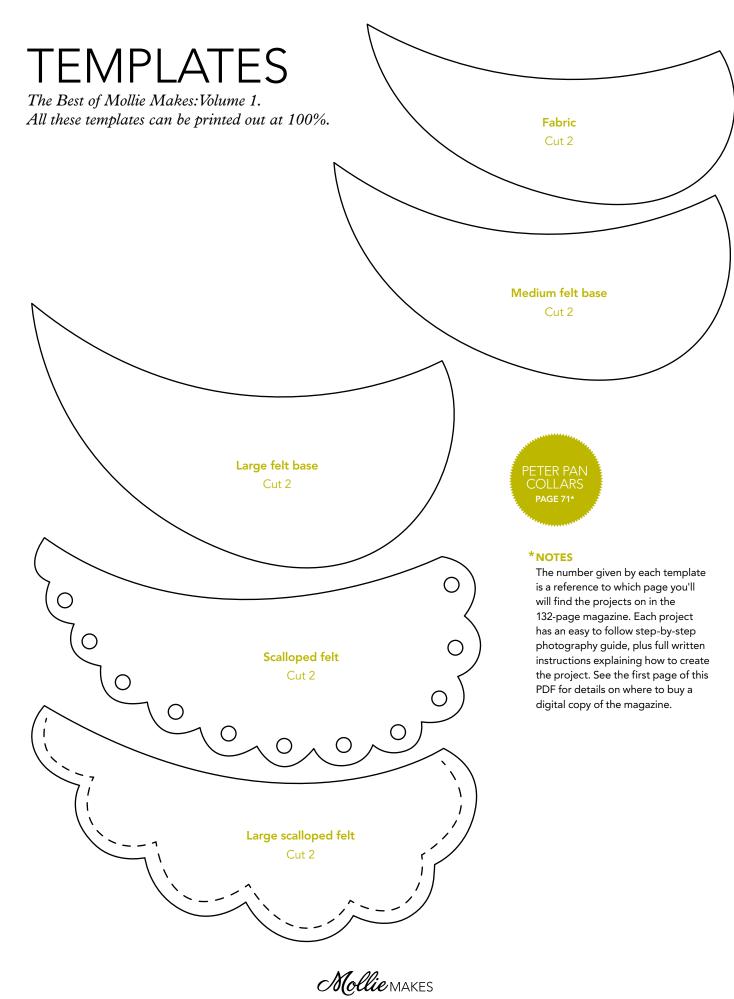
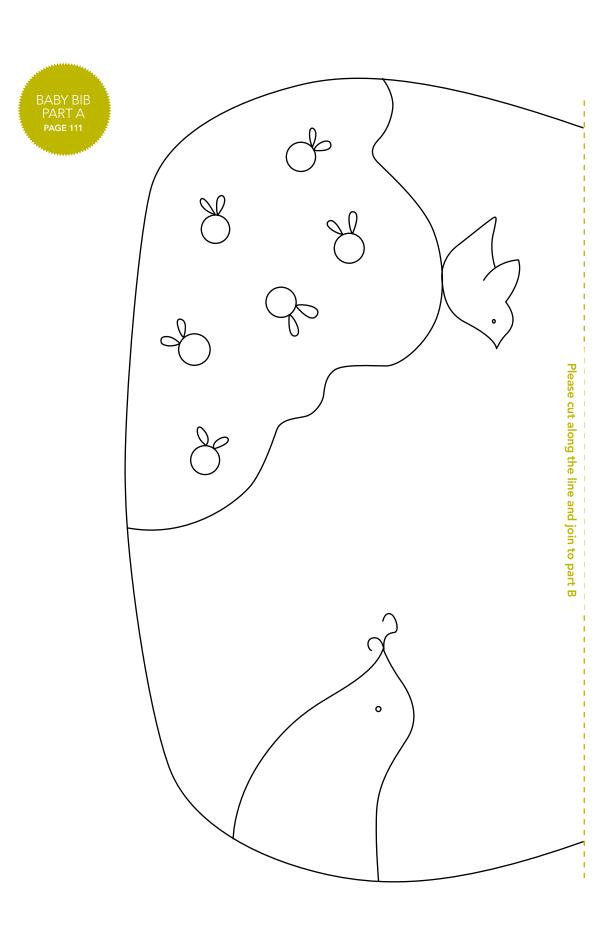


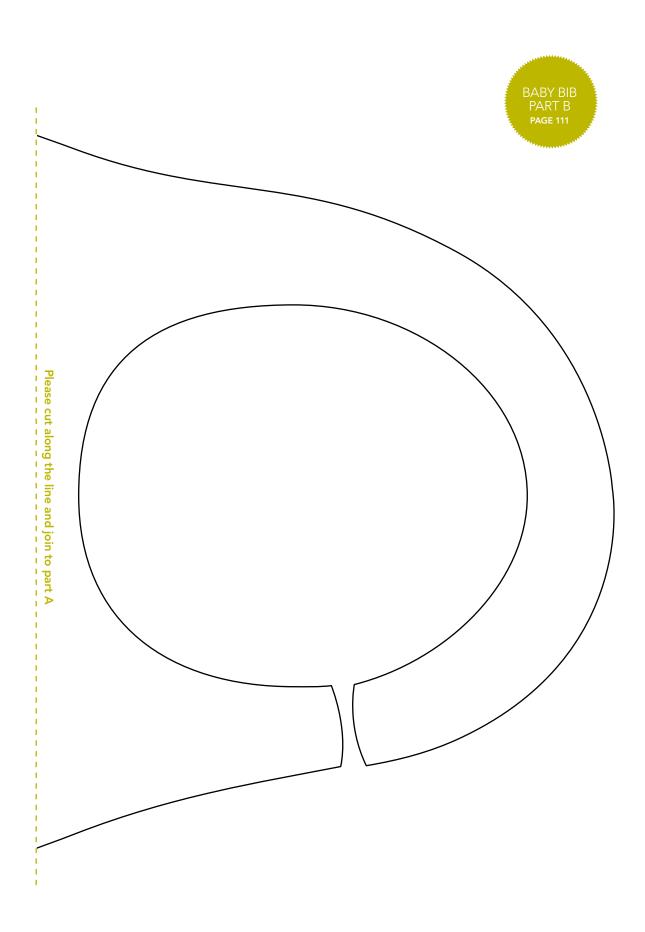
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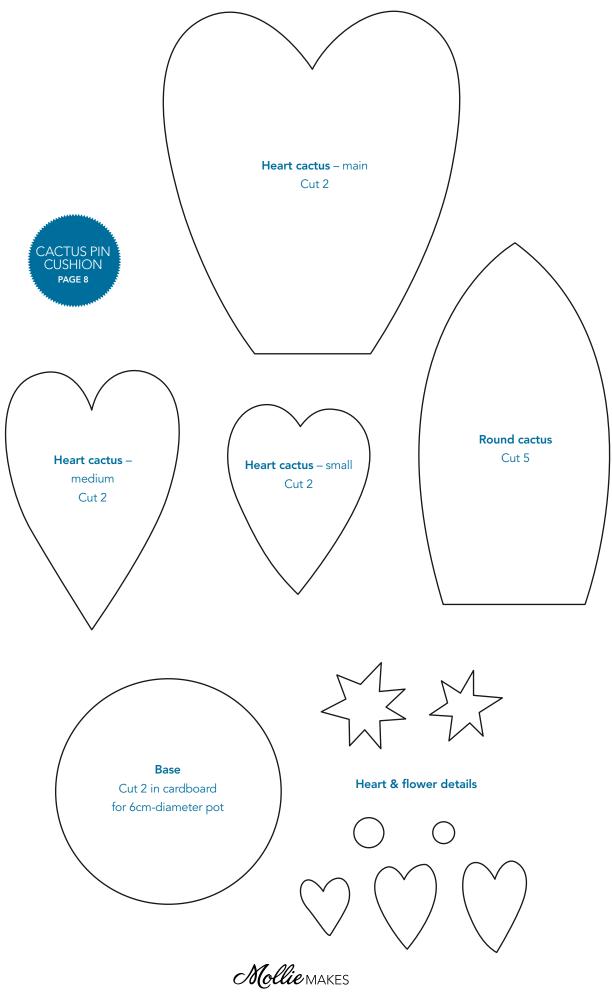
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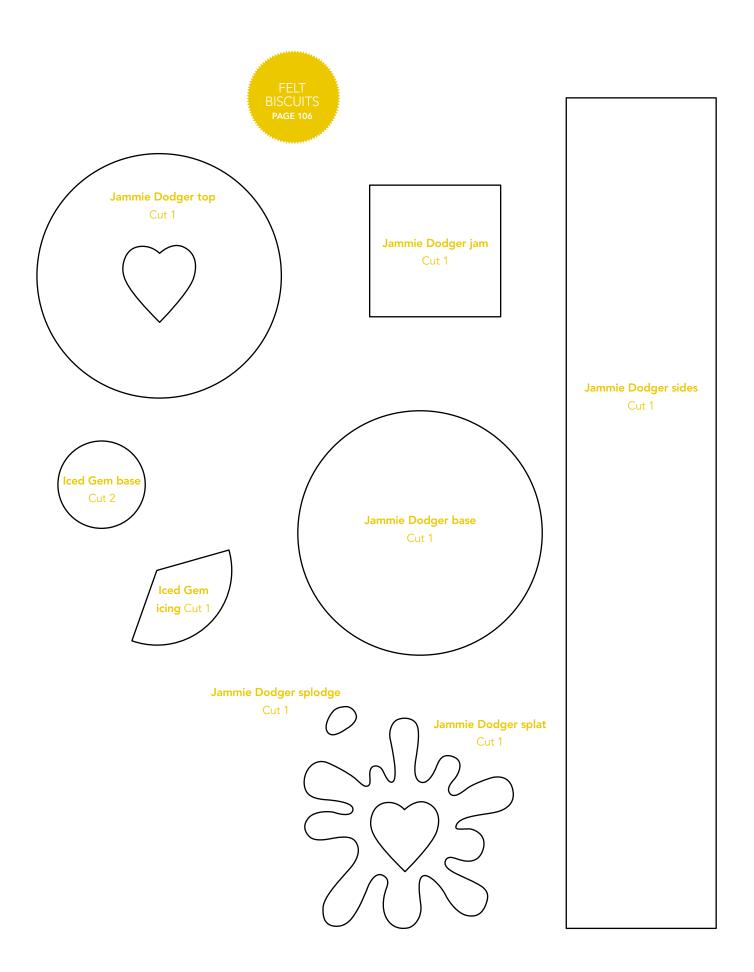


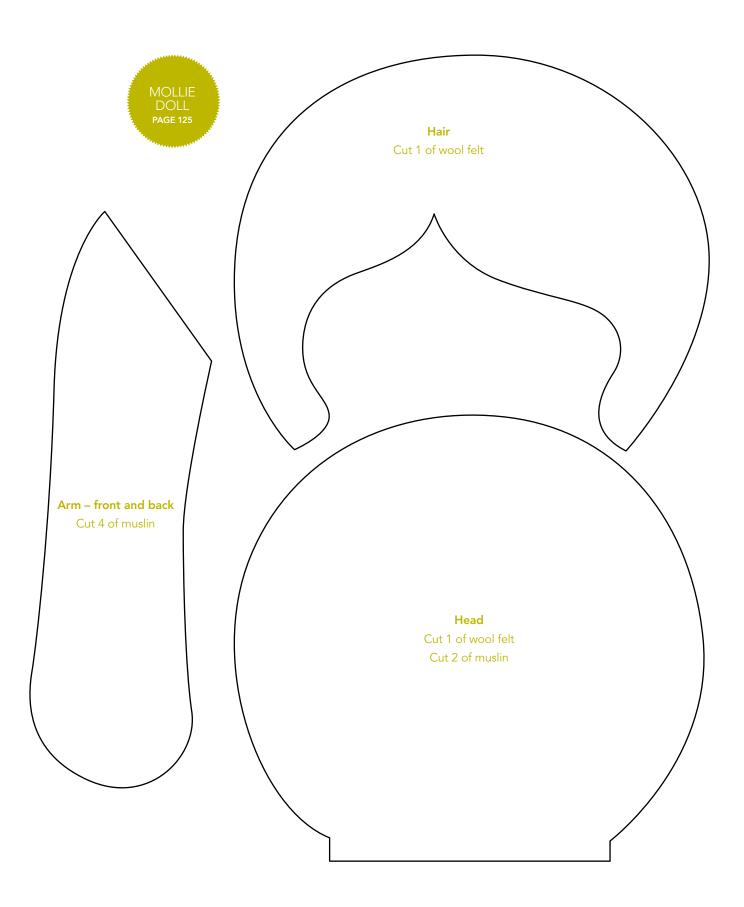




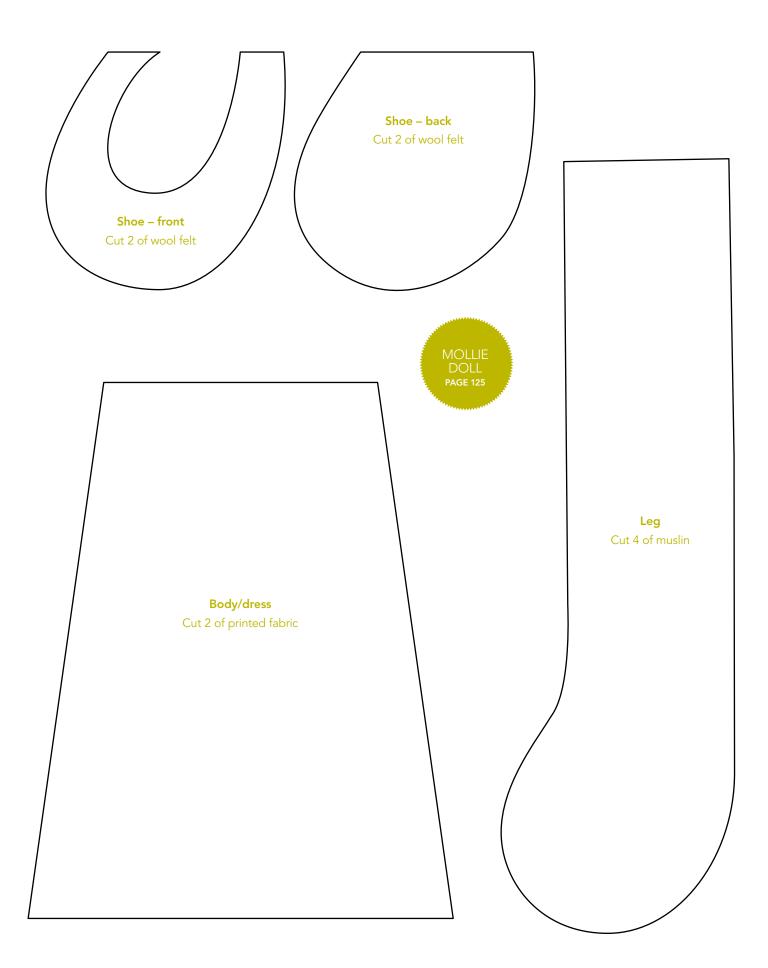


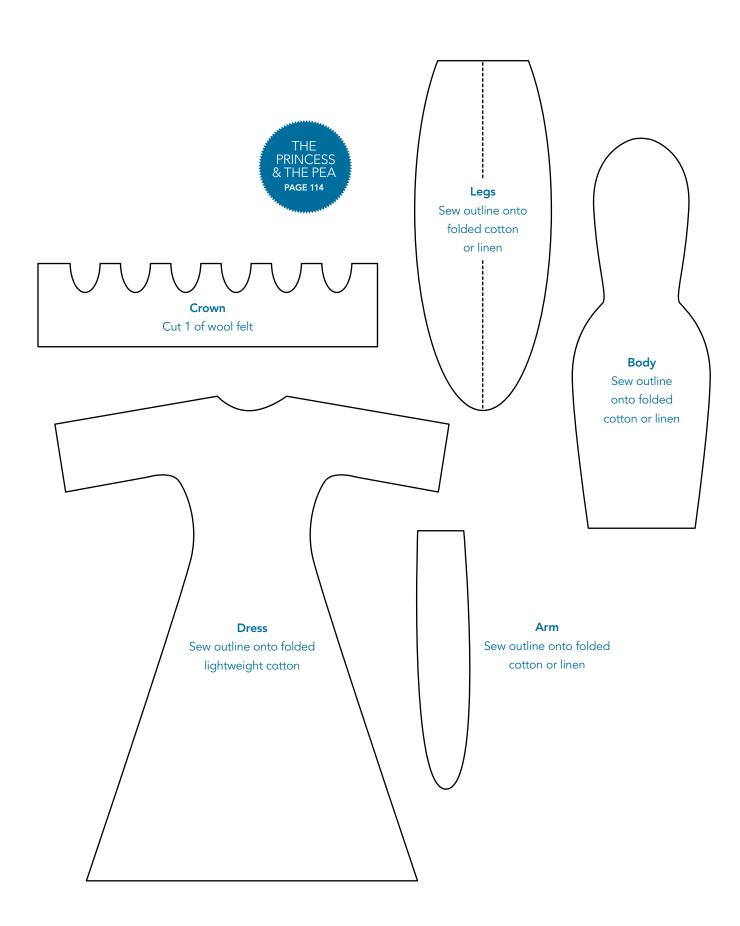






























MATERIALS

- Printed cotton and backing fabric from your kit, or any cotton fabric: 12x16.5cm, white x2
- Stranded cotton from your kit, or 1 skein each of black, coral, green and yellow
- Dowel rod from your kit, or 5mm dowel rod: 14cm long
- Embroidery hoop: 10cm diameter
- Machine thread: white
- Basic embroidery kit

STITCHES USED

Backstitch, French Knot, Satin Stitch, Stem Stitch

NOTES

The template for this project is printed on the fabric in your kit, but you can also find it on p13.

The fabric in your kit has the design printed on it so you can start stitching straight away. Alternatively, if you are using the template on p74, then transfer the design centrally, using the outline to work out the positioning on your fabric. Mount the fabric in your hoop, ensuring it is pulled taut like a drum and the design is positioned centrally. Begin by working all the stems and leaves in two strands of green; using Stem Stitch for the stems and Satin Stitch for the leaves.

- Then, work the large flower petals using Satin Stitch in two strands of coral.
- Now, using French Knots in two strands of yellow, fill the centres of the coral flowers and then work the heads of the four smaller flowers. Still using yellow, add the scattered stars using Backstitch.
- Continue with Backstitch, but switch to two strands of black to work the 'Love grows here' text. Keep your stitches nice and short to create really smooth curves.
- Once your stitching is finished, remove it from your hoop and gently press the back with an iron to remove any creases.

 Then, line up your front and back pieces with right sides together if you're not working from the kit, use the dotted lines of the

template on p74 to cut out the banner pieces. Using Backstitch in white machine thread, sew around the edge of the banner, leaving a 5mm seam allowance and a small gap at the top. Clip the corners and bottom point.

Turn the banner right-way out and then sew the gap closed using your white machine thread and invisible stitch. Fold the top 2cm over to the back and then whipstitch it in place using white machine thread. Lightly press your banner around the edges and then feed the dowel through the casing. Finally, tie a length of your black thread to either end of the dowel to create the hanging loop.

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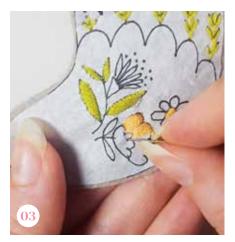
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MATERIALS

- Six pre-cut felt pieces
- Stranded cotton: green, light green, pink, orange and white
- Sewing thread: grey
- Stuffing
- emm wide ribbon: 12cm long
- Tracing paper (optional)
- Basic embroidery kit

STITCHES USED

Backstitch, Blanket Stitch, Fly Stitch, French Knot, Lazy Daisy Stitch, Satin Stitch

NOTES

- Find the template on p16.
- WS = wrong side(s).
- To make your own felt pieces, use the outline of each section on the template as a cutting guide.
- Opt for a cheaper tracing paper that's thinner and therefore easier to stitch through and tear away once you've finished stitching.

- Transfer the design onto tracing paper and cut it out to make paper templates. Alternatively, transfer the design directly onto the felt using your preferred method.
- Line up your paper templates with the front swan panel and the wing panel, and begin by working the long leafy stems in Fly Stitch using two strands of light green. Work the petals of the looped flower on the swan's neck in Lazy Daisy Stitch using two strands of orange. Stitch the eye of the swan in Backstitch using three strands of white. Then, finish the stitching on the swan's neck with three French Knots in one strand of pink.
- Fill the light green leaves, large side-on flower and front-on flower on the wing with Satin Stitch in green, light green, pink and orange referring to the main image on p11 for colour placement. Use Lazy Daisy Stitch to work the looped flower and leaves in two strands of pink, light green and green. Work the stems in Backstitch using two strands of green. Finish the wing with dots of French Knots in one strand of orange.
- Using two strands of pink, stitch the border design on the felt crown in Fly Stitch. Work the centre of the felt flower in Backstitch using two strands of orange. Add

the dots on both the crown and the flower using French Knots in three strands of white.

- Tear away the tracing paper, taking care not to pull the stitches out of place.
- To assemble the swan, begin by sewing a loop of ribbon onto the WS of the back of the swan. Use Blanket Stitch in two strands of pink to sew the front and back of the swan together, leaving a small gap at the bottom. Stuff the swan then close up the gap. Make the crown by curling it into a ring and whipstitching the ends together. Use the grey thread to whipstitch the wing, beak, flower and crown into position.

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