



<b>Technique:</b>	Sewing/Fabric Crafting
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<b>Skill Level:</b>	Intermediate
<b>Crafting time:</b>	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 Shark.

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

**Supplies:**

**Mermaid tail and hood:**

7/8 yd 60"-wide turquoise sparkle knit fabric

5/8 yd 60"-wide turquoise "scaly" lining fabric

Note: Scales run lengthwise on fabric.

1/2 yd satin lining for hood

1/4 yd 60"-wide turquoise sparkle netting

2 yds 1 1/2"-wide turquoise grosgrain ribbon

3/8 yd cotton batting

Ball point needle

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

Coats® Dual Duty XP All-Purpose® threads to match fabric

## Cutting

### From the turquoise sparkle knit, cut:

- 2 tails
- 2 tail fins
- 2 hoods

### From the turquoise scaly fabric, cut:

- 2 tails
- Note: The scales should be facing downward on the tail pattern.

### From the satin lining fabric, cut:

- 2 hoods

### From the sparkle netting, cut:

- 2 strips, 6" x 30"

### From the cotton batting, cut:

- 1 tail fin

### From the grosgrain ribbon, cut:

- Two 1 yd pieces

## Making the Mermaid Tail:

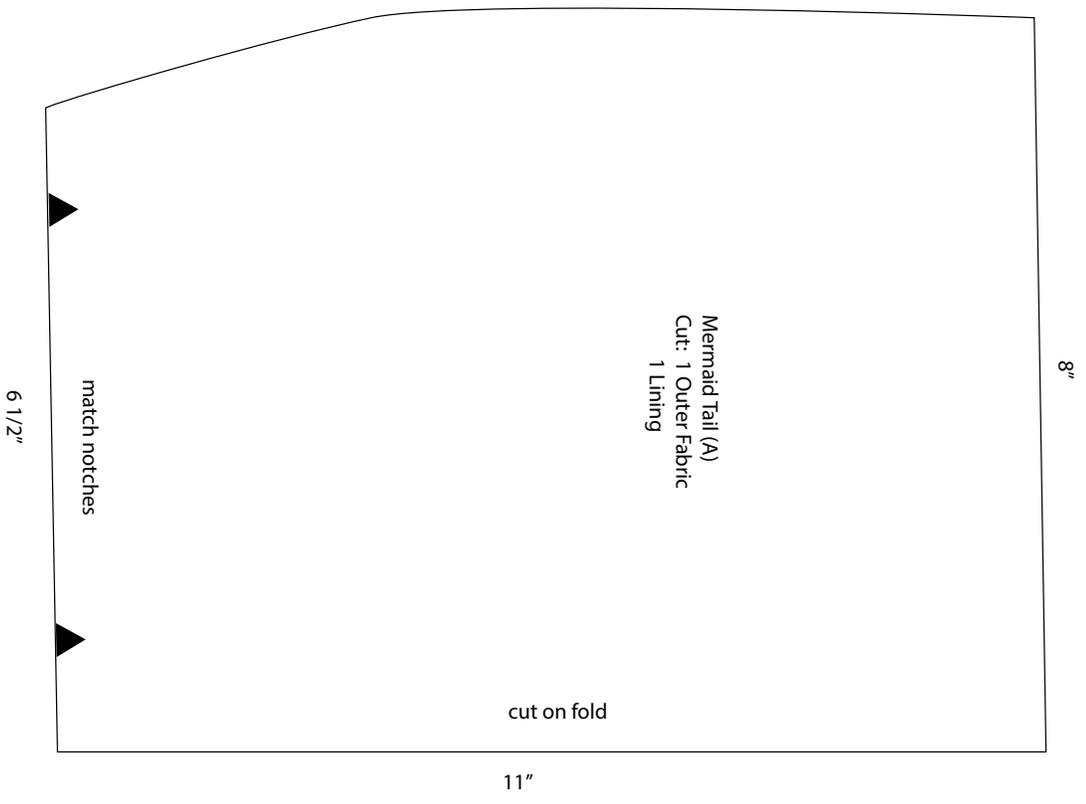
1. To make the tail fin, place both pieces of sparkle knit right sides together over the batting. Stitch around the edges using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, leaving the upper straight edge open.
2. Clip the corners, trim the seam and turn right side out.
3. Topstitch the tail fin edges and add four rows of stitching down the center  $\frac{3}{4}$ " apart.
4. Gather one long edge of each netting piece and baste in place along the tail fin straight edge. One piece of netting goes on each side of the fin.

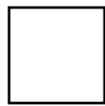
5. With the tail and lining right side together, pin the edges. Slide the prepared tail fin between the layers at the narrow end and pin. It may be necessary to fold and pin the tail fin to keep from catching it in the perimeter stitching. At the wider tail opening, tuck in a piece of grosgrain ribbon on each side between the layers.
6. Stitch around the tail, leaving a 5" opening in the upper straight edge. Turn the tail, pulling out the fin and ribbon ties. Hand stitch the opening closed. Topstitch the straight edge.

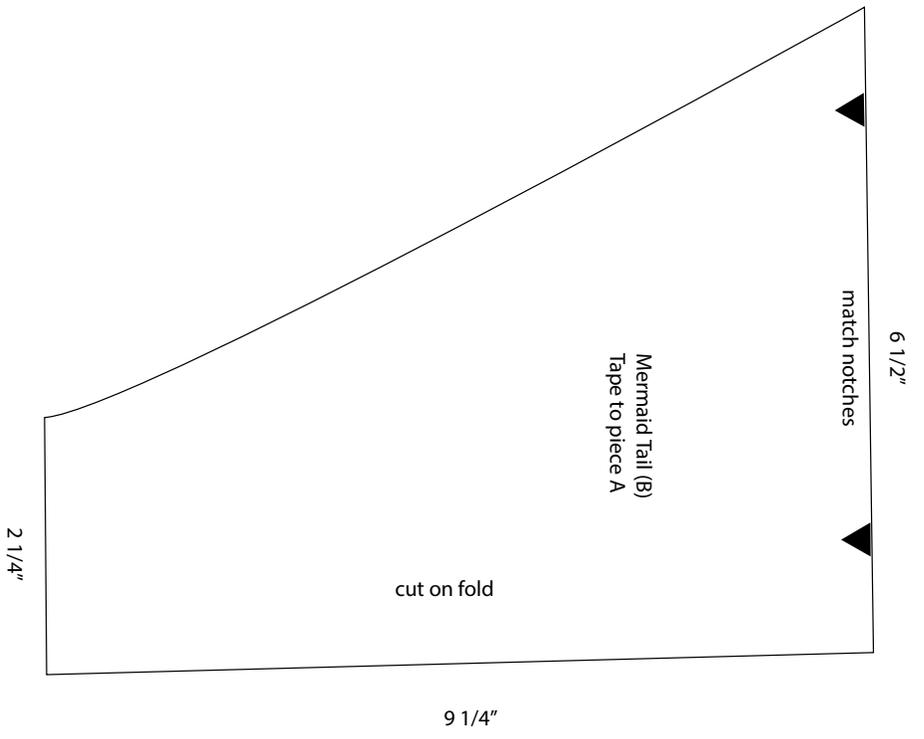
## Making the mermaid hood:

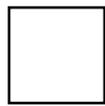
1. With right sides together, sew the center hood seam. Trim the seam to  $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Repeat for the lining.
2. With right sides together, match the hood and lining edges and stitch together around the face opening, neck tabs and neck opening edges. Leave a 3" opening along the lower edge for turning.
3. Trim the seam allowances and turn the hood right side out. Hand stitch the opening closed. Topstitch all edges.
4. Position a  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " strip of hook-and-loop fastener on opposite sides of the neckband and stitch in place.

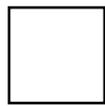
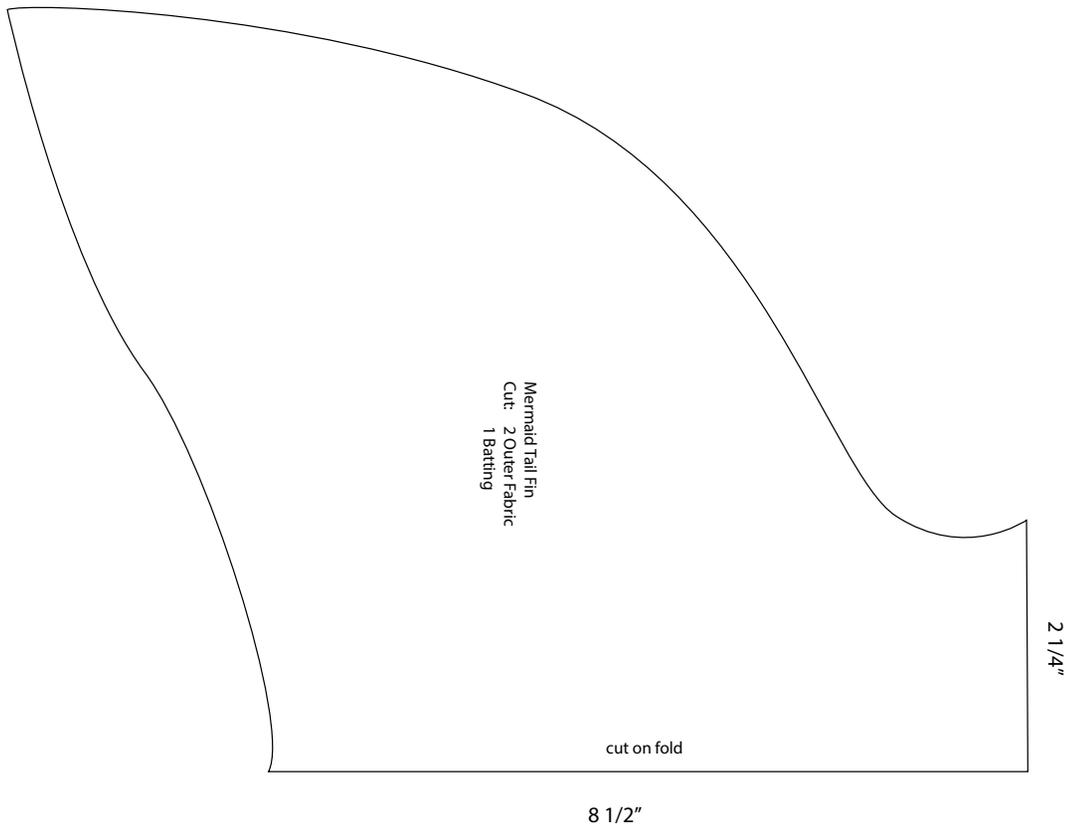




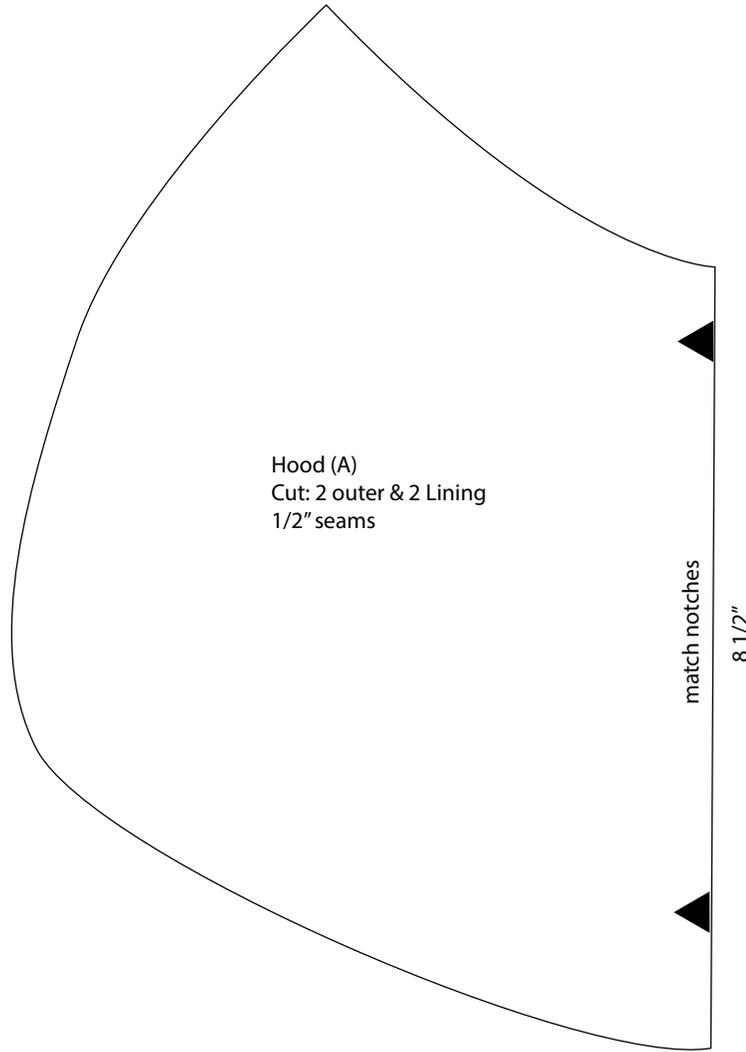
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