

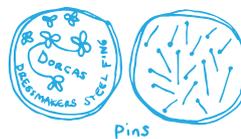
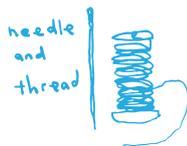
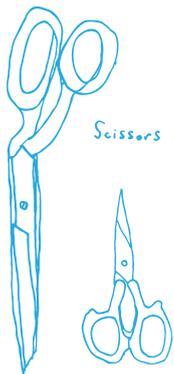
CHEEKEE MONKEY

make your own cheekee monkey!

finished size

approximately 70cm tall

tools



materials

- .5m fabric
- .2m felt
- (calico)
- stuffing
- matching thread
- contrasting thread

Instructions

before you start!

Have all the tools and materials required to start your project. Your local fabric store should have everything required, but if you would like to mix it up a bit as far as fabric is concerned, you may have fabrics you can use such as old cot sheets, pillow cases, clothing etc.

Another option is to raid your local Op-Shop. They often have remnant fabrics or other items that can be used. If you are buying fabrics from the fabric store, crafting fabrics are a good, or there is a whole section of kids fabrics too.

Felt is ideal to use for the mouth and the tummy as you don't need to hem the edges, and also the inside of the ears to give structure and make it easier to shape. Otherwise choose another heavy-weight fabric such as wool or corduroy.

If your main fabric is a little thin, but you love it so much that you have to use it, line with some calico so you don't see the stuffing through it.

Save file to USB stick or email file to your local copy centre.

Print out your A3 pattern at your local copy centre. Instructions can be printed at home.



1 Cut out pattern and place on relevant fabrics, trace with fabric marker or tailors chalk and cut out. You will need 2 pieces for the tail, 4 each for the arms and legs. Make sure you have turned the pattern on the reverse for half of them so they match up when sewing.

2 Collect all the arm, leg & tail pieces together. Match and place each piece right sides together and sew, leaving the tops open to turn inside out and stuff. (Use the brush (thin end) to help turn them inside out and the brush end to help stuff the stuffing)





3 Put the ear pieces right sides together and sew and turn right sides out. Fold the center in a bit to give the ear shape, and sew back and forth over the centre to hold in place. Do the same for the other ear.

4 Place the mouth piece on the front of the front face piece and either sew by hand or use basting stitch on the sewing machine (increase stitch length). Remember to leave a space for the seam allowances. Do the same for the tummy piece on the front body part.



5 Sew the ears onto the front face part.



6 Stuff the arms and legs and tail with the stuffing. Sew the stuffed tail and back pieces together. If needed sew the tail onto one piece first to make sure it stays on nicely when sewing the back together.



7 Sew the front head piece to the front body piece and do the same for the back.



8 Sew the stuffed arms and legs in place on the front body part so they don't move around when sewing the body together.

9 Pin and sew the body right sides together - tucking all the arms and legs etc. inside the body. Tuck the legs up, and the tail and arms down. Leave an opening at the bottom to pull everything out and to stuff. It is a good idea to hand stitch the fabric together first so the fabric stays together nicely and make it easier to sew with the machine - keeping the fabric firmly in place.



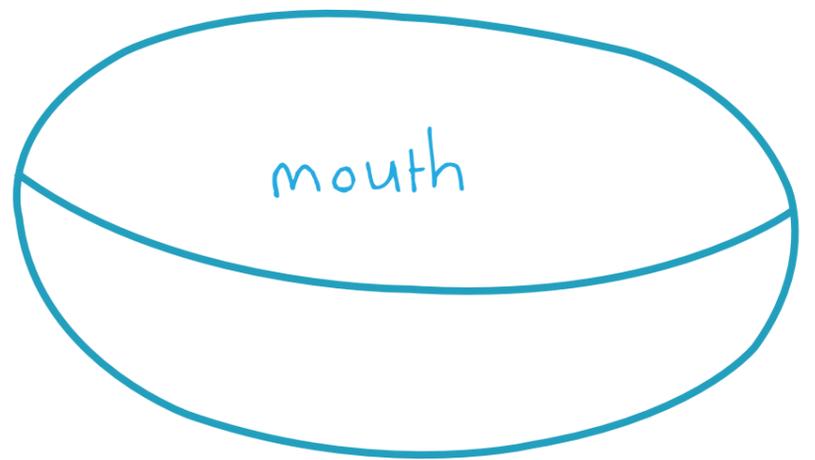
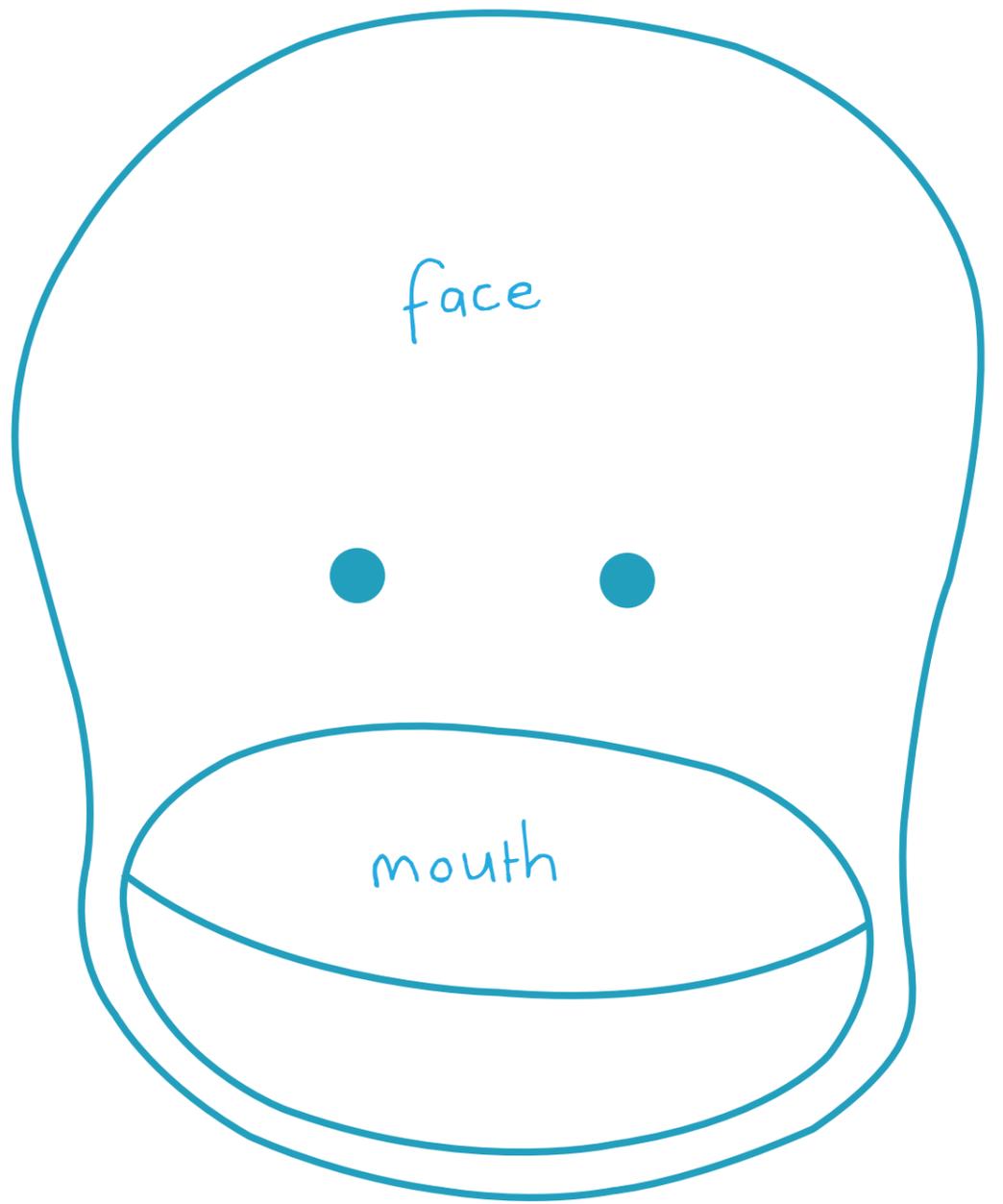
10 Stuff the monkey. Make sure the head is stuffed well before filling the body. Sew up the bottom of the monkey. Either pin and sew on the machine or hand stitch using a ladder stitch.

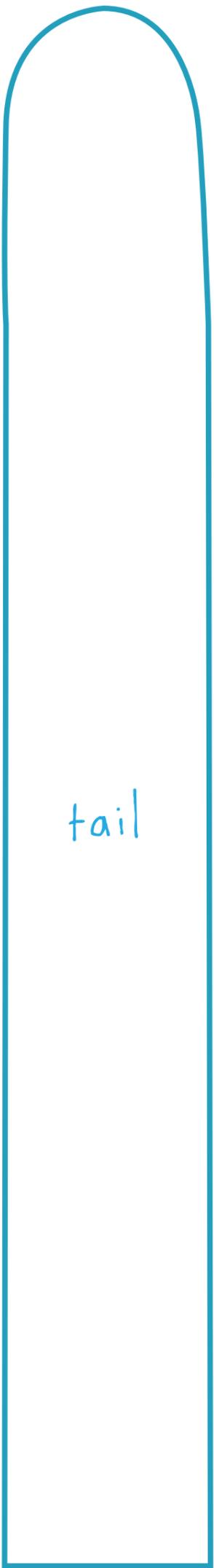
11 Finally, sew on the eyes, as well as the ear and mouth markings with the embroidery cotton and Cheekee Monkey is done! Running stitch for the mouth and ears, and satin stitch for the eyes is recommended.



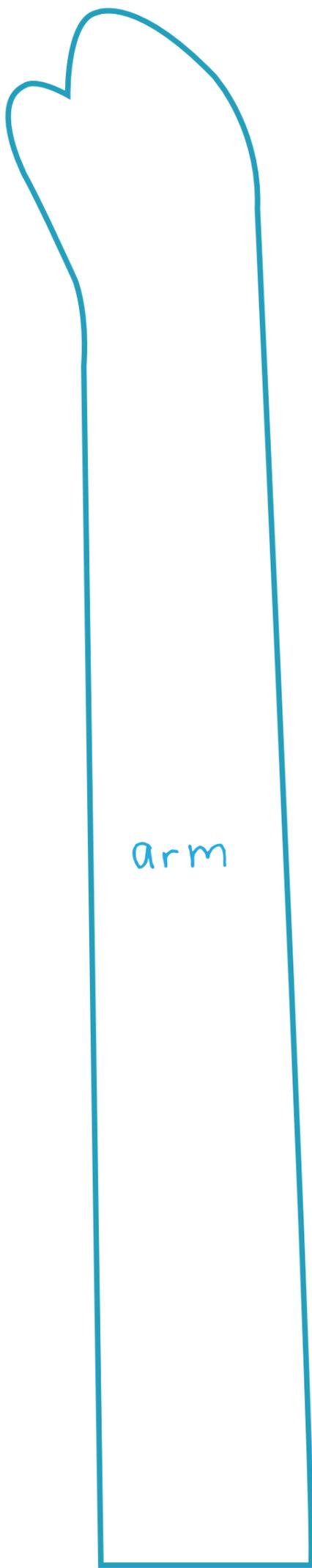
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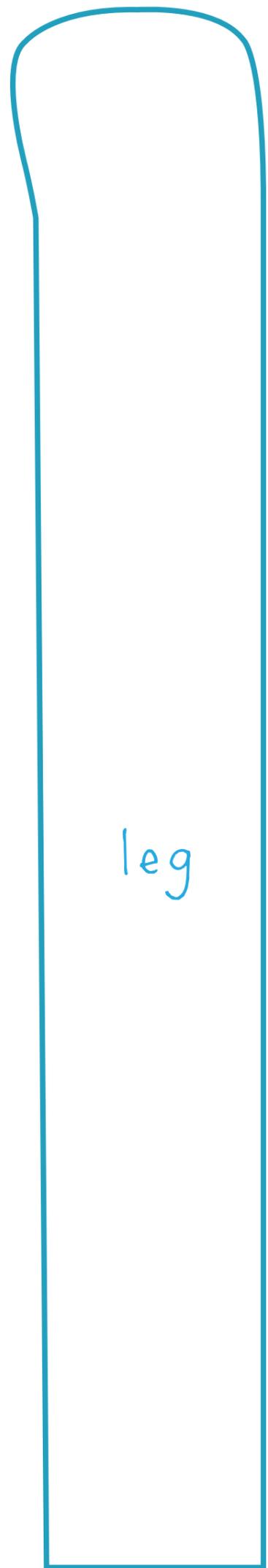




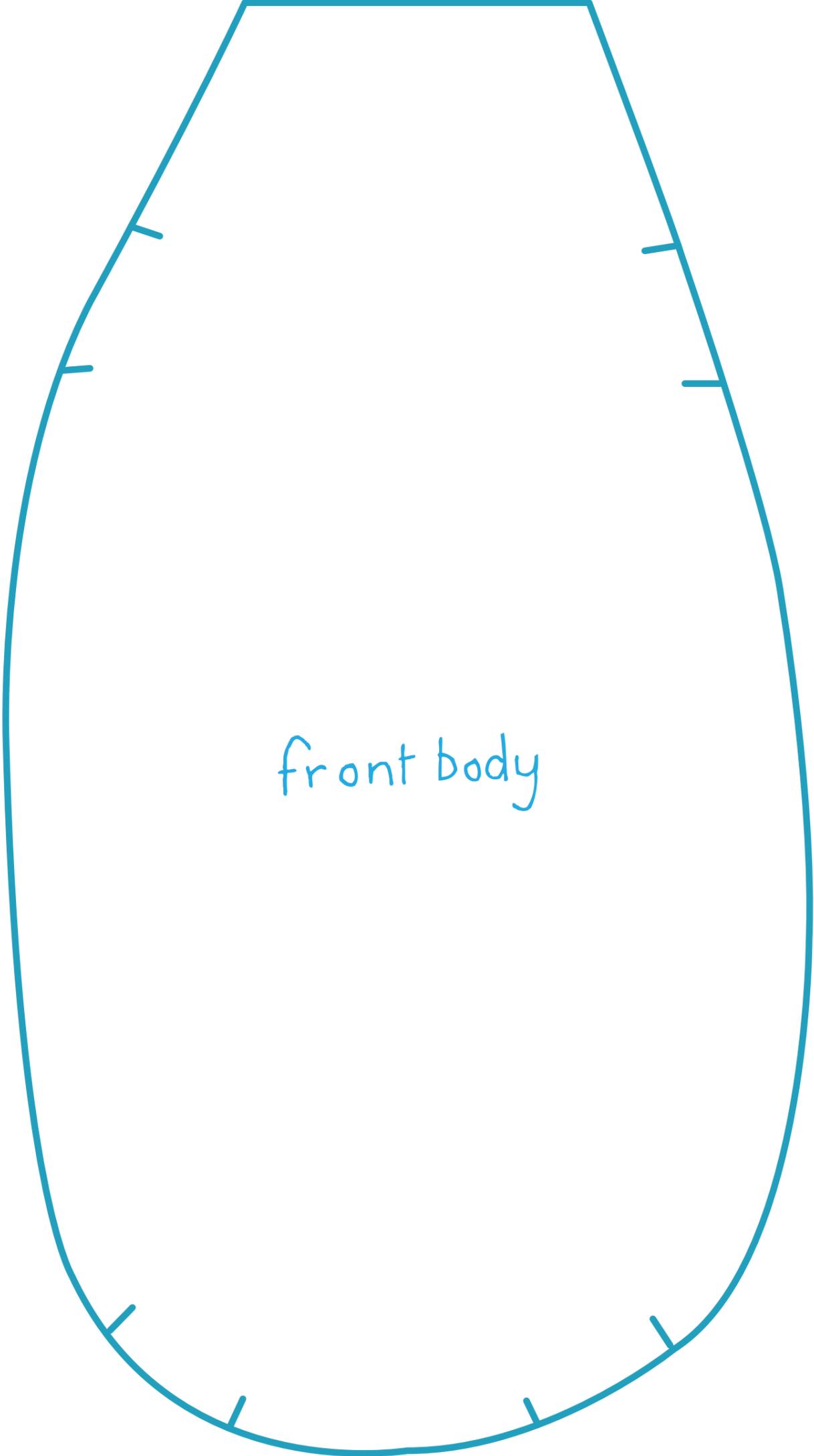
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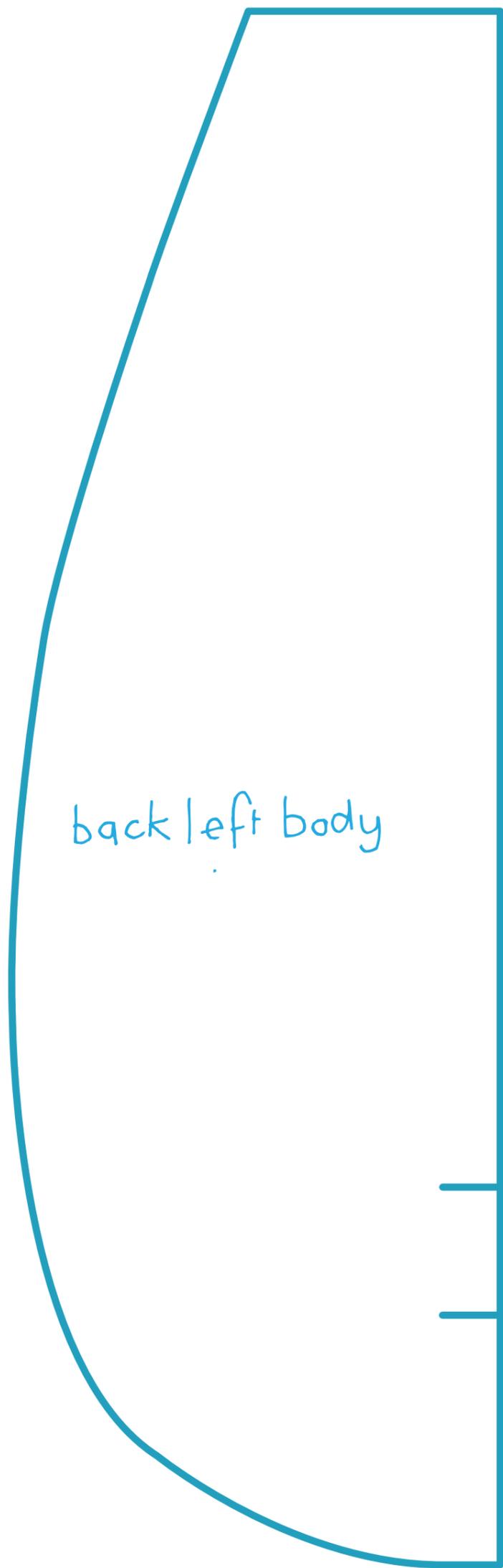
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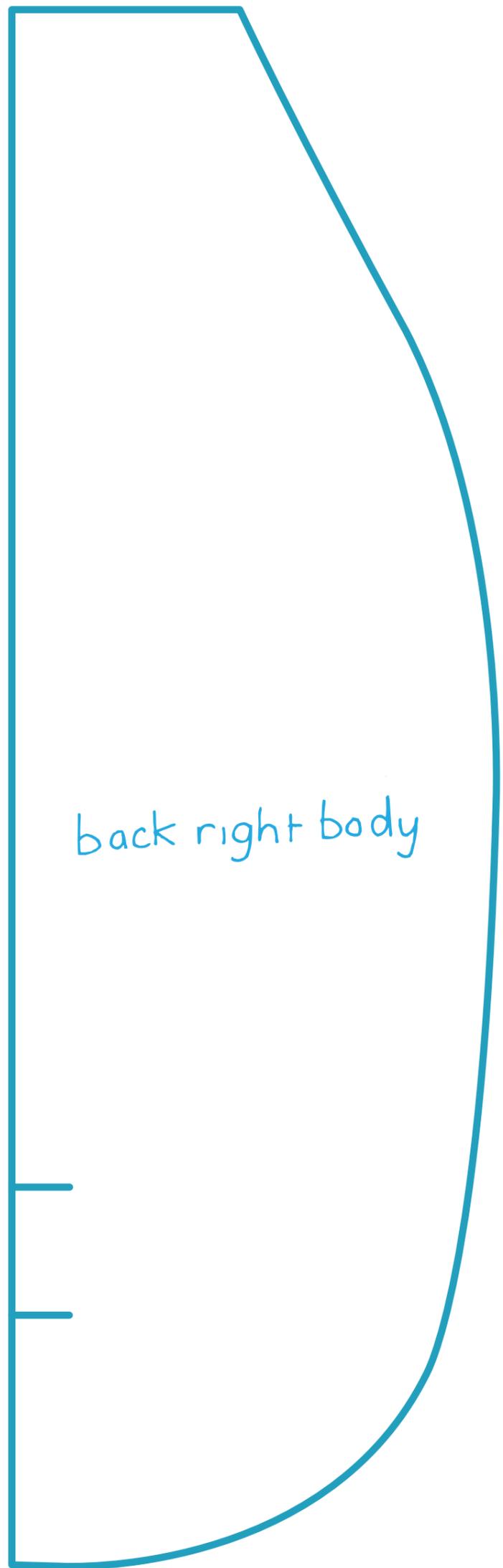
leg



front body



back left body



back right body