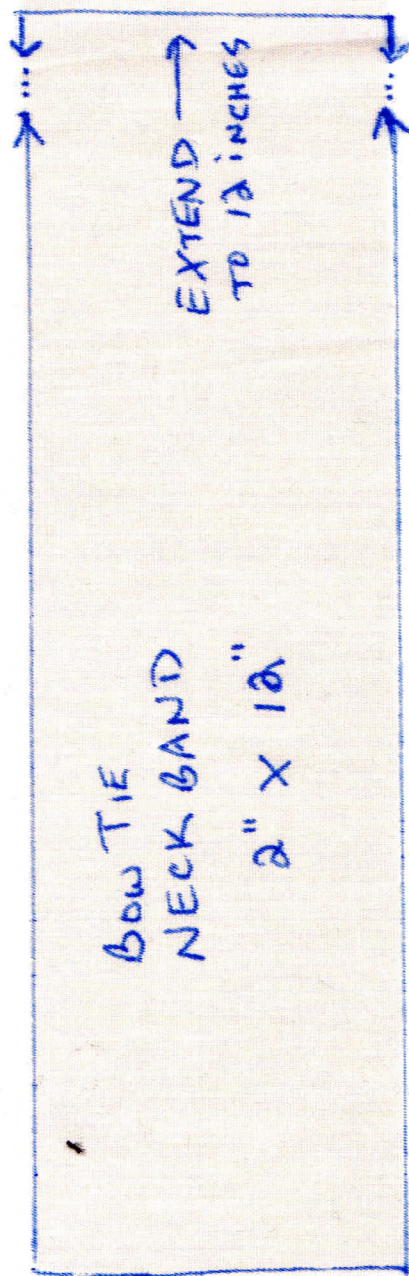
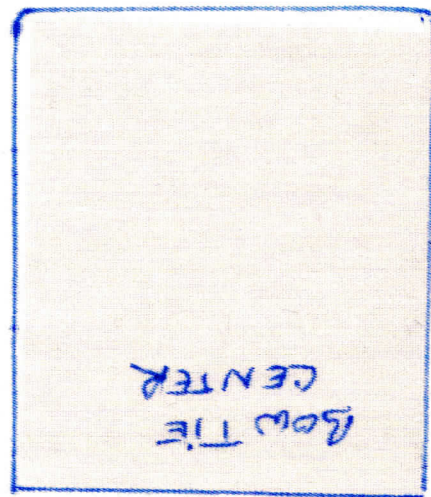
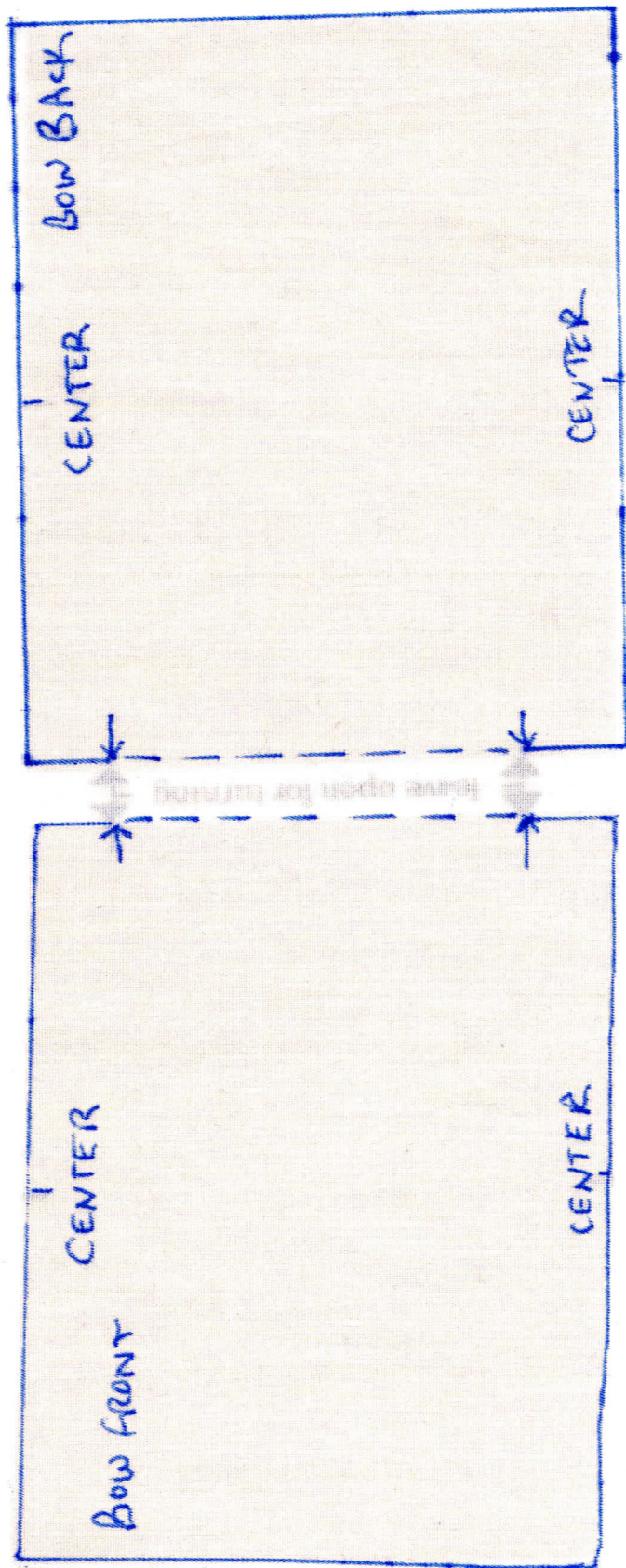


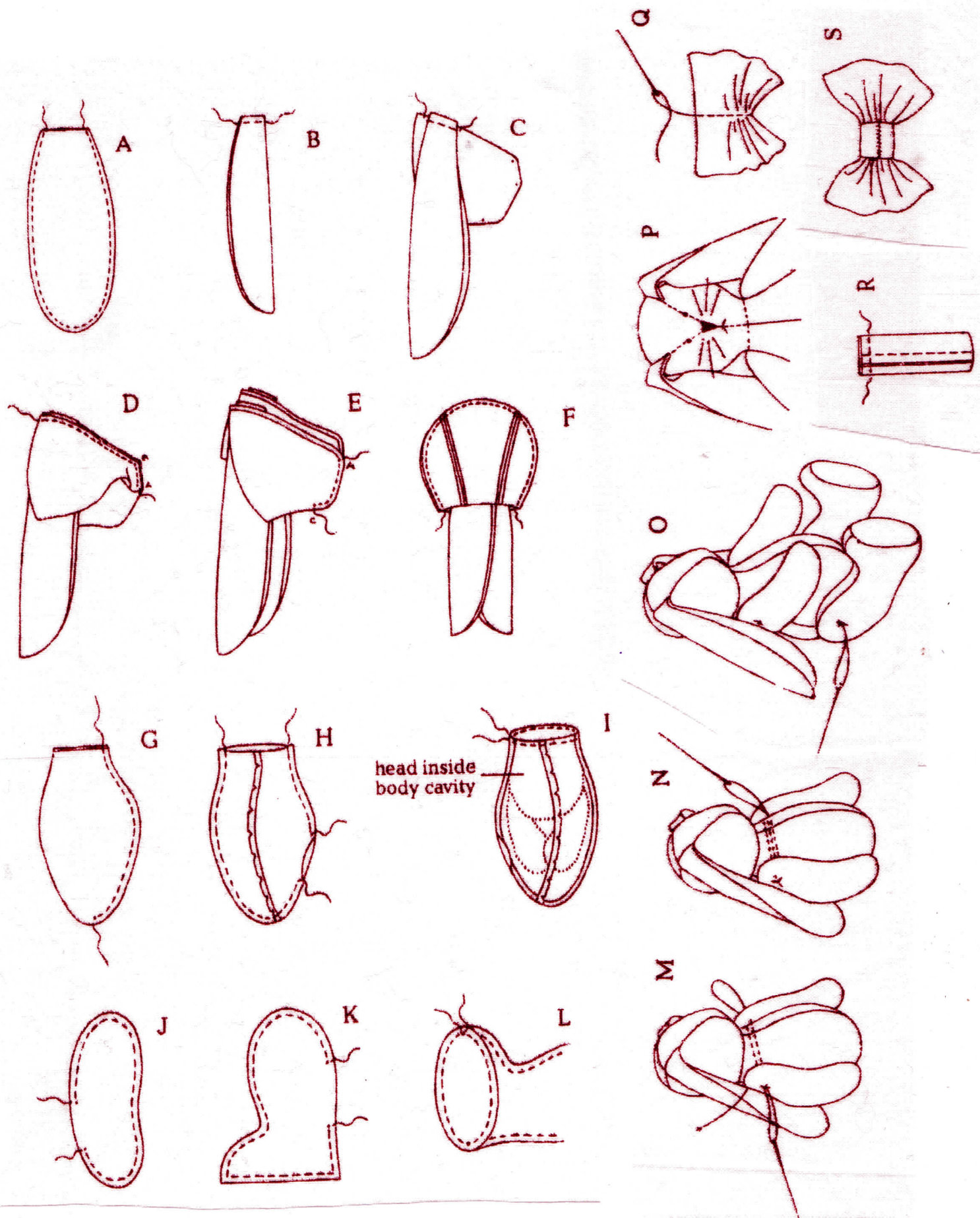


The Flop-Eared Rabbit

This big beautiful bunny is a real charmer. (Is it his floppy, oversized ears or his perky bow tie that makes him so endearing?) Little arms can't wait to hug him and adult crafters immediately visualize all those spots where he'd provide a wonderful decorative touch!

When completed, the rabbit will stand a full 18" tall (12½" if seated). The movable limbs facilitate a variety of whimsical poses. If desired, add some special *extras*... buttons down his front, a lace collar, etc.





Instructions—read through carefully before beginning.

Seam Allowance—1/4" unless otherwise indicated.

- Cut out all pre-printed pattern pieces.
- Using one ear front as a guide, cut out two pieces of lightweight interfacing.

Ears

1. Baste one piece of lightweight interfacing to the wrong side of one *ear front*.
2. With right sides together, pin and baste *ear front* to *ear back*. Stitch leaving bottom edge open (Diagram A).
3. Clip curves. Turn ear right side out.
4. Fold ear in half lengthwise (solid side will be sandwiched in between). Baste raw edges together (Diagram B).
5. Repeat procedure with remaining ear.

Head

1. With right sides together, baste a finished ear to each *head side front* between slashes indicated. Note: open fold of ear will be facing towards the nose at point ① (Diagram C)
2. With right sides together, baste one *head side front* to *center head front* matching dots. Stitch from point ① matching and pivoting at point ②, continuing stitching to end of seam. Ear will be sandwiched in between. (Diagram D)
3. Repeat procedure with remaining *head side front*.
4. With right sides of *head side fronts* together, pin and baste from nose at point ① to neck at point ③ forming chin. (Diagram E). Stitch.
5. Pin and baste *head side backs* to *center head back* matching dots. Stitch.
6. Pin and baste *head front* section to *head back* sections matching dots. Stitch. (Diagram F)

Body

1. Pin *body side fronts* right sides together along *center front seam*. Stitch *center front seam* to large dot at crotch (Diagram G)
2. Clip curves, Press seam open.
3. With right sides together, pin *body front* to *body back*. Stitch, leaving neck edge and area between slashes open (Diagram H).
4. Clip curves. Do not turn body right side out at this time.
5. Slip rabbit's head into body at neck opening (right sides will be together). Head will be upside down. Match *center front* seams. Pin head to body and stitch (Diagram I). Clip curves.
6. Turn head/body right side out through opening in body. Press.
7. Stuff *head only* very firmly with polyester filling.
8. Continue stuffing body with polyester filling. Mold and shape with hands to prevent lumping.
9. Turn under seam allowance at opening and slipstitch the opening closed.

Arms

1. Pin two arm sections right sides together. Stitch leaving area between slashes open for turning as indicated (Diagram J)
2. Clip curves. Turn right side out and press.
3. Stuff arm firmly with polyester filling. Slipstitch the opening closed.
4. Repeat procedure with remaining two arm sections.

Supplies needed

- About 24 oz. bag of polyester fiberfill.
 - 1/4 yard lightweight interfacing for ears.
 - Two 1/8" black beads for eyes.
 - Two yards black embroidery floss for nose and mouth.
 - Two yards white embroidery floss or unwaxed dental floss for whiskers.
 - One heavy duty needle about 3" long.
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Legs

1. Pin two leg sections right sides together. Stitch leaving bottom edge and section between slashes open. (Diagram K). Clip curves.
2. With right sides together, pin *foot bottom* to bottom edge of leg matching front and back seams on leg with dots on *foot bottom*.
3. Clip leg edge where necessary to ease in fullness on *foot bottom*. Baste in place.
4. Stitch. Clip curves. (Diagram L). Turn leg right side out and press.
5. Stuff leg firmly with polyester filling. Slipstitch the opening closed.
6. Repeat procedure with remaining leg sections.

Attaching arms and legs to body

1. Pin an arm to each side of body at placement dots.
2. Thread a long heavy duty needle with six strands of embroidery floss and knot ends together. Trim loose ends close to knot.
3. Beginning at *inside* (in between arm and side of rabbit), push needle through rabbit's body continuing into and through other arm.
4. Return needle back through body into and through first arm. Pull floss up tightly (Diagram M)
5. Push needle back through arm continuing again through body. Bring needle out *in between body and second arm*. Pull floss tightly and secure with several knots. Note: Knots should be hidden in between arm and body (Diagram N)
6. Attach legs to body using arm procedures 1 through 5 (Diagram O)

Finishing

1. With a pencil, mark eye placement and whisker placement. Draw a nose and mouth on rabbit face.
2. Sew 1/8" black beads with black embroidery floss pulling floss taut through head to indent eyes slightly. If desired, floss can be used alone using knots for the eyes.
3. Using a satin stitch, embroider the nose with black floss. Embroider one long straight stitch from bottom of nose to center of mouth. Embroider one long straight stitch to each corner of mouth.
4. Use white embroidery thread or unwaxed dental floss for whiskers. Form a knot 1 1/2" from end of thread, insert needle through face to other side. Take a little stitch, making a knot and cut to 1 1/2" length. Sew 3 sets of whiskers. Trim ends to match (about 1 1/4"). See (Diagram P.)

Neck Band and Bow Tie

1. Fold band in half lengthwise with right sides together. Stitch leaving one short end open for turning.
2. Clip corners. Turn right side out. Slipstitch the opening closed. Press.
3. With right sides together, pin *bow front* to *bow back*. Stitch leaving section between slashes open for turning as indicated. Press.
4. Trim corners and turn right side out. Press.
5. Hand stitch 1/8" stitches through both layers on center line indicated and pull up to gather (Diagram Q). Knot thread securely.
6. Fold *bow tie center strip* lengthwise and pin. Stitch the long side only. Then adjust so that the seam runs down the center of the piece and pin (Diagram R). Stitch one end only.
7. Turn right side out and press. Fasten *center strip* to bow by lapping the finished end over the unfinished end and the stitching (Diagram S).
8. Tack bow to center of neck band.
9. Place neck band with bow tie around rabbit's neck. Overlap ends and slipstitch in place. (To make neck band removable, sew snaps or velcro to the ends.)