Crafting
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Skill Level:	Intermediate
Crafting time:	Weekend

Kid's love to play dress-up and take on new personae. Adding just a single tail to tights and turtlenecks can create a creative bit of fantasy. Choose some fun textured fabrics and stitch up these alter-ego designs. Also on Make It Coats are Dress-up Tails for a Dinosaur and a Mermaid.

Finished Size of Project: 22" - 28" long (fits sizes 4-6)

Supplies:

Shark tail and hood:

7/8 yd 60"-wide gray fleece

1/2 yd 60"-wide red fleece

1/8 yd white craft felt

1 Coats® Coil Separating zipper 24" - red (color 128)

6" of 3/4"-wide hook-and-loop fastener

Polyester fiberfill

Matching Coats® Dual Duty XP All-Purpose® threads

Cutting

From the Gray fleece, cut:

- 2 tails
- 2 tail fins
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- 1 rectangle, 5" x 24"
- 2 hoods

From the Red fleece, cut:

- 2 hoods

From the White craft felt, cut:

- 4 squares, 2" each; cut each in half once diagonally

Making the Shark Hood

1. With right sides together, sew the center hood seam using a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. Trim the seam to $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Repeat for the red lining.
2. Separate the zipper halves. Using one half, match the hood opening raw edge to the woven edge of the zipper tape. Baste the zipper in place starting $\frac{1}{2}$ " from each hood end.
3. Position the white felt "teeth" around the hood opening over the zipper. Baste in place.
4. With right sides together, match the hood and lining edges and stitch together around the face opening, neck tabs and neck opening edges. Leave a 3" opening along the lower back edge for turning.
5. Trim the seam allowances and turn the hood right side out. Hand stitch the opening closed. Topstitch all edges.
6. Position a $2\frac{3}{4}$ " strip of hook-and-loop fastener on opposite edges of the neck band and stitch in place.

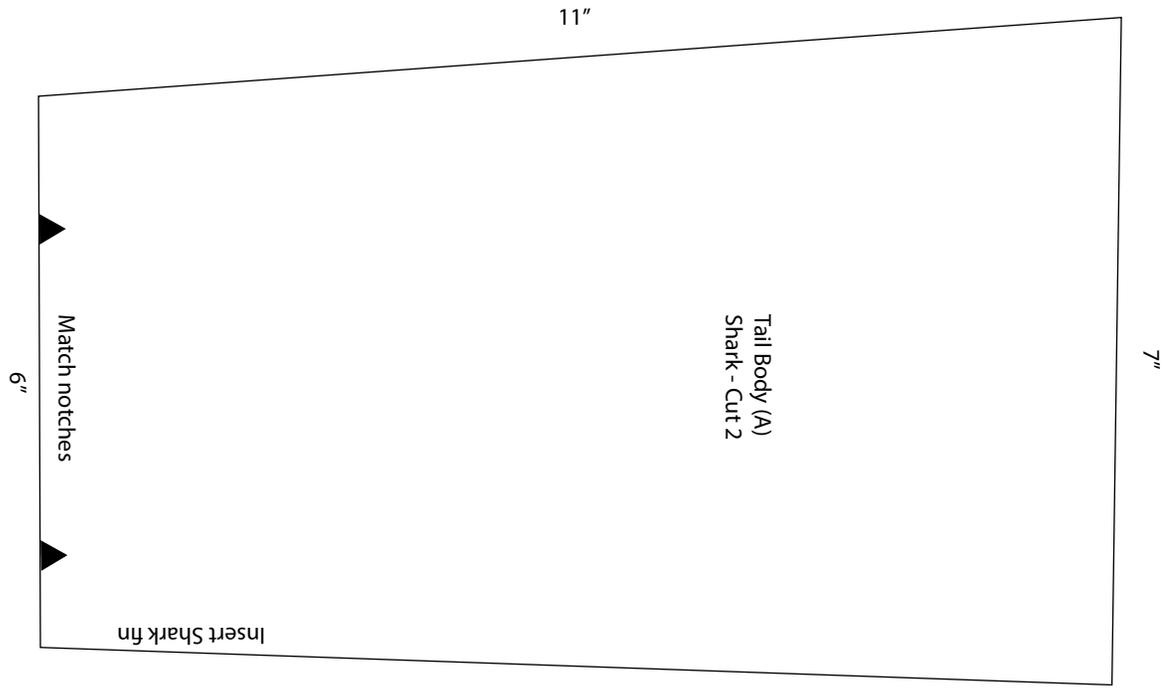
Making the Shark Tail

1. With right sides together, sew both the fin and the tail pieces together using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, leaving the straight edges open. Trim the corners and clip the curves. Turn right side out.
2. Topstitch both the fin and tail in multiple parallel rows across the piece widths.
3. With right sides together, lay out the body pieces. Insert the completed tail at the narrow end, and the fin at the markings on the pattern, both tucked between the fabric right sides.

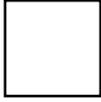
Note: that the fin point should face the narrow end of the body.

4. Stitch the body seams using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, catching the fin and tail between, and leaving the large end unstitched.
5. Turn the body right side out and stuff lightly. Be careful not to overstuff, as the tail will be too heavy for a child to drag around.
6. Match the upper and lower back seams together and baste the opening edges together.
7. Find the center point of the 5" x 24" rectangle and match it to the center back shark body seam. Stitch across the body width $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge.
8. Fold the waistband right sides together and stitch the ends and extensions, up to the previous seam. Turn the band right side out.
9. Hand stitch the waistband opening over the body/waistband seam.
10. Stitch a $2\frac{3}{4}$ " strip of hook-and-loop fastener on opposite edges of the waistband.

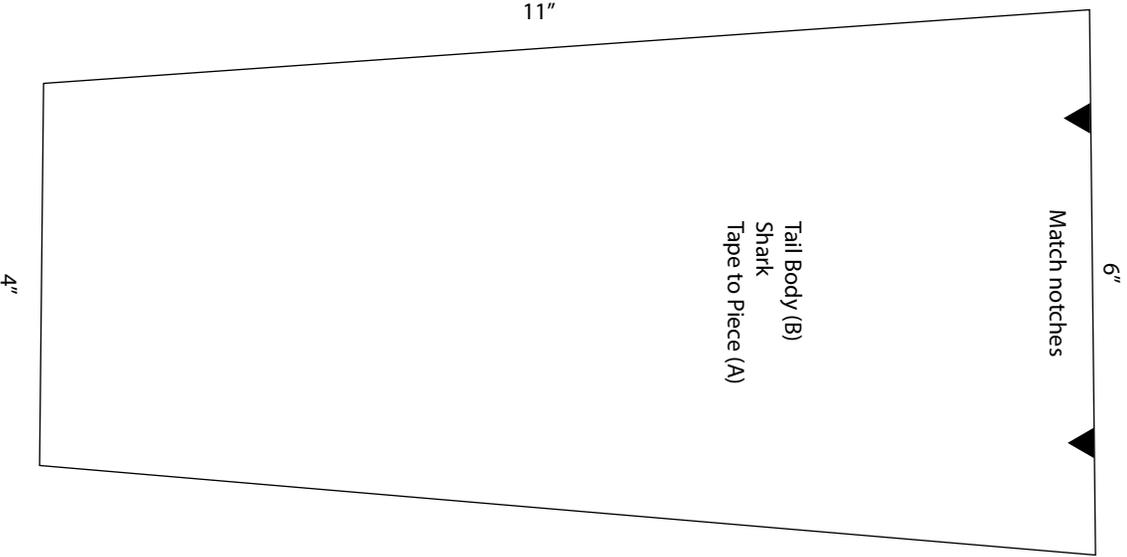


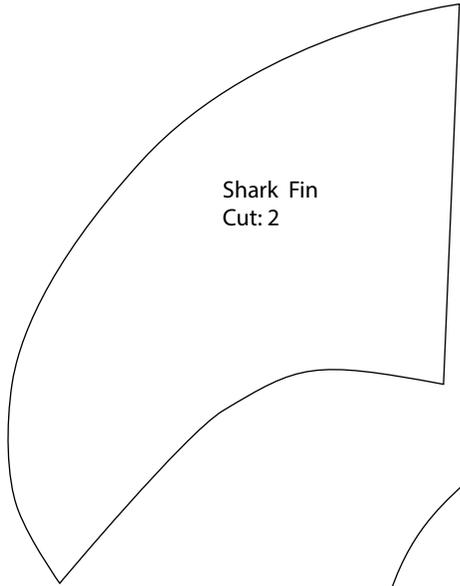


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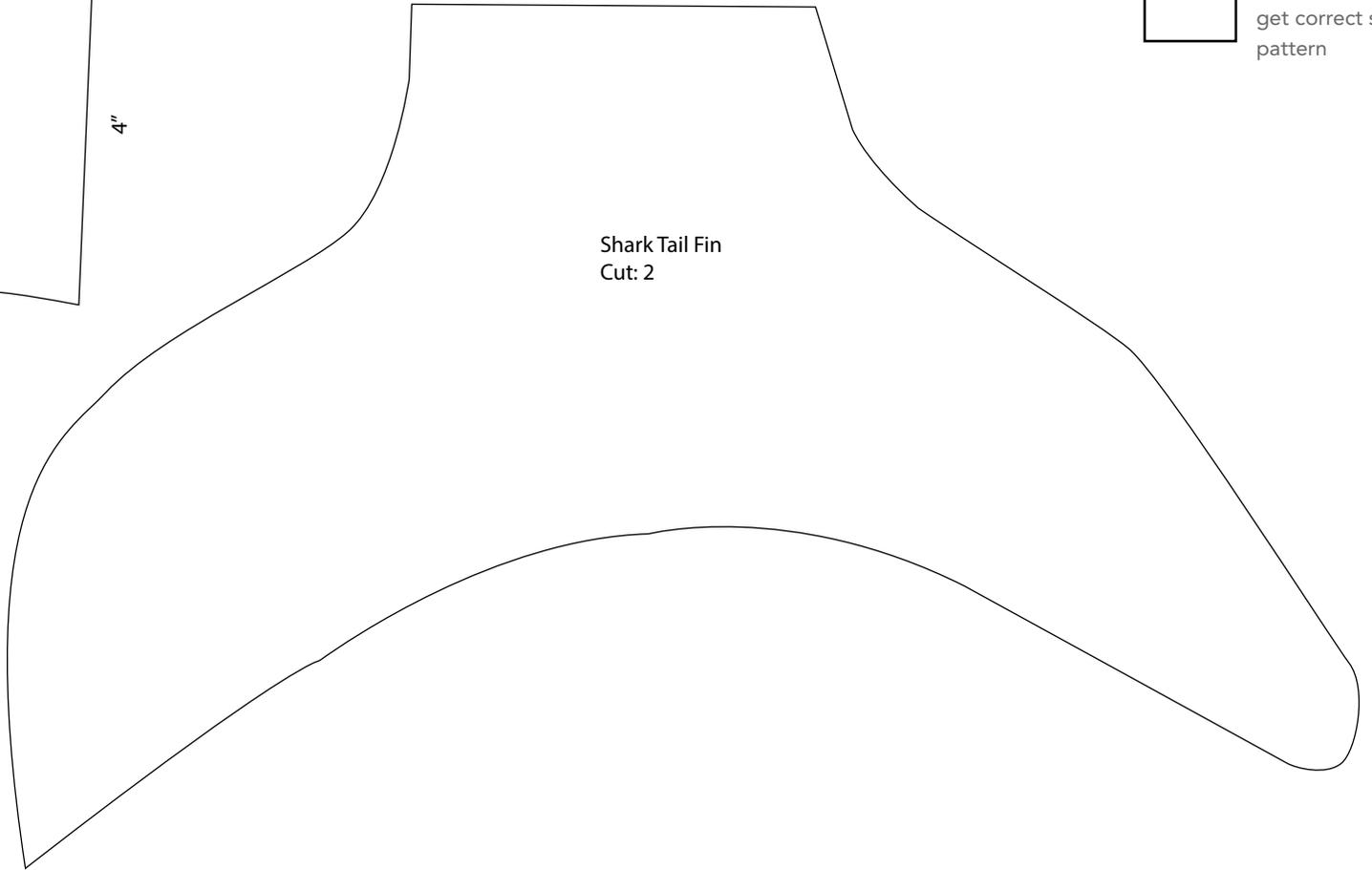




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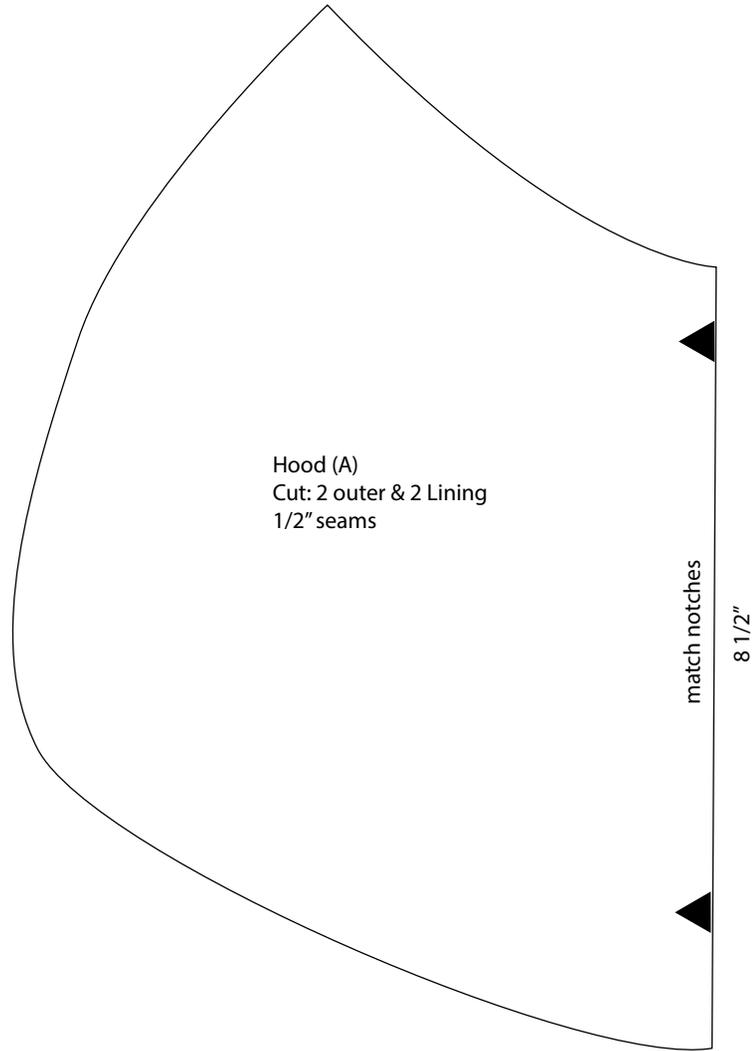
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