ADVENTURE TIME DOS-A-DOS NOTEBOOKS



A SEWING PATTERN BY











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This project was of course inspired by the Adventure Time characters, particularly all the genderbent versions. This notebook is a dos-a-dos, a kind of binding style that results in a double-sided book -- perfect for showing off the genderbent characters!

DIFFICULTY:

There isn't much sewing to this project besides the applique in the beginning, but the assembly of a two-sided book takes a bit of accuracy.

MAKES:

one notebook that's 4 3/8" wide and 5 3/4" tall and contains 40 pages on each side.

MATERIALS & TOOLS

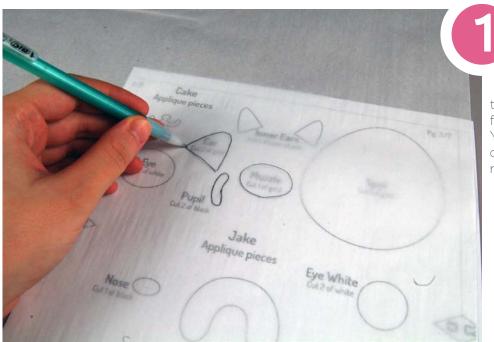
Poster board for book cover	yellow lightweight fabric for outer	black, yellow, blue, and light
Two pieces of decorative paper	cover	pink
for the inner lining	Scrap applique fabrics in yellow,	• 8" x 10" scrap of lightweight c
Twenty sheets of coordinating	white, black, gold, and pink	heavyweight fusible web
8 1/2" × 11" printer paper	8" x 8" scrap of lightweight or	FOR BMO/LMO:
1/4 yd. of lightweight interfacing	heavyweight fusible web	• 8" x 8" piece of teal and purp
Fabric glue (and optionally,	FOR MARCELINE/MARSHALL LEE:	fabric for outer cover
rubber cement)	• 8" x 8" piece of light blue and black	 Scrap applique fabrics in light
Matching sewing thread	lightweight fabric for outer cover	green, light purple, yellow, blu
Basic sewing tools (sewing	Scrap applique fabrics in black,	lime green, black, orange, and
machine, scissors, iron, needles,	white, red, dark red, and light blue	magenta
pins, fabric marker, seam ripper)	8" x 10" scrap of lightweight or	• 8" x 8" scrap of lightweight o
FOR FINN/FIONA:	heavyweight fusible web	heavyweight fusible web
1/4 yd. of turquoise lightweight	 Red fabric paint and paintbrush, 	FOR LUMPY SPACE PRIN-
fabric for outer cover	red fabric marker, or red embroi-	CESS/PRINCE:
Scrap applique fabrics in peach,	dery thread (see step 10)	 1/4 yd. of purple lightweight
white, black, yellow, red, and	FOR PRINCESS BUBBLEGUM/	fabric for outer cover
dark red	PRINCE GUMBALL:	 Scrap applique fabrics in gold
/4 yd. of 22" wide lightweight	8" x 8" piece of light pink and	yellow, black, and dark purple
or heavyweight fusible web	magenta lightweight fabric for	• 8" x 8" scrap of lightweight o
FOR JAKE/CAKE:	outer cover	heavyweight fusible web
8" x 8" piece of white and	Scrap applique fabrics in magenta,	

BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- 1. Print out the project pattern, pages 13-24.
- 2. Assemble the pattern pieces by taping the sheets together, matching up the page markers.
- 3. Lay out the pattern pieces on your fabric/paper and cut them out
- 4. Mark the fabric pieces with the markings from the pattern

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First you'll want to take your fusible web and layer it over your applique pattern pieces with the glue side facing down, then trace over the shapes you need for the character you're making. You'll want to group together like colors while tracing to make the next step easier.



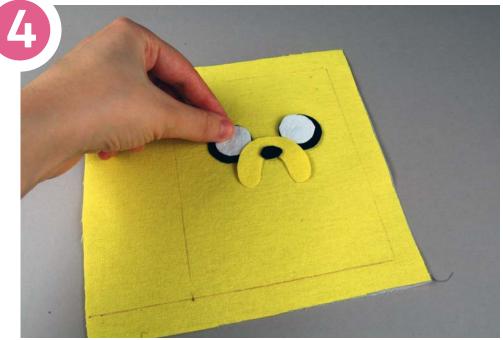
Cut generally around the shapes for each color – as you see here these are all the shapes needed in gold for Cake. Layer the fusible web with the glue side down over the wrong side of your applique fabric and iron the fusible web in place.

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To make assembling the book a little easier on yourself, we're applying some interfacing to the cover fabrics. This will give the fabric a big more stability so it's easier to glue and wrap around the poster board. Simply iron each interfacing piece on the wrong side of your fabric pieces for the book cover.



Now the fun part :B At least it is for me. Cut out your applique pieces, remove the paper backing, and start assembling them on your book cover fabric. Use the guidelines found in the pattern to get the proper placement and layering. When you have it just like you want it, iron all the pieces in place.



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Now, if you used light-weight fusible web, this is where you'll want to sew the edges of your fabric pieces. I personally sewed a zigzag stitch around the outside of each fabric piece. You could also do a straight stitch. BUT, if you used heavy duty fusible web, you can skip sewing it altogether: D The heavy duty stuff doesn't need any sewing and is meant to keep your pieces secure with just the adhesive alone.



If you're doing LMO, there's one exception, the lines needed for the keypad lines are too small to be done with fabric pieces. Draw in the lines for these parts as they're indicated on the pattern guidelines. In this case I sewed mine on with a straight stitch.

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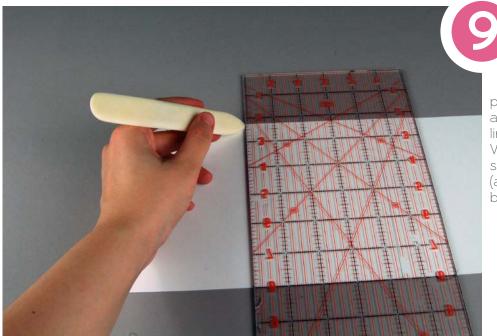
If you're doing Marshall
Lee, there's one exception,
the line needed for his
mouth is too small to do
with fabric pieces. Draw in the
lines for these parts as they're
indicated on the pattern guidelines. In this case I sewed mine on
with a satin stitch.



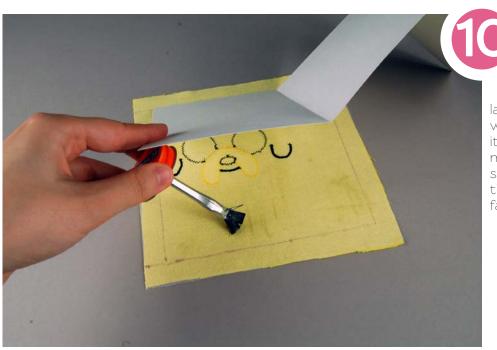
If you're doing Jake, there's one exception, the lines needed for his ears and mouth are too small to do with fabric pieces. Draw in the lines for these parts as they're indicated on the pattern guidelines. In this case I sewed mine on with a satin stitch.



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Now, onto the body of the book! First we're making the folds that create the distinct shape of the dos-a-dos binding. From your poster board, create a valley fold and mountain fold along the fold lines indicated in the pattern. When you finish, your book cover should fold up like an accordion (an accordion with just two folds, but an accordion nonetheless).



Next you'll be applying your book cover. With rubber cement, coat the fabric within the margins as indicated by the pattern. Then lay the poster board over the wrong side of the fabric so that it lies within the margins and the mountain fold faces the wrong side of the fabric. This will ensure that the front of your book is facing the right way.

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Repeat this with the other side of the poster board and your remaining book cover piece. When you finish it should look something like this, so note that you should end up with fabric on opposite sides of the poster board :D It might look wrong, but it's totally right!



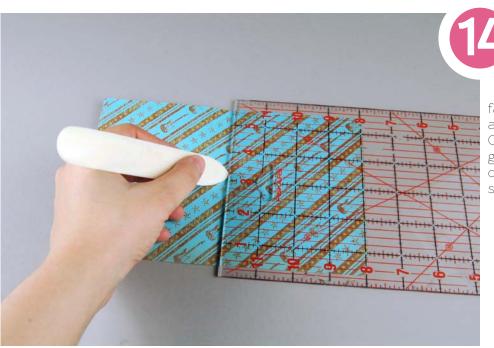
Marshall Lee & Marceline also need one more detail to make them complete, and that's their bite marks. Again, the spots were just too tiny to do in fabric, so I opted to do mine in fabric paint, but a red fabric marker would also do the trick. I bet little French knots done in red embroidery thread would look awesome as well! Either way, make sure your pigment is fully dry before moving onto the next step.



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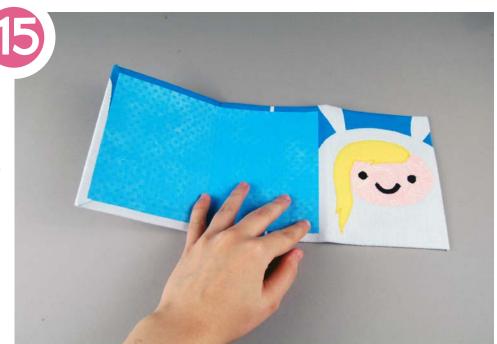
To clean up your edges, trim off the corners of your fabric margins and fold them over towards the poster board. Here's where I used more rubber cement, as a super strong bond here isn't really necessary, so a light coating of craft glue would also work. I find that using a rubber mallet or a similar whacking tool to smash the edges makes them look very clean and sharp – really nice for good-looking corners!



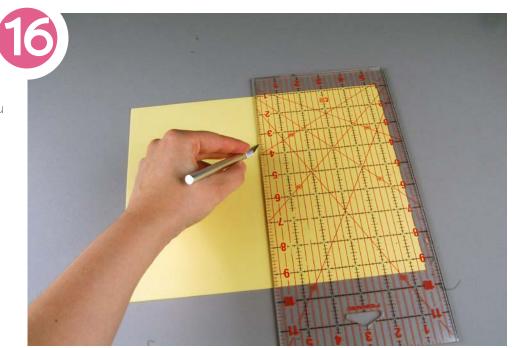
To cover up the raw edges of fabric on the inside of your book, we're adding in a paper lining. This is where you'll want to break out and fancy paper you might have, such as scrapbook paper or cardstock. Cut it according to the pattern guideline, then score a valley fold down the middle from the right side of the paper.

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When your inner lining is nicely folded, you can then use it to cover up the blank area left in step 13. Center it over the fabric margins and glue it in place with some craft glue. You'll want to avoid the rubber cement for this part, as the hold it provides won't be quite strong enough for what you need.



Now to prepare your inner papers! With your 8 1/2" x 11" papers, cut them in half widthwise. You can use your scissors for this, but an Xacto knife is much more precise. You should be left with rectangles that are 8 1/2" x 5 1/2"





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To fit them into your book, fold each set of 20 papers in half widthwise to create one fat section of papers. I used a bone folder to crease a section of five papers or so at a time, then each creased section is slipped inside the previous one to create the book pages. When you finish you should have a set of 2 book paper stacks with 40 pages each.



Open up your book pages and make sure the middle crease of all the papers are lined up nicely. Center that crease on the valley fold over your decorative paper book lining. Using your longest stitch length, sew down this crease to attach your book pages to your book cover. Now repeat this with the other side of your dos-a-dos and your second chunk of book papers. Your book is almost done!

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Everything is in place for your new book, but you might notice that it doesn't want to sit flat like a typical book. That's an easy fix:D Simply press your book beneath some heavy objects (books and lifting weights are perfect), and let it sit for a good while (overnight is ideal). When you take it out from beneath the weights you should have a nice flat book to play with!





mountain fold

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BOOK COVER

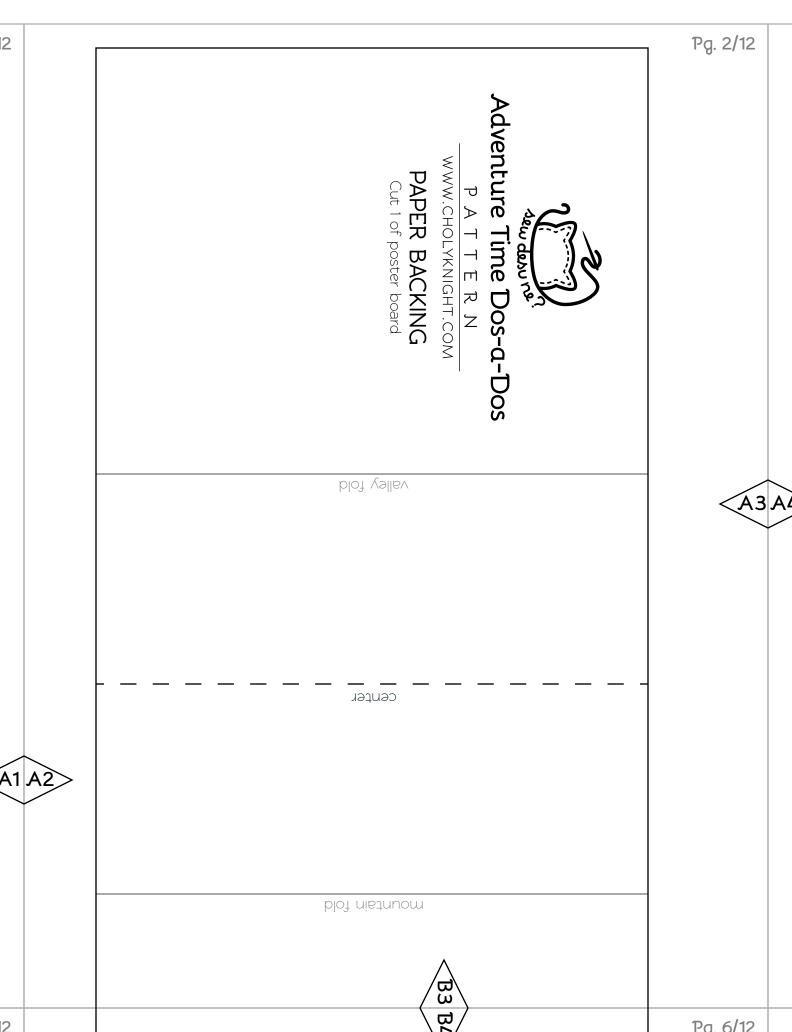
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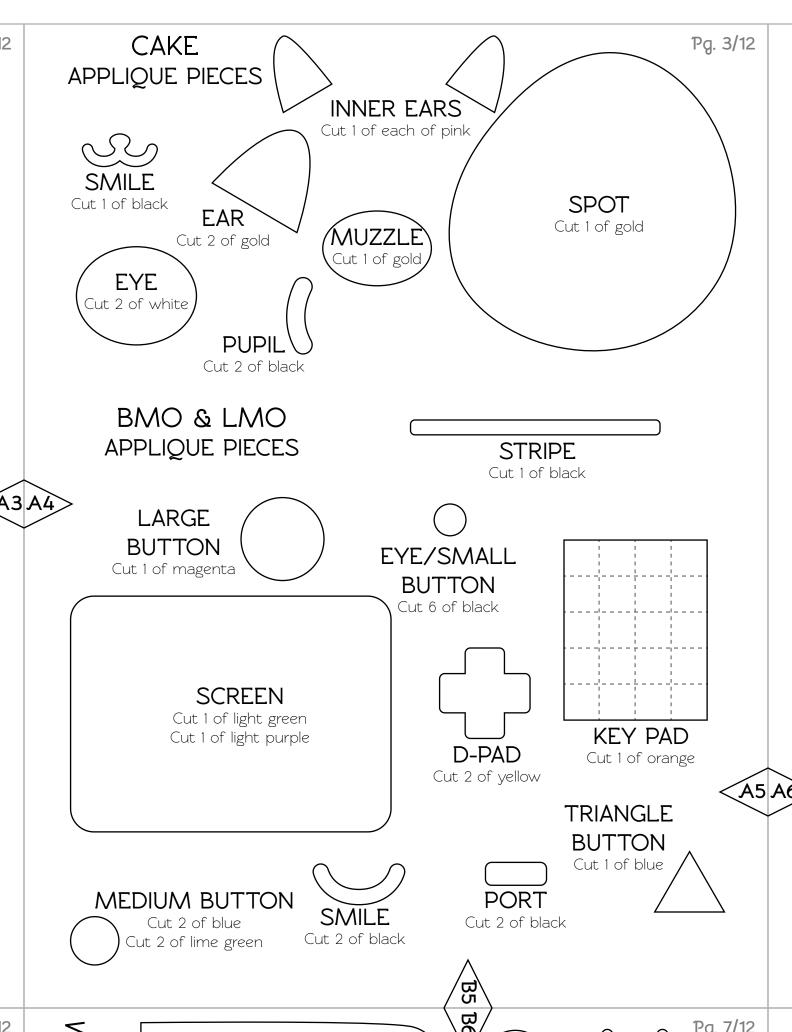
Marceline/Marshall Lee: Cut 1 each of light blue/black main fabric Bubblegum/Gumball: Cut 1 each of pink/magenta main fabric BMO/LMO: Cut I each of teal/purple main fabric

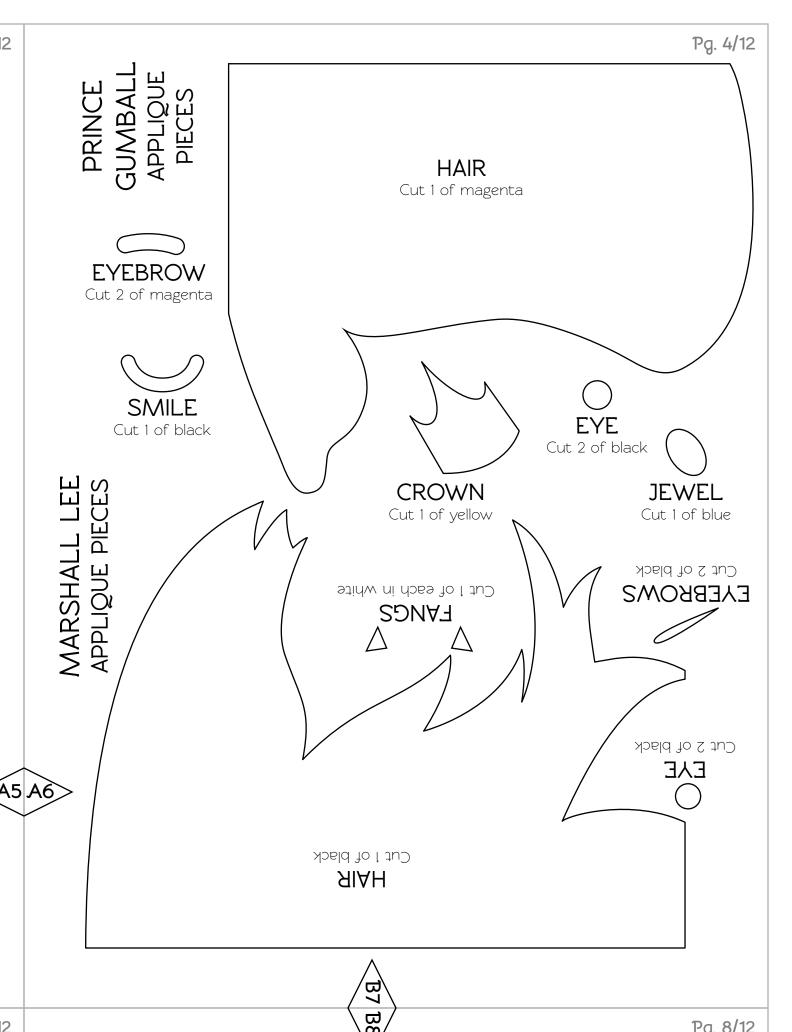
LSP: Cut 2 of purple main fabric Cut 2 of lightweight interfacing

fabric margin

A1 A2



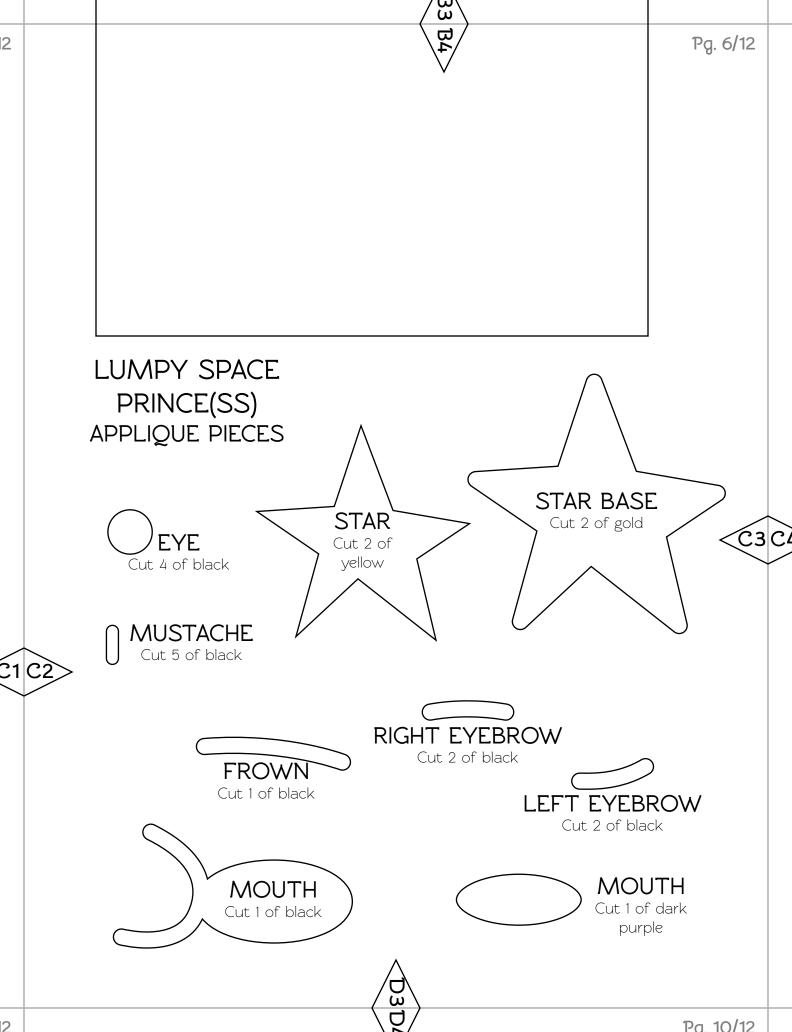


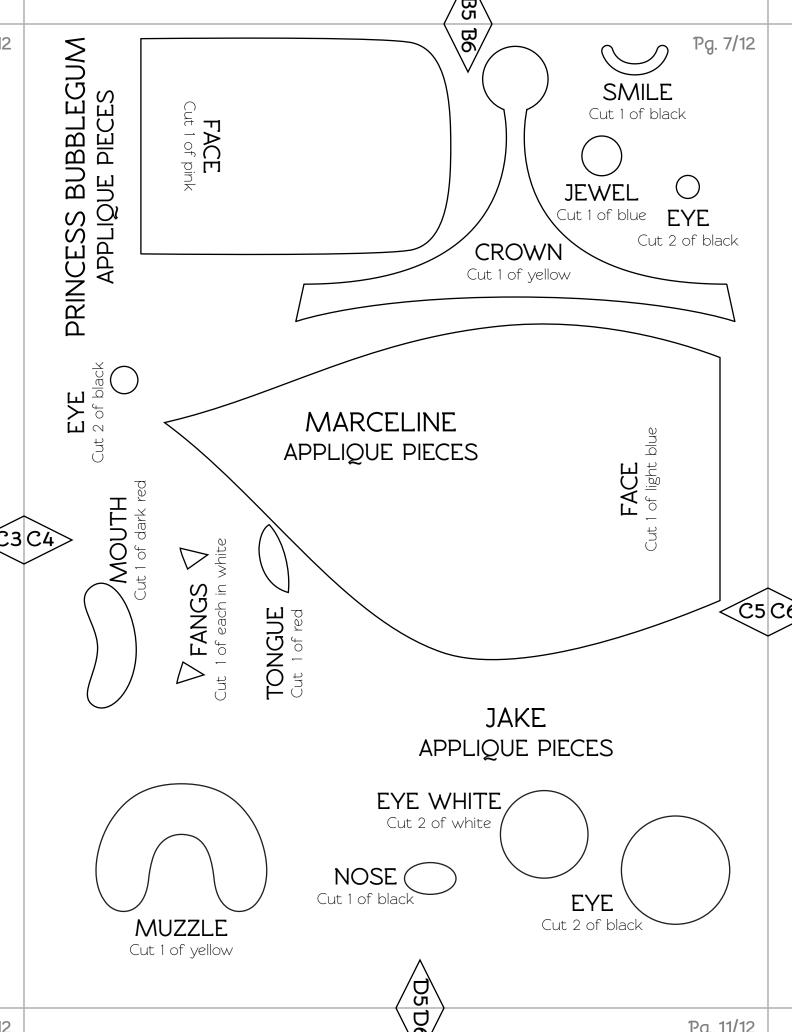


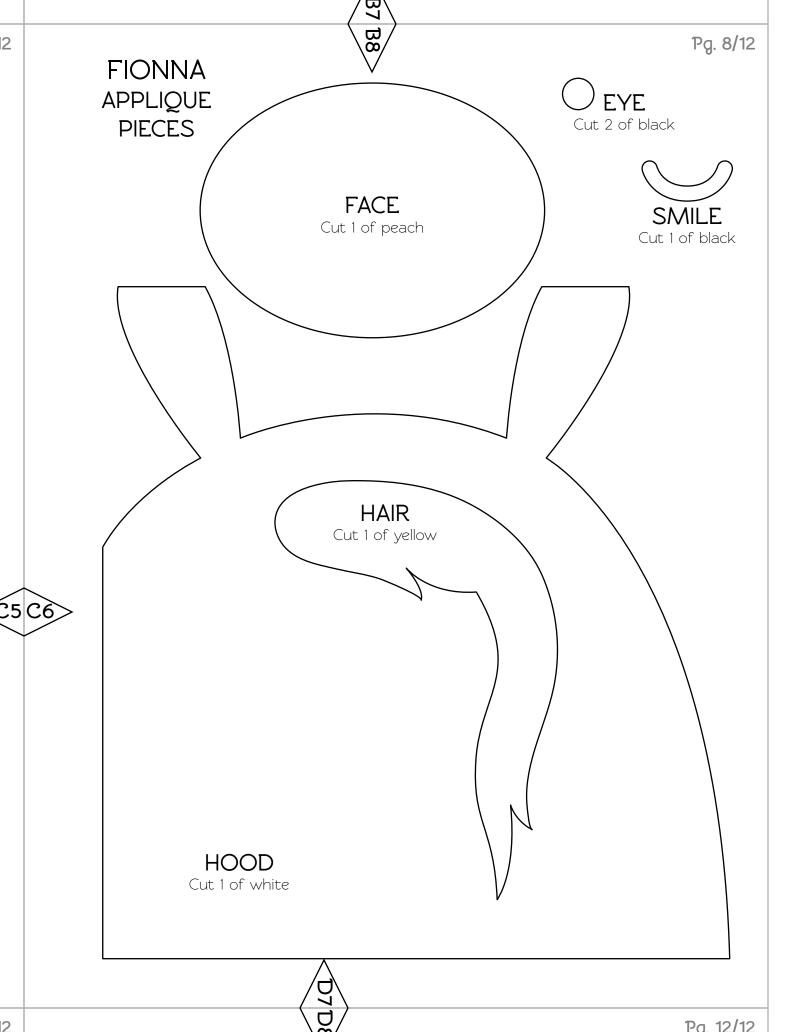
valley fold

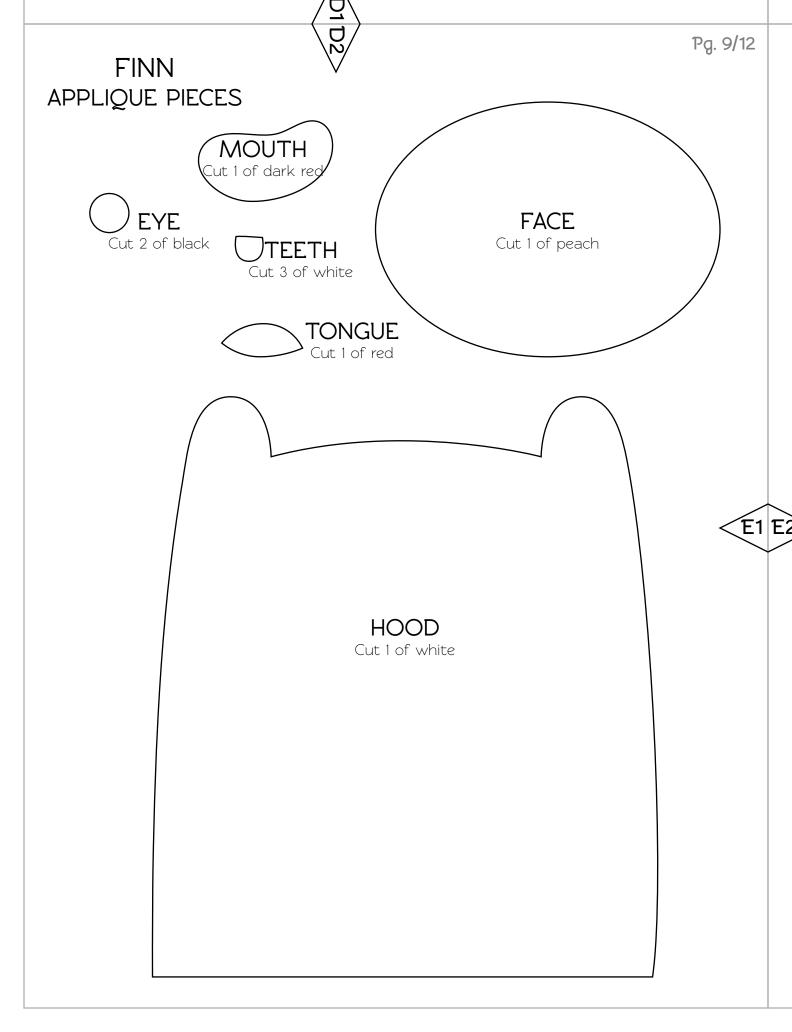
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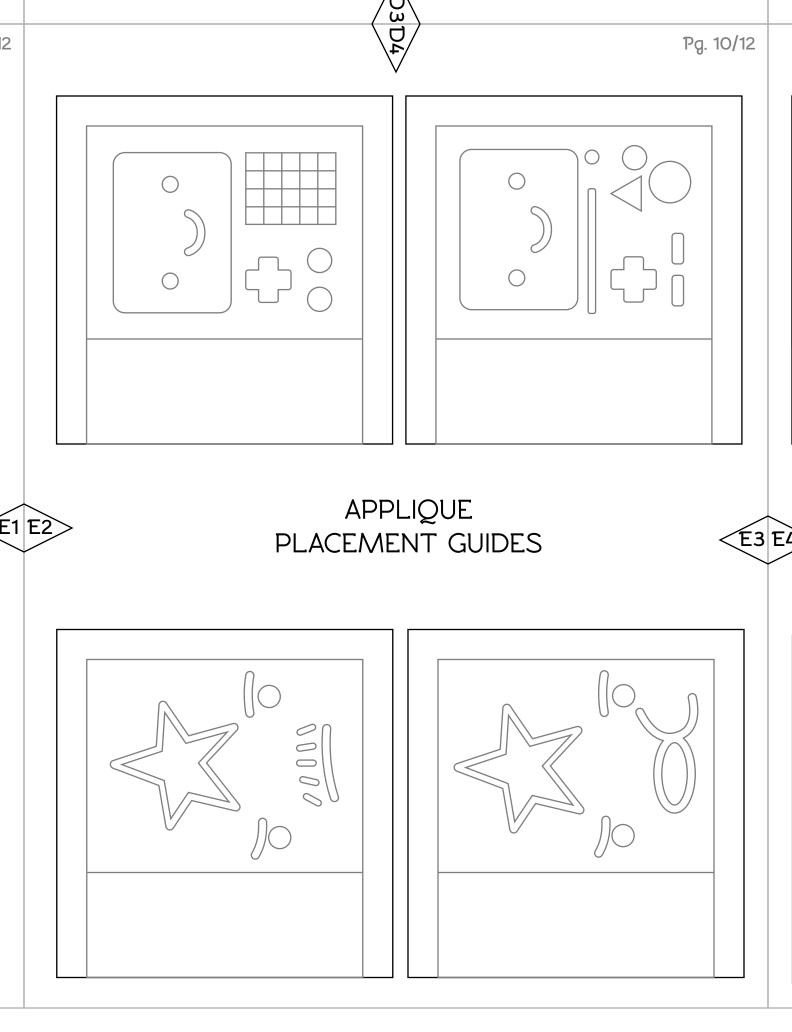


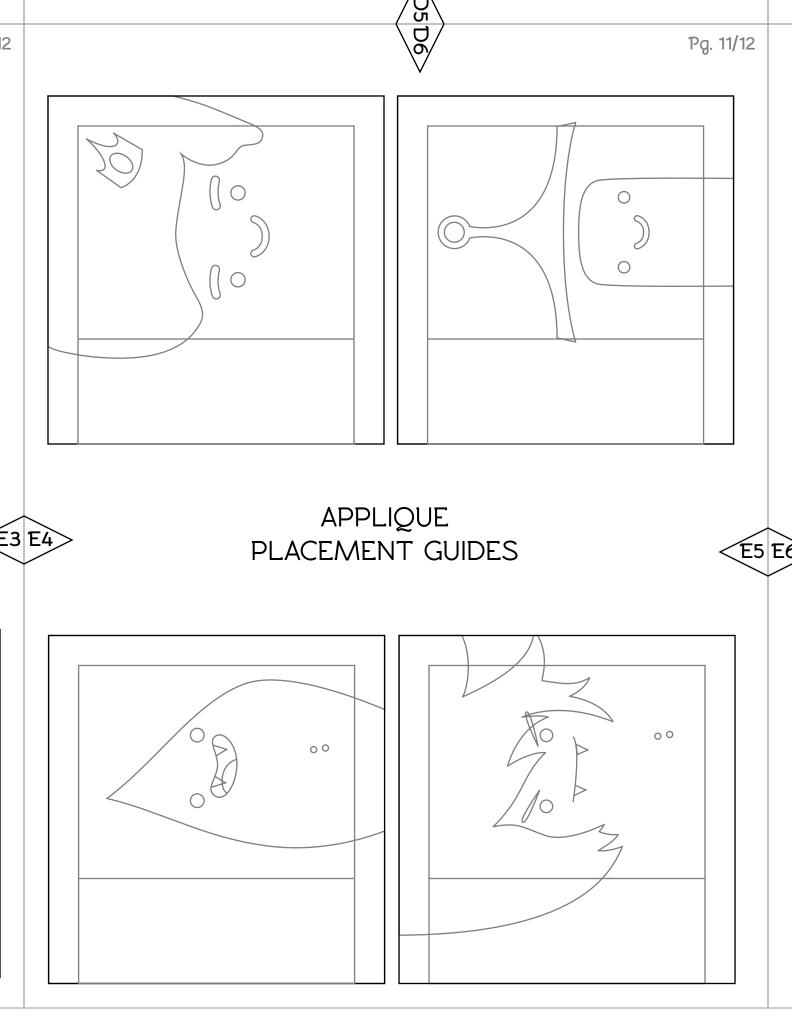




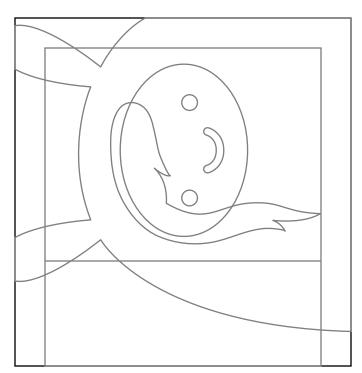


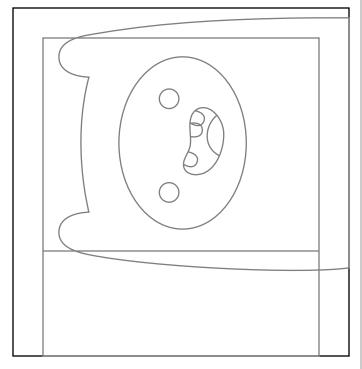




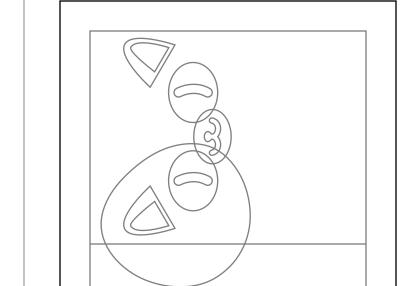








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