

**RAG DOLL**  
**PATTERN/TUTORIAL – BUNNY**  
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**WITH OR WITHOUT SEWING MACHINE**

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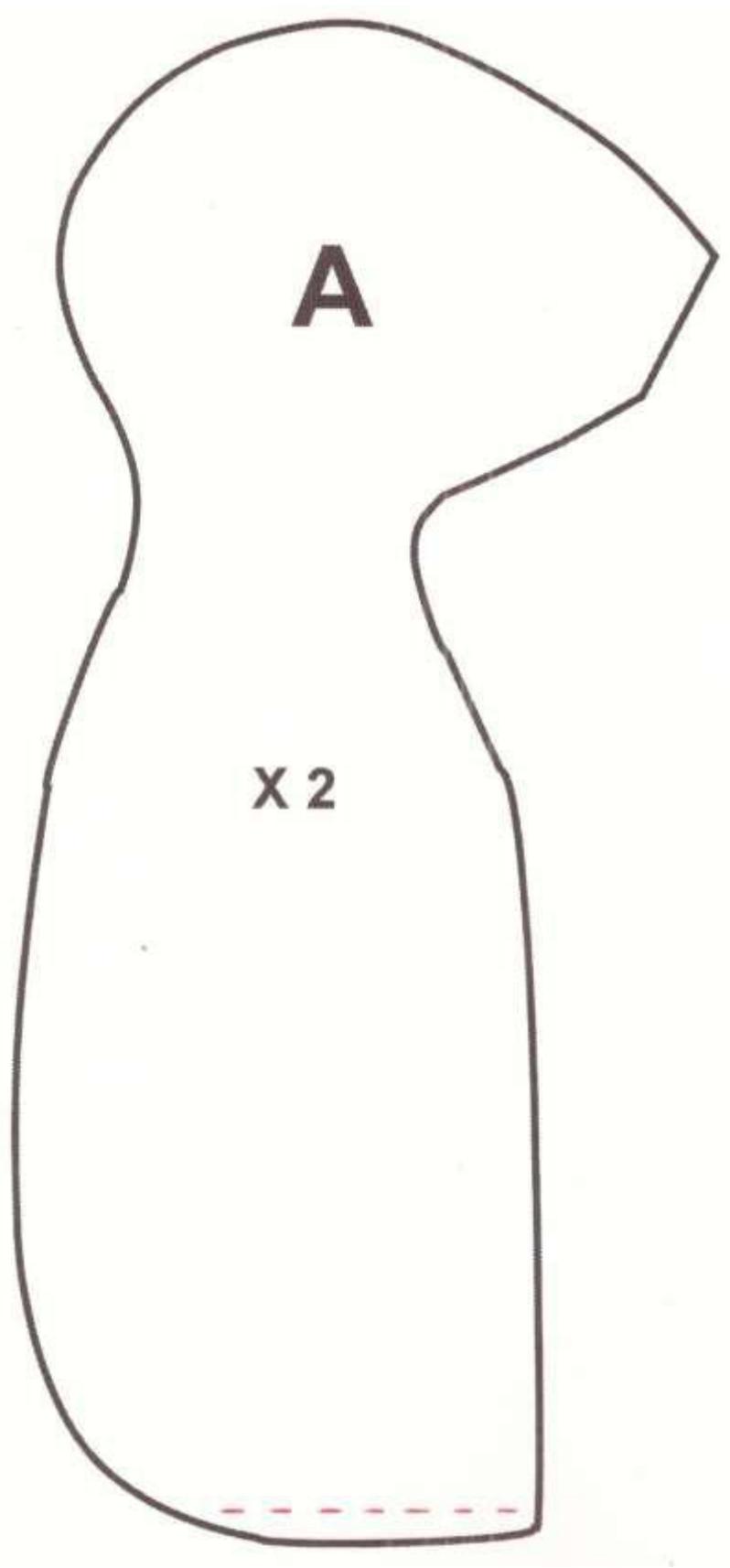
Height : 45 cm (17 inches)

• **Your materials & tools :**

- Coupon (50 cm x 1 meter or 19 inches x 1 meter) of white thick fabric for body, arms and legs.
- Coupon (25 x 15 cm or 10 x 6 inches) of printed fabric for the vest.
- Coupon (30 cm x 1 meter or 12 inches x 1 meter) of blue fabric for the frock coat.
- Coupon (35 x 25 cm or 14 x 10 inches) of white lace fabric for jabot and cuffs.
- A small piece of velvet fabric or other for inside the ears.
- A small piece of black and white felt for the eyes.
  
- 20 cm (8 inches) pink ribbon (5 mm wide) for ribbon embroidery.
- 20 cm (8 inches) green organza ribbon for ribbon embroidery.

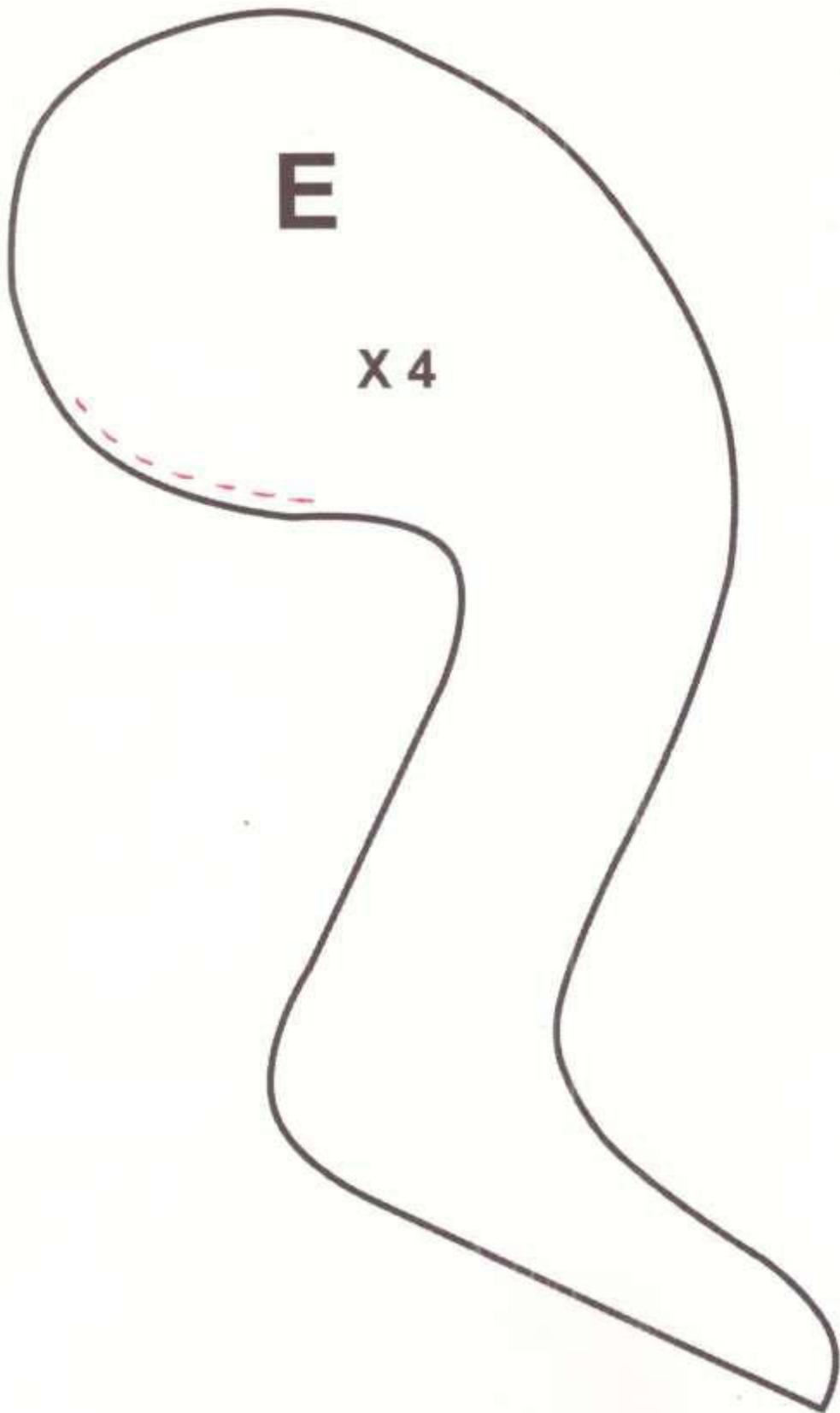
- Brown embroidery thread or brown wool.
- Sewing thread white, black and blue
- Sewing needles.
- Pins.
- Scissors.
- Pencil paper or tailor's chalk.
  
- Padding or drop cloth or wool.
- 2 buttons and 2 beads.
- 64 cm (26 inches) of ordinary wire for the ears.
- 15 cm (6 inches) of blue wire (2 mm diameter) for the glasses and the watch.
- 6 rhinestones to glue or other to decorate the collar of the frock coat.
- Cold porcelain (optional) for the watch or a piece of cardboard.
- Paint, markers or ink to decorate the watch.

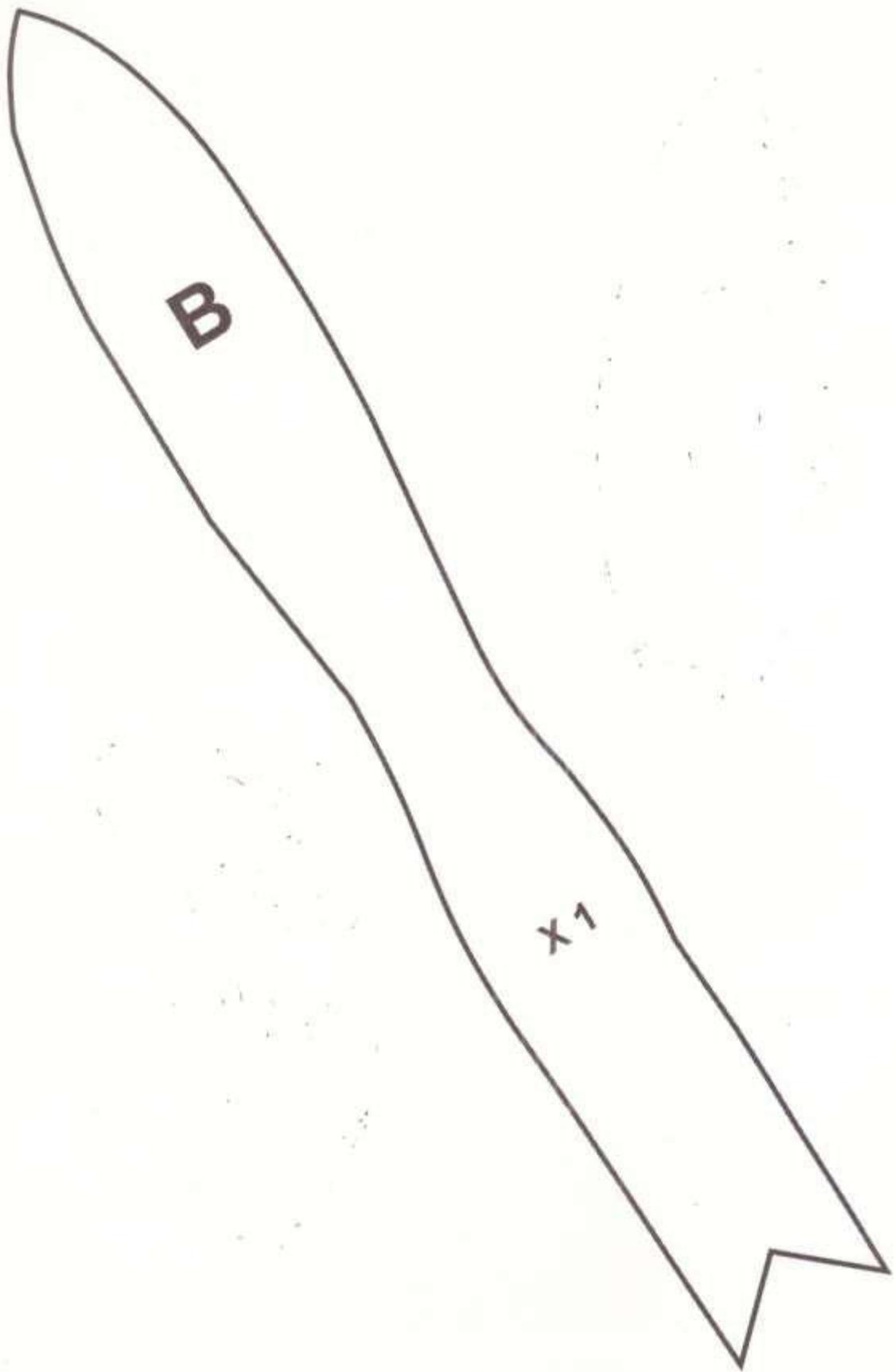
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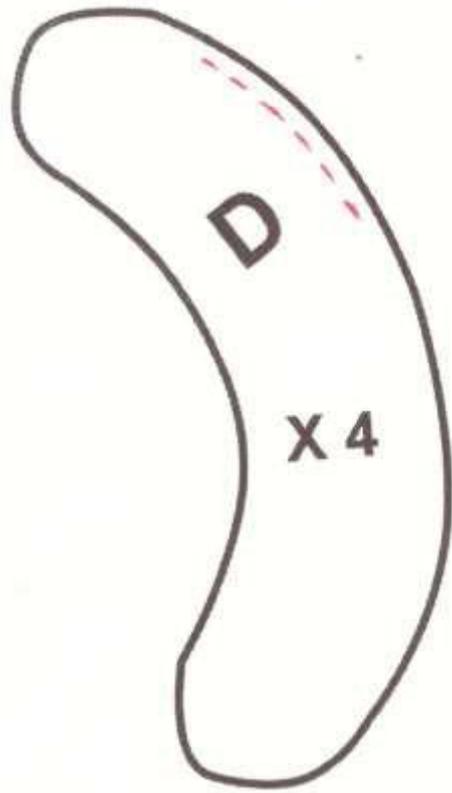
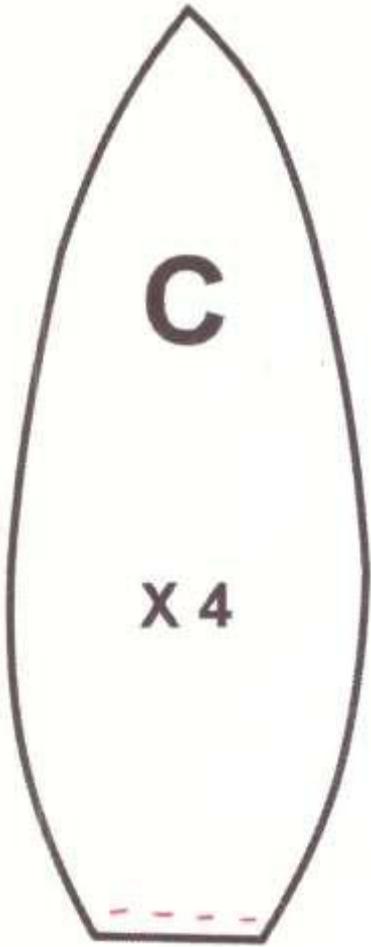


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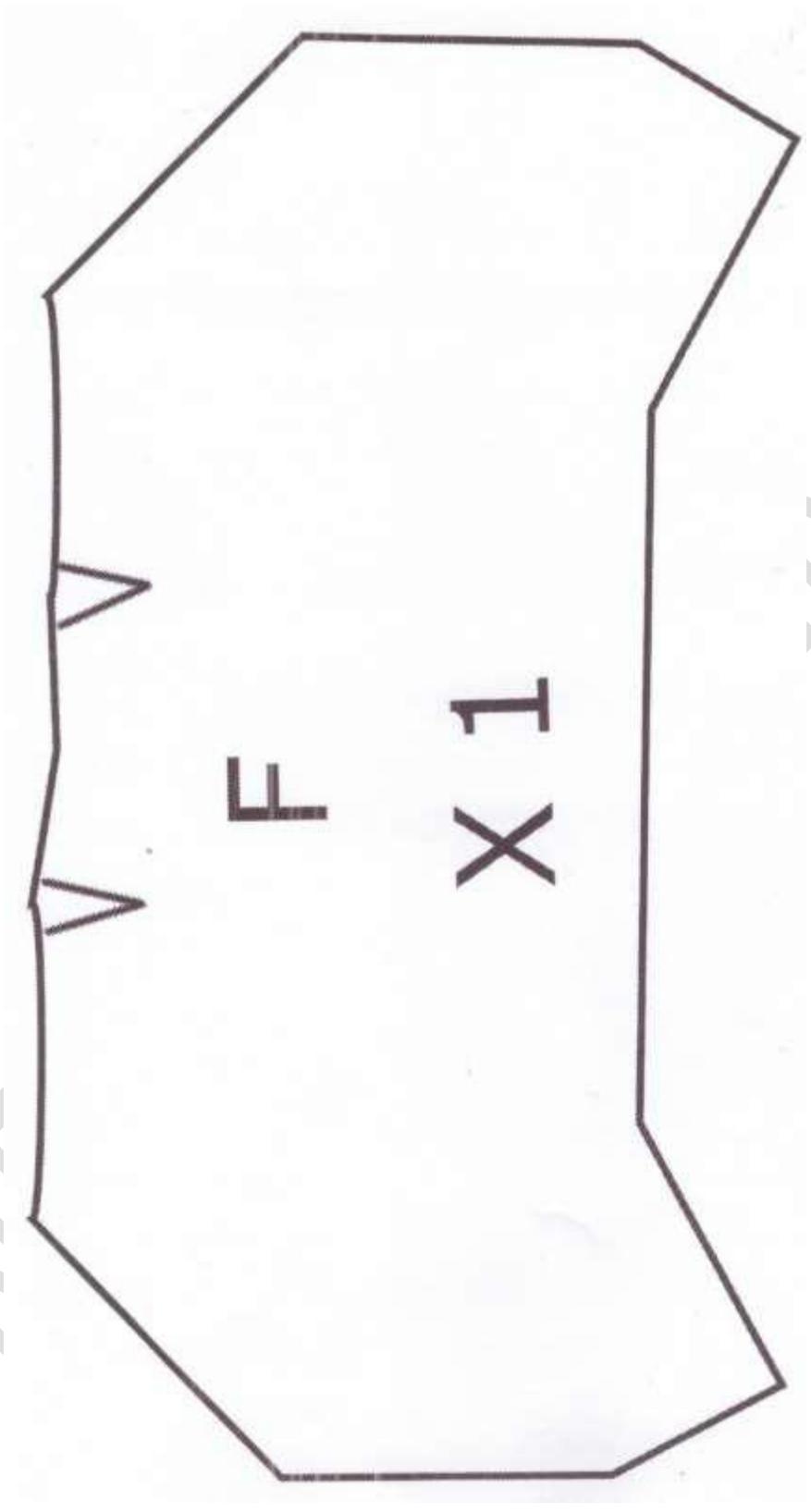
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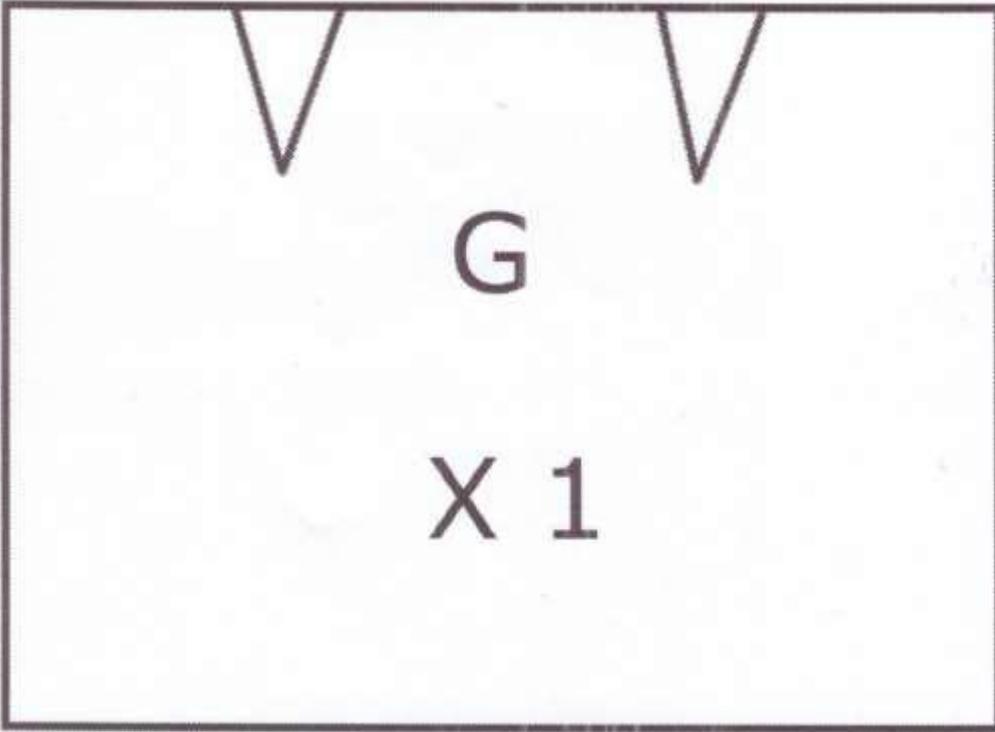


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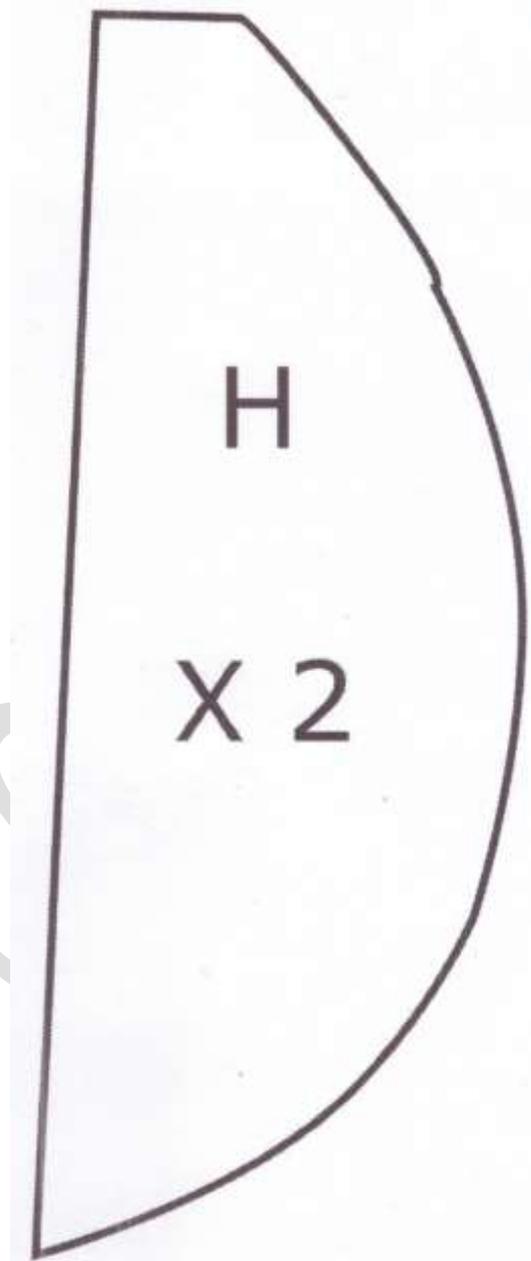
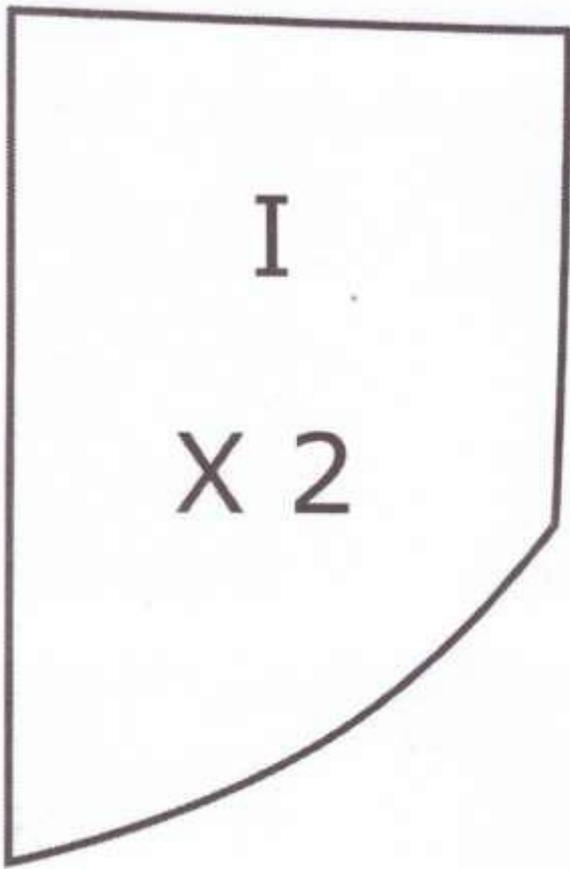


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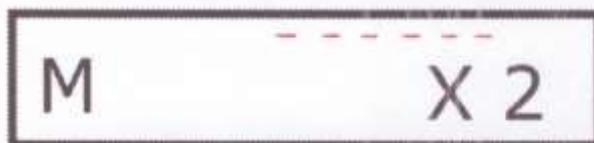
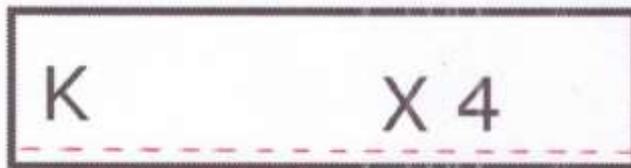
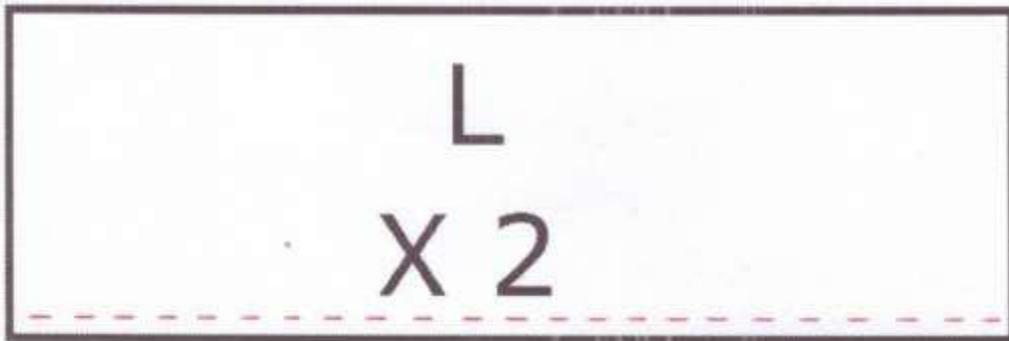
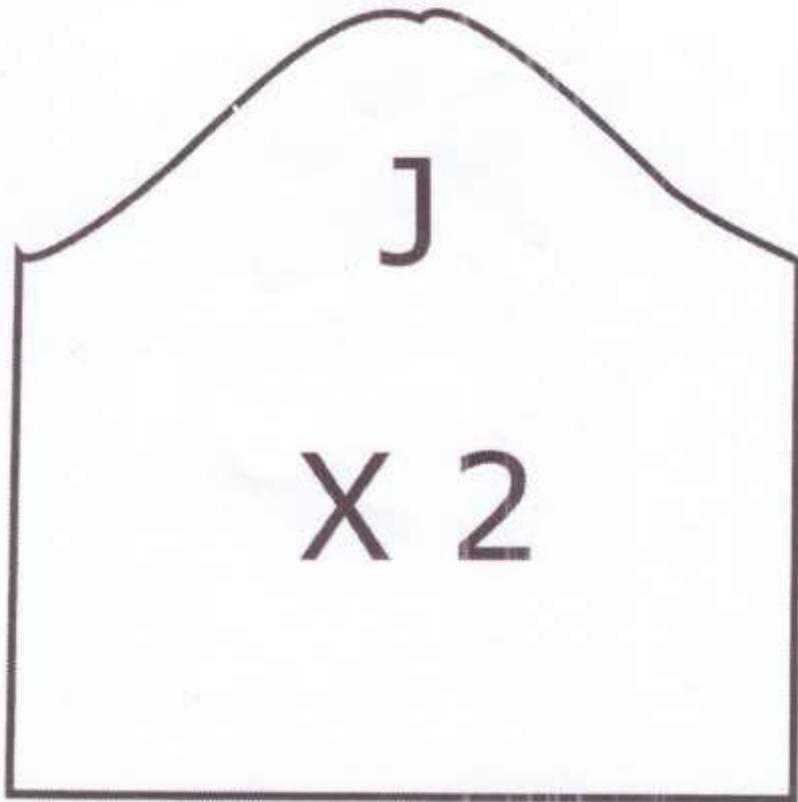
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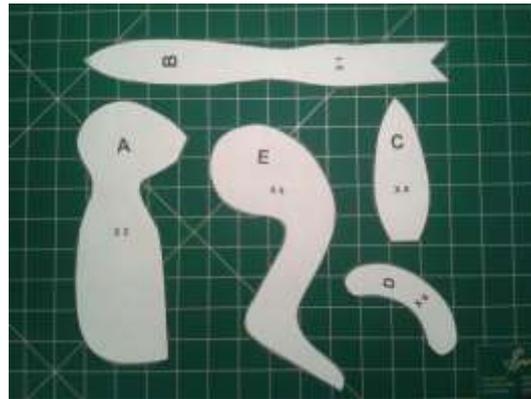


## **Step 1 : The body**

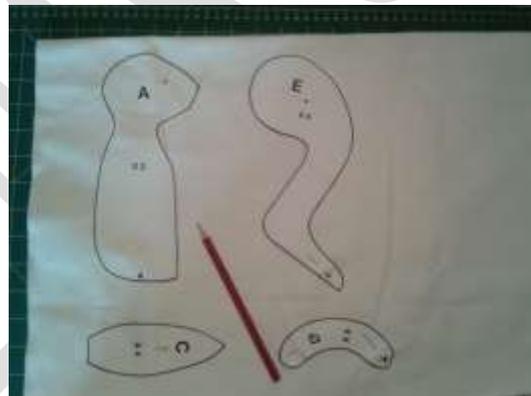
**IMPORTANT** : Before you begin your work, I recommend you to read the whole explanations of the step to be achieved.

You need the coupon of white thick fabric for body, arms, legs, the top of the head, ears and the small piece of velvet fabric for inside the ears.

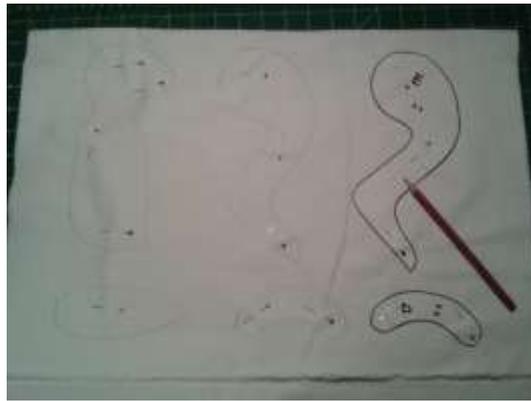
Print the pattern and cut out the pieces (red dotted correspond to openings for stuffing).



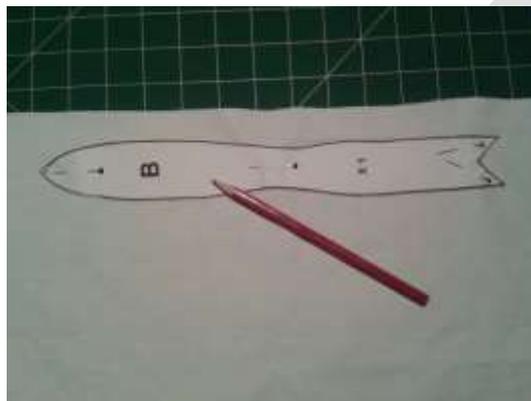
Fold your coupon in two equal parts (right side against right side) and then pin the body, the leg, the ear and the arm (pieces A, C, D and E). Draw with a pencil paper (point properly cut) or a tailor's chalk outline of each piece.



Remove your pattern and reposition the pins on your fabric and draw a second arm and a second leg.



Pin the piece B (do not fold the fabric in half) and draw the outline.



Fold your coupon of velvet fabric in two equal parts (right side against right side) and pin the ear (piece C). Draw with a pencil paper (point properly cut) or a tailor's chalk the outline.



Cut your pieces about 1 cm from the edges. You have now 8 parts of fabric : 1 body, 2 legs, 2 arms, 2 ears and the top of the head.



Draw on your fabric (piece A) the markings for the ears.



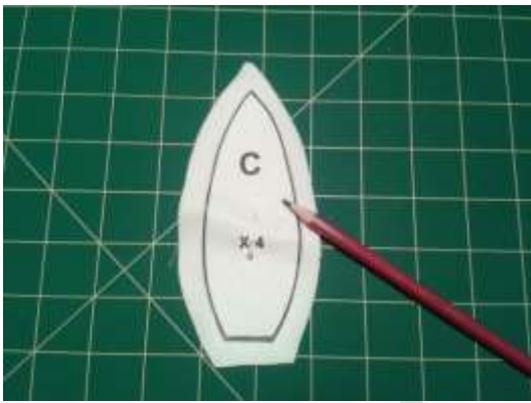
Pin again the pattern (piece A) on the other part of your fabric and draw outline on this second part (don't forget the markings for the ears).



Here is the result.



Repeat the same steps for the ears on the white fabric. Draw again the outline of the ear on the second part.



It is not necessary to repeat this step for the velvet fabric.

### **The corner of beginners :**

Before sewing two pieces that overlap, you baste them to secure your work so that they do not slip. You use the basting thread. But if you do not have one, you can also use any other thread. Here are the various stitches of sewing we will use to make your rag doll.

See my video on Youtube that will be more explicit. The videos are in French. But you just have to look the way I do it. Copy and paste the following link into your address bar:

<http://youtu.be/JLy5DqpVdal>

### Sewing stitch A



### Sewing stitch B



### Sewing stitch C

It is an overcast sewing stitch. You use this stitch when the fabric frays too much. You will not need to use this stitch for the body of your doll, but only for her clothes if you feel that your fabric frays too easily. You overcast your parts and then you sew them.





#### **THREAD**

##### **At the top of the picture : Double thread**

The knot is made with both ends of the thread.

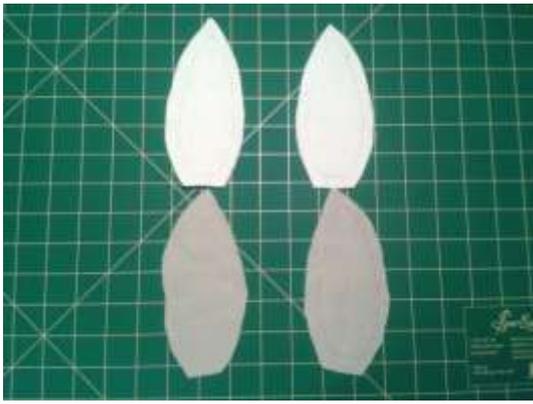
##### **At the bottom of the picture: Single thread**

The knot is made only one end of the thread.

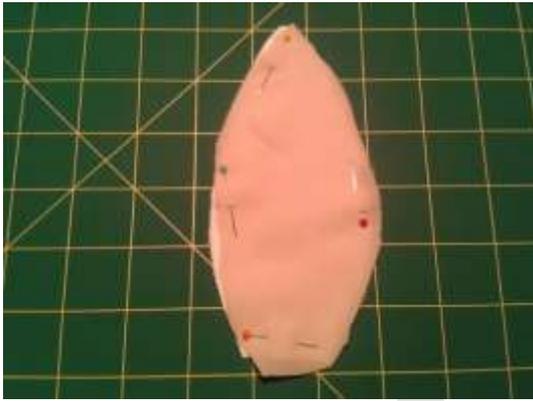


#### **The ears :**

Place your pieces of fabric as below.



Pin and baste the 2 ears.



Sew (stitch A). If you use strong thread, it is not necessary to use a double thread.



Turn the ears.



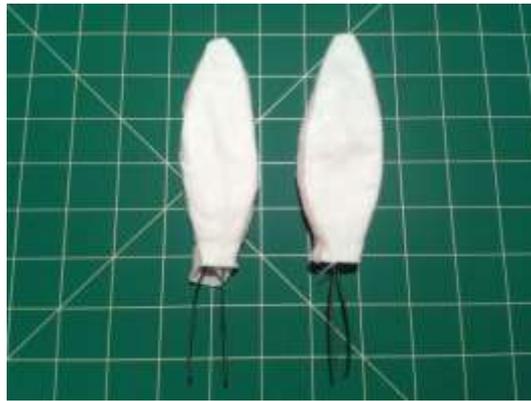
Repeat the same steps for the second ear. Here is the result.



Cut 2 pieces of wire (2 x 32 cm or 2 x 13 inches) and fold.



Slide the wire in the ears.



Pin the ears on your piece of fabric (side location).



Sew the ears (stitch A).



Here is the result.



Baste the legs, the arms and sew (stitch A). Don't forget to leave an opening for stuffing. On your pattern, red dots indicate areas not to be sewed.



Here is the result.



Proceed as below for the piece B. Fold your fabric in half, pin and sew (stitch A).



Pin the piece B on the piece A and baste.



Sew (stitch A).



Here is the result.



Pin and baste the other side of the piece B on the second part of the piece A.



Sew (stitch A).



Sew the front of the two pieces A.



Here is the result.



You get this.



You turn each one of your pieces of fabric by rolling up them. To help you to return your legs and arms, use a pencil (not on the side of the mine to not pierce your fabric), a chopstick or the tip of a knitting needle. Sometimes it's a work of patience (depending on the thickness of fabric) but still you get there.



Your pieces of fabric are now returned. You can now start the stuffing stage.



Stuff the body, arms and legs with your stuffing, using small quantity to tamp with a pencil or another instrument.

Your pieces must to be rigid enough to provide a good base to your rabbit. Feel free to use generously your padding. You can also use wool waste or fabric.



You obtain these results.



You now close your pieces.

The technique to close your openings is in the last part of video.

<http://youtu.be/JLy5DgpVdal>

(Link to copy and paste into your address bar).

Poke your needle inside the arm so that your node is not apparent.



Transplant your needle as below.



Make small stitches on the bias.



When your piece is closed, tie a knot and then place your needle in the arm (to better secure your work) and then cut your thread.



Here is the result.



Repeat the same steps for the other leg, both arms and body.



## **Step 2 : Tying the legs**

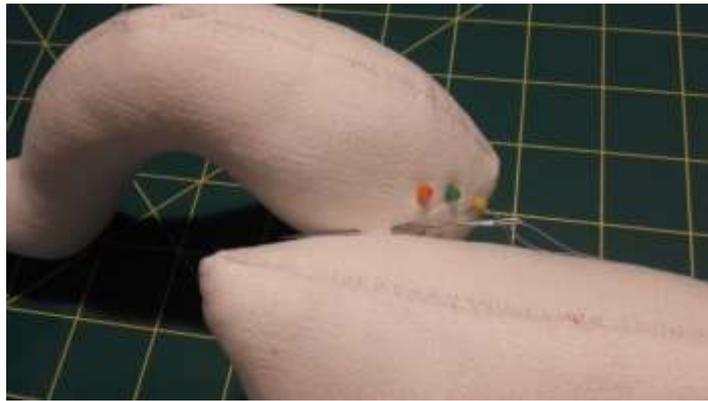
Put 3 pins on each side to attach the legs. To ensure they are correctly positioned, check that your rabbit hold properly seated.



Begin planting your needle as below, into the leg, and then, into the body.



Come back again in the leg and repeat this several times (pricking in the body, then in the leg, then in the body ... etc ...) to properly secure the work. Repeat the same steps for the other leg.

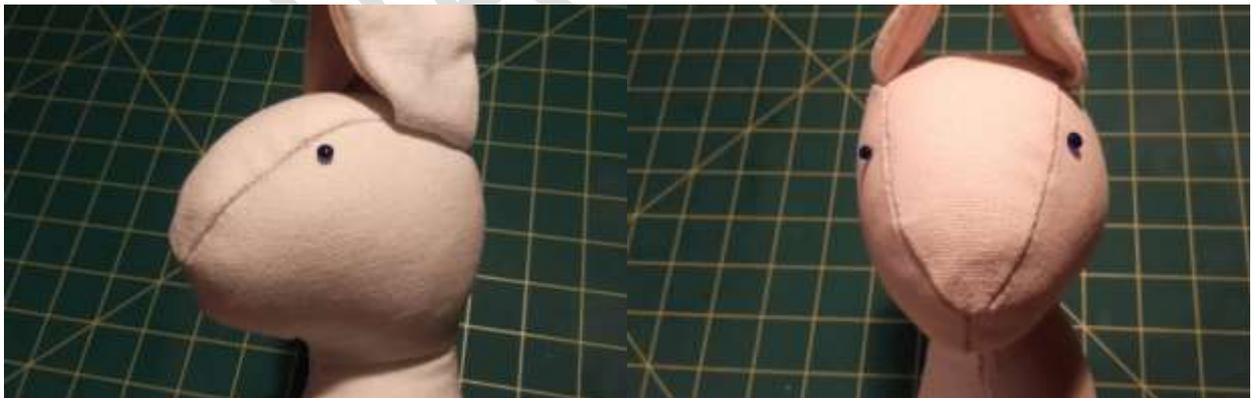


Here is the result.



### **Step 3 : The eyes and the nose**

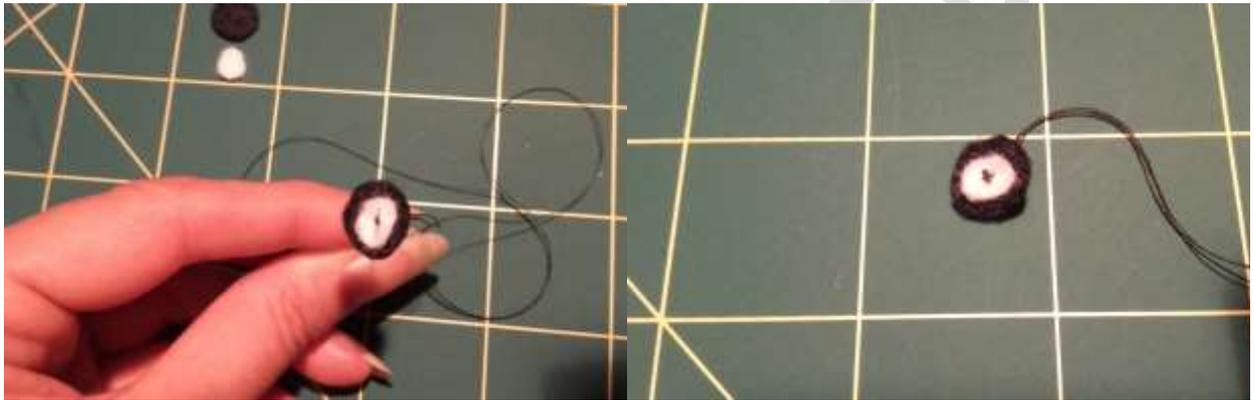
Place 2 pins.



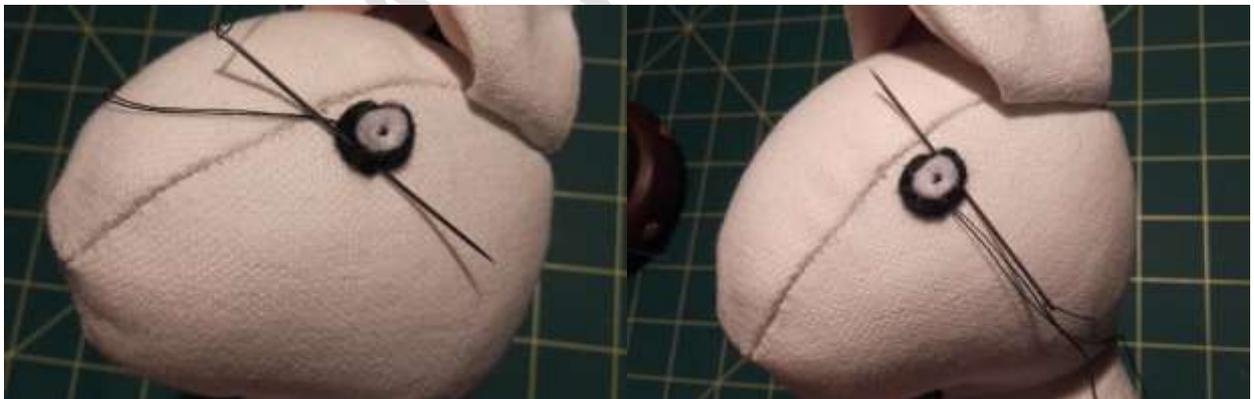
There are several ways to make the eyes. You can embroider or proceed as below. Cut 4 rounds in slightly oval black and white felt.



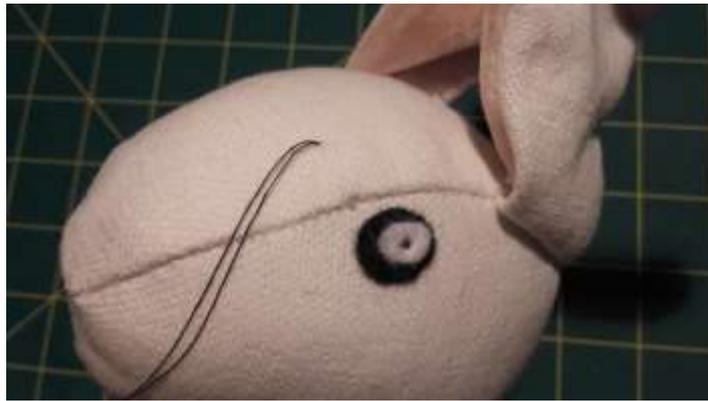
Sew with black thread.



Sew (stitch B) the felt on your rabbit going around.



Tie a knot, poke your needle as below and cut the thread.



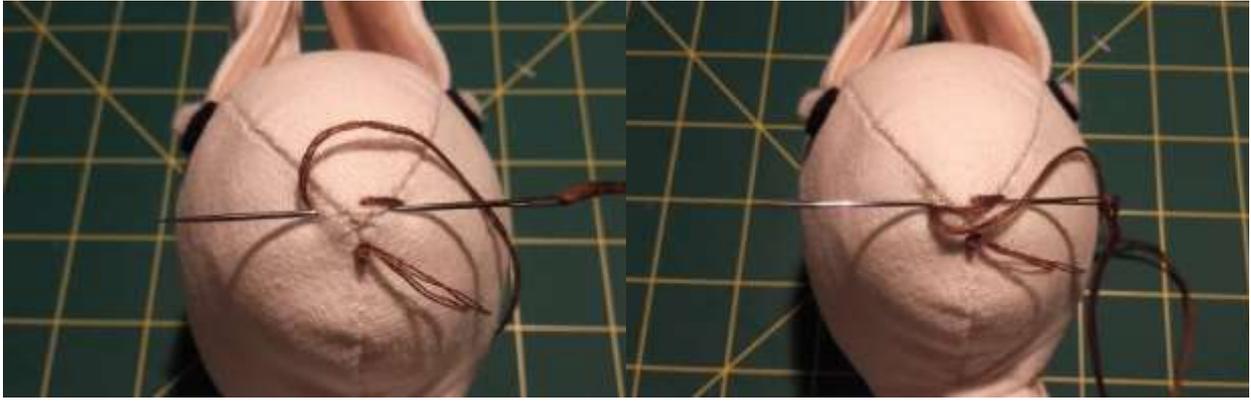
Repeat the same step for the other eye. Here is the result.



To embroider the nose, you can use embroidery thread or wool. Follow these steps.



Poke your needle from right to left to form a rectangle.



Poke your needle as below.



Make a knot.



Poke your needle as below and cut your thread.



Here is the result.

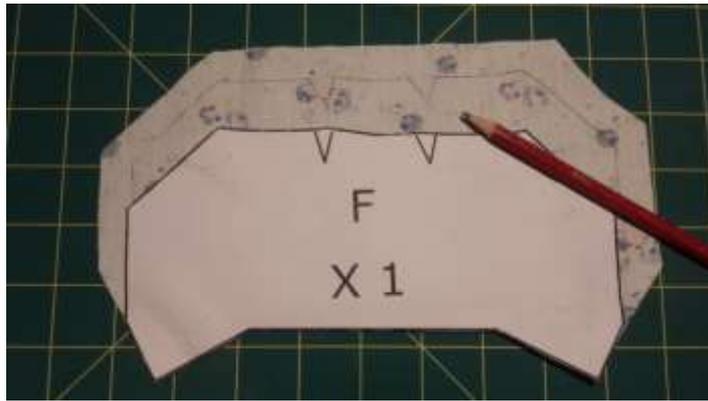


#### **Step 4 : The vest**

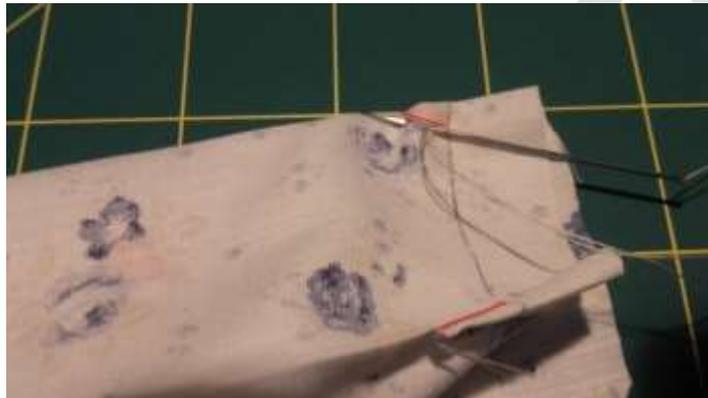
Print the pattern (piece F), cut and pin it on the printed fabric (don't fold your fabric in half). Draw the outline.



Cut your piece about 1 cm from the edges. Don't forget to draw the darts on your fabric.



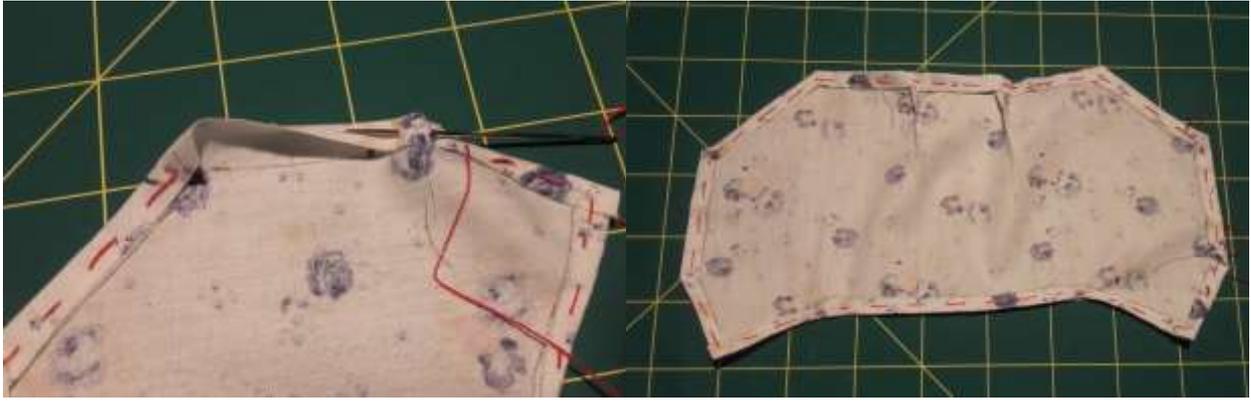
Sew (stitch A) the darts.



Here is the result.



Baste to make the hem as below.



Sew (stitch B).



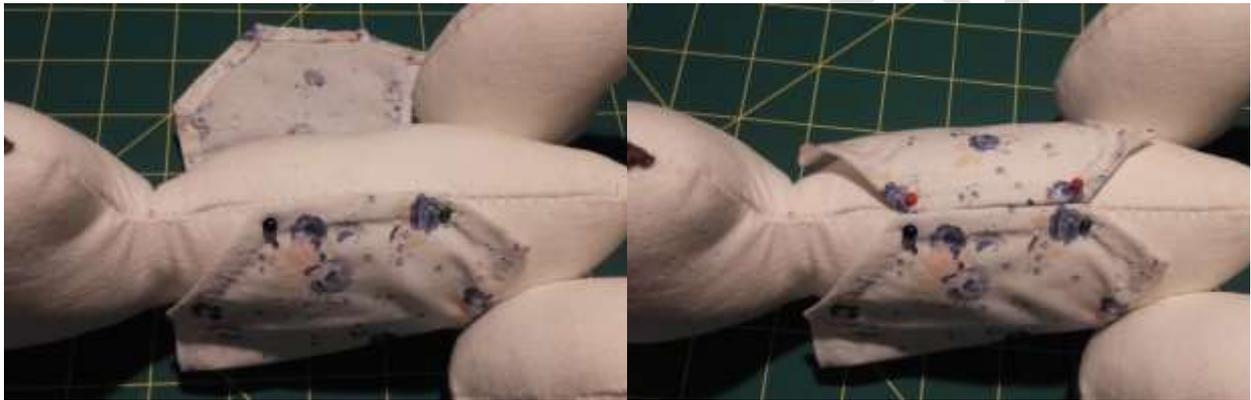
Baste again to make an other hem and sew as below.



Here is the result.



Pin the vest on your rabbit.



Place a pin on each side to make a dart.



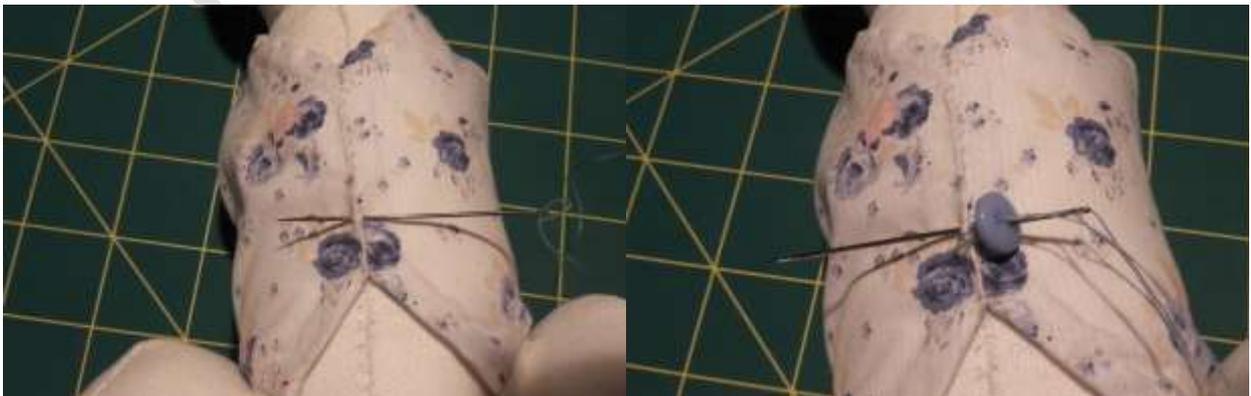
Sew the vest as below.



Sew the neckline of the vest on the body of your rabbit.



Sew the buttons.



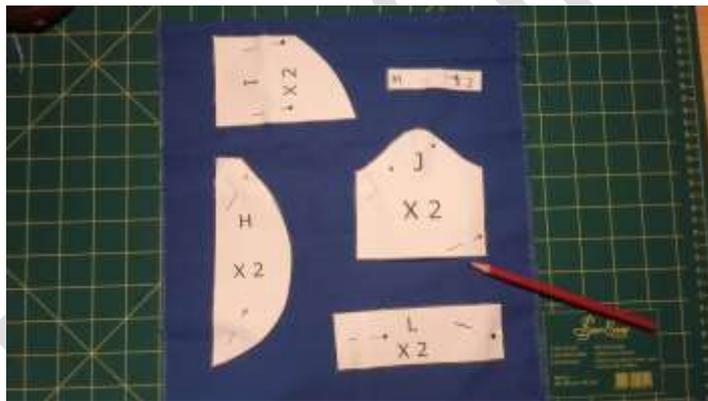
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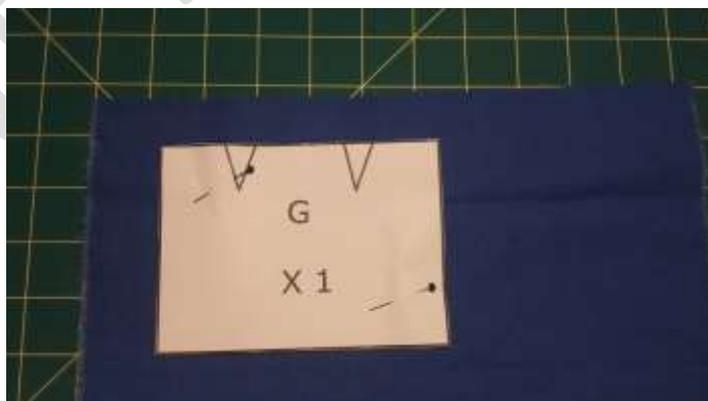
### **Step 5 : The frock coat**

Print the pattern and cut the pieces.

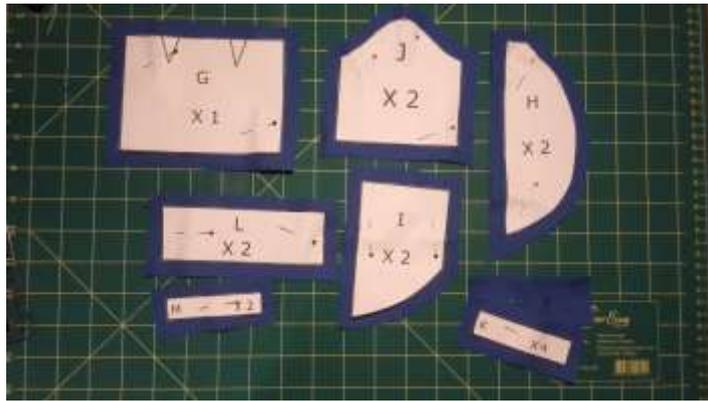
Fold the blue fabric in half (right side against right side) and pin the pieces I, M, H J and L. Draw the outline.



Pin and draw the outline of the piece G but don't fold the fabric in half.



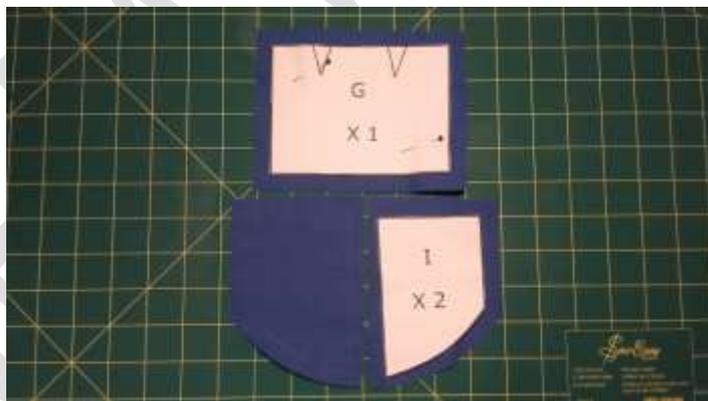
Fold your fabric in half and draw the piece K twice. Cut your pieces about 1 cm from the edges.



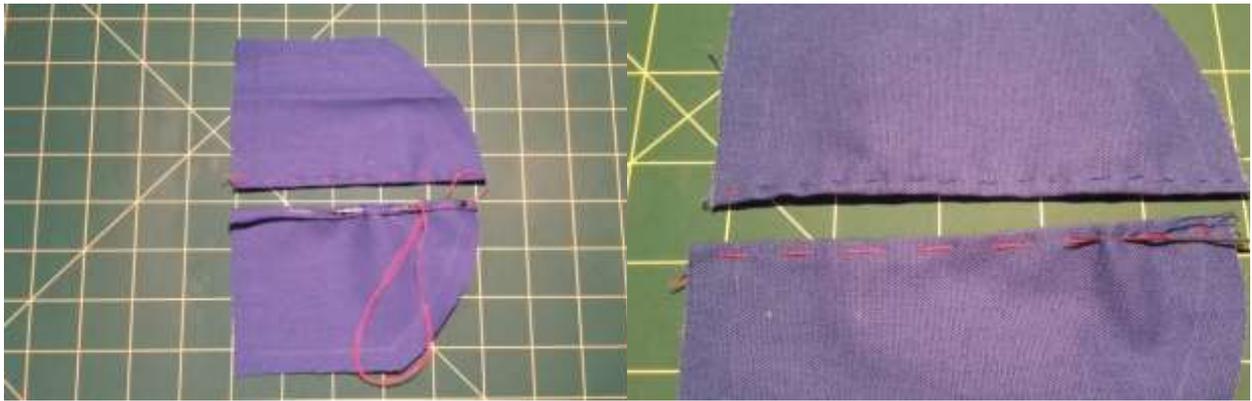
Draw again the outline of the piece I on the second part of your fabric.



Here are the parts corresponding to the back of the frock coat.



Pin and baste the two parts I, to make a hem and sew (stitch B).



Draw the darts on the piece G.



Pin the piece G as below. I indicated with two red rectangles position for the darts.



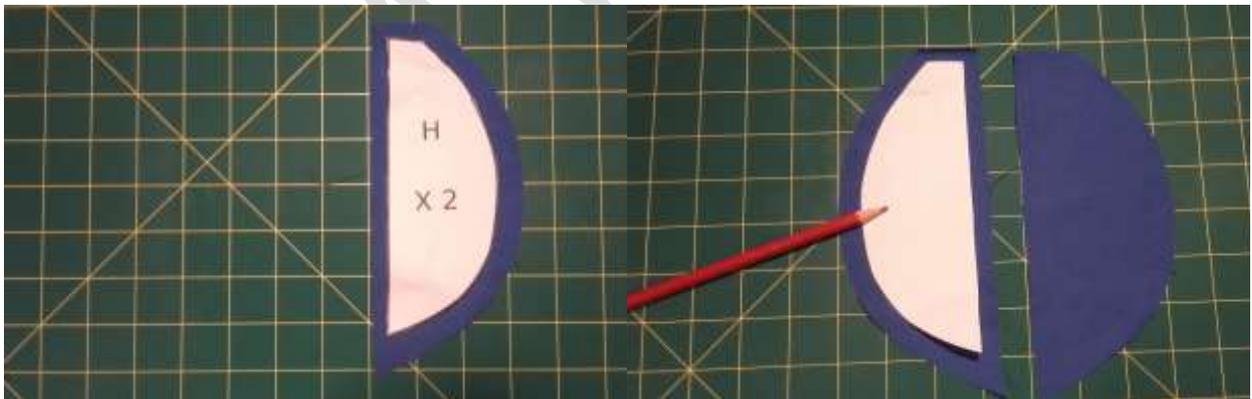
Baste and sew (stitch A).



Turn your work and cut the edges if necessary.



Draw again the outline of the piece H on the second part of your fabric.



Pin the piece H, baste and sew (stitch A).



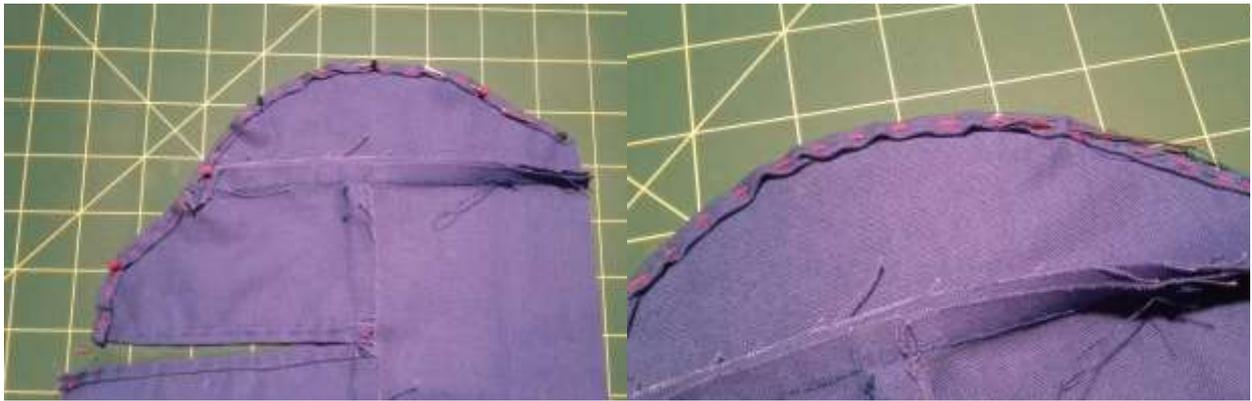
Here is the result.



Repeat the same steps for the other side. Here is the result.



Now, let's make the hem. Pin, baste and sew (stitch B).



Here is the result.



Sew the darts.



We will now sew the collar.



Baste the collar and sew (stitch A).



Here is the result.



Turn the collar, baste and sew (stitch A) on the frock coat as below.



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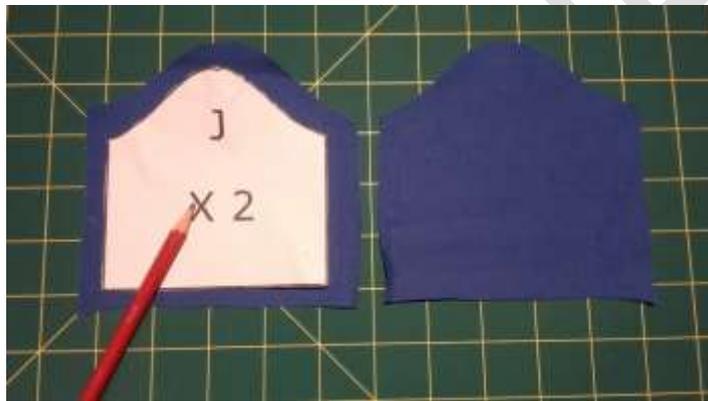
To close the opening of the collar, proceed as below.



Pin the frock coat on the rabbit with 4 pins.



Draw again the outline of the piece J on the second part of your fabric.



Baste and sew (stitch A) the piece K (the cuff).



Here is the result.



Turn the cuff, pin it as below on the sleeve (right side of your fabric).



Baste and sew (stitch A).



Close the opening of the cuff.



Hold the sleeve in half, baste and sew (stitch A).



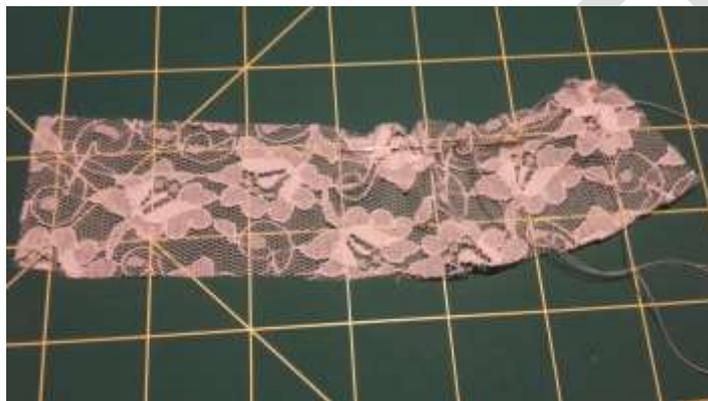
Turn the sleeve and fold the cuff. Here is the result.



Cut 2 strips of 18 cm x 4 cm (7 inches x 2 inches).



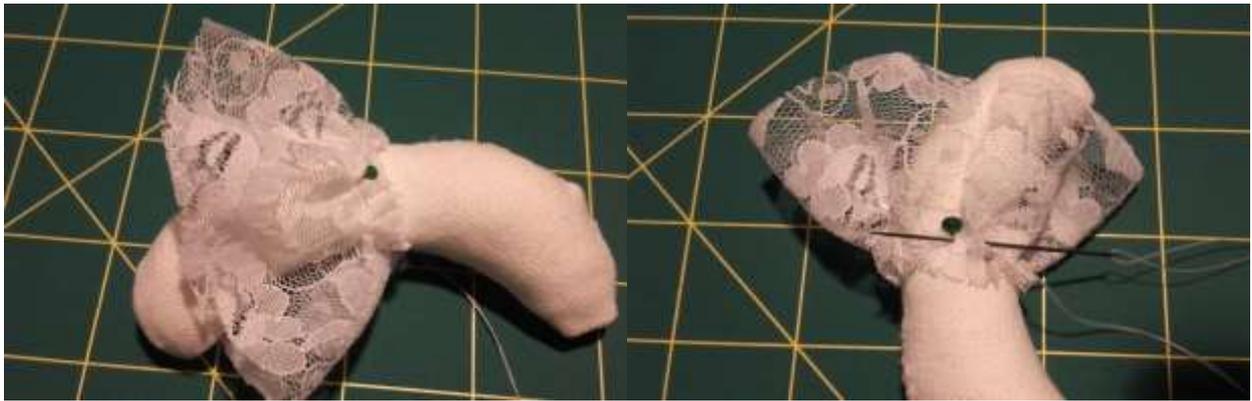
Sew (stitch B) and pull the thread for gathering.



Place the lace on the arm of the rabbit, poke the needle on the lace as below, pull the thread and make a knot.



Spread the gathers using your fingers, pin and sew (stitch B) the lace fabric on the arm.



Sew (stitch B) the sleeves as below and pull the thread to gathering.



Place the arm in the sleeve. Fold the top of the sleeve on the side, pin and make some stitches to attach the folded part on the arm.

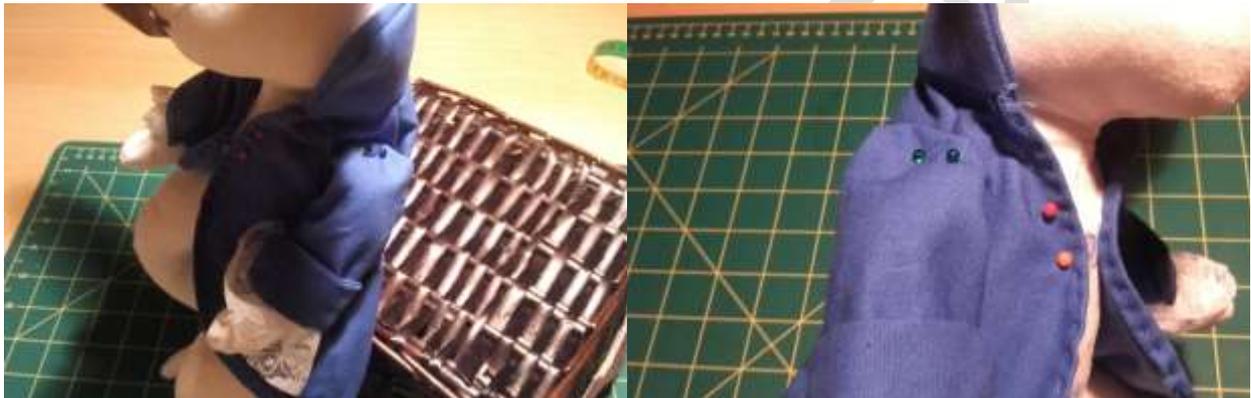
**BE CAREFUL** : When you fold your fabric, make no mistake. This is the folded side of the sleeve you will sew on the body of your doll.



Repeat the same steps for the other sleeve. Here is the result.



Pin both arms as below.



Here is the result.



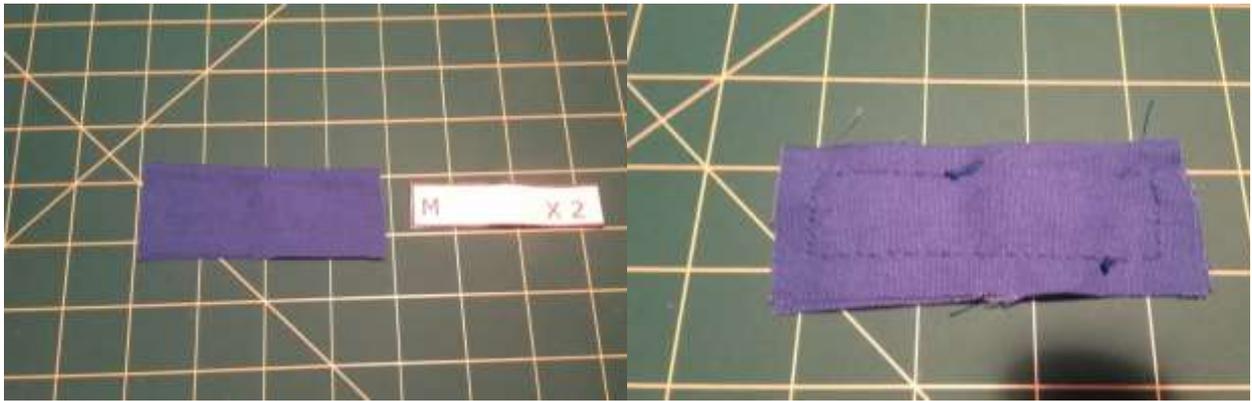
Lift the arm, planting your needle on the frock coat and in the body of the rabbit, and then, poke the needle on the arm. Poke again on the body and repeat several time (pricking in the body, then in the arm, then in the body ... etc ...).



Repeat the same steps for the other arm. Here is the result.



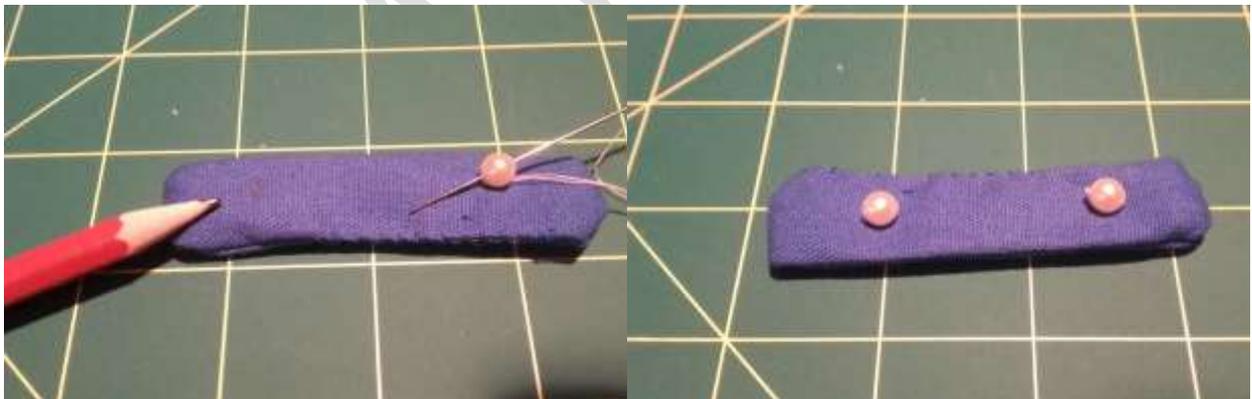
We will now make the martingale (piece M). Sew (stitch A) as below. Don't forget to leave an opening to turn the fabric.



Turn the fabric and close the opening.



Sew two beads or two buttons on each side.



Pin the martingale on the frock coat and sew two stitches on each side.



## **Step 6 : Rhinestones for the collar, ribbon embroidery, glasses and the watch**

Decorate the collar using beads, rhinestones to stick or sew.



Cut a piece of wire and fold it as below. Do some stitches to attach the glasses on your rabbit.



For the frock coat, you can embroider flowers, sew fabric flowers or make ribbon embroidery.

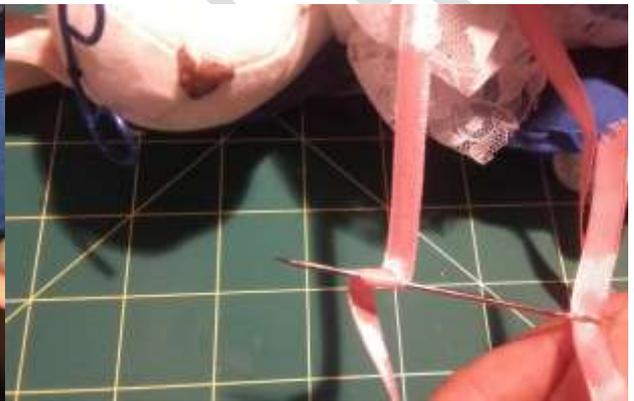
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Thread your ribbon on a needle and poke your needle as the second photo.



Pull your needle and wrap your ribbon around your needle, as the second photo.



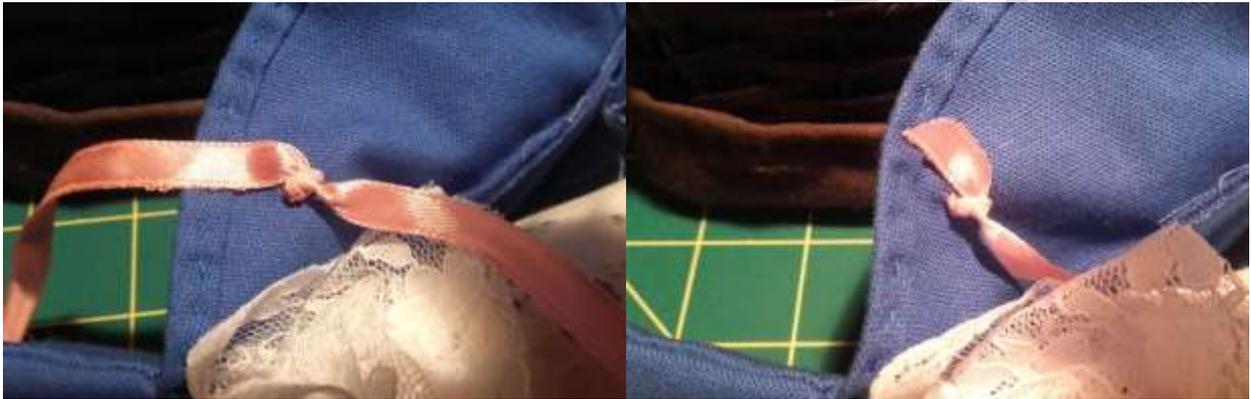
Poke the needle on the ribbon (stitch B).



Poke the needle on the frock coat and pull.



Make two knots and cut the ribbon.



Here is the result.



We will now embroider the leaves with green organza ribbon. Make one or two knots at the end of your ribbon, thread it into your needle, poke your needle and pull.



Poke the needle on the ribbon, and then in the frock coat and pull.



Repeat the same steps to embroider the second leaf.



Embroider the third leaf and make a knot with both ends of green ribbon.



Cut the ribbon.

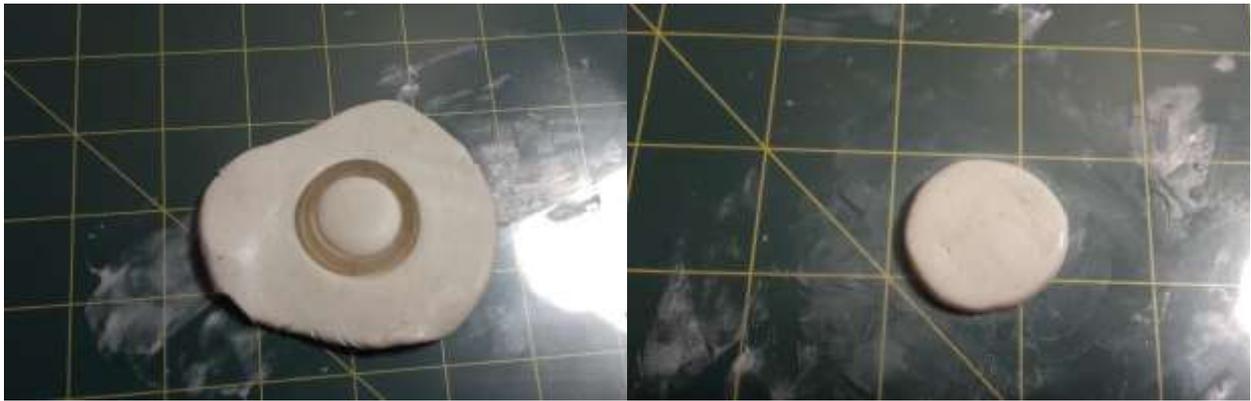


To create the watch, you can use a piece of thick cardboard or proceed as below with cold porcelain. You will easily find on Youtube a lot of videos to learn how to make your own cold porcelain.

Make a ball and spread it.



With a cookie cutter, glass or other object, make a circle (diameter : 2,5 cm).



Cut a piece of wire, fold it and slide it as shown below.



Let dry a few days, and then with acrylic paint, paint your support. Use the color of your choice. I glue a rhinestone in the center of the watch.



Sew the watch on the arm with few stitches.



### **Step 7 : The jabot**

Cut 3 strips in your lace fabric :

- 2,5 cm x 30 cm
- 6 cm x 25 cm
- 4 cm x 25 cm



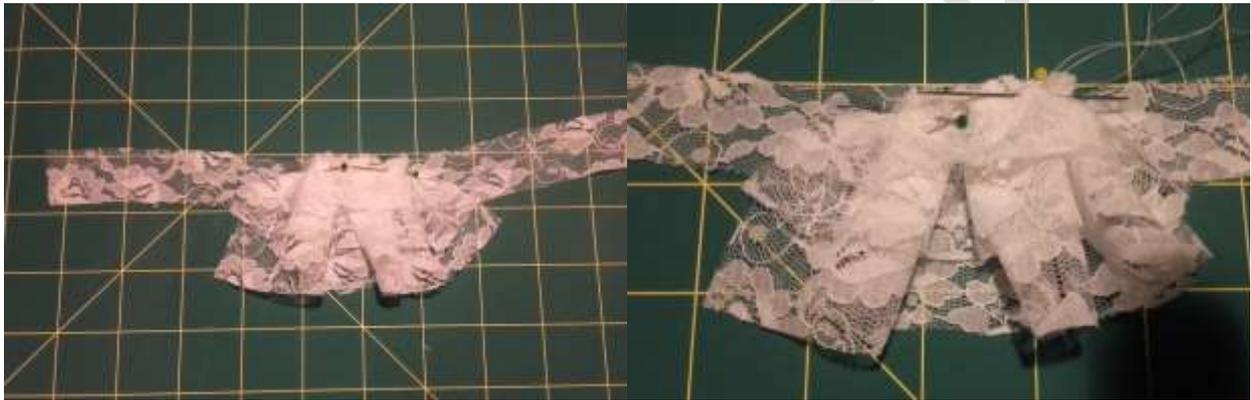
Place both the wider strips one above the other and sew (stitch B).



Pull to gather so as to obtain a width of 6 cm. Make a knot.



Pin the third strip as below and sew (stitch B).



Fold the edge of the strip, pin and sew (stitch A).



Here is the result.



Attach the jabot in the neck of your rabbit with a knot.



The result after his photo shoot and a good light :



I hope that you have taken great pleasure in achieving this beautiful rabbit.

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