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Make your own felt dinosaurs

Congratulations on choosing to make these felt dinosaurs and further the learning of the children in your care. We hope you and your children get many hours of pleasure from them.





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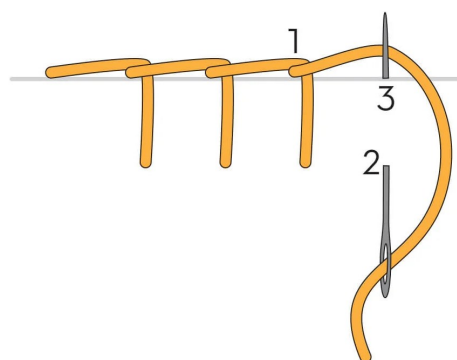
Instructions

Materials and tools required:

- Felt (in various colours)
- Sharp fabric scissors
- Pins
- Embroidery thread
- Embroidery needle
- Stuffing
- Craft glue

Stitch guide:

To assemble the dinosaurs you will use a blanket stitch. Form this as follows:



Instructions:

Lay your pattern pieces on the felt and pin in place. Carefully cut out each piece. For small shapes or shapes that are difficult to cut, instead of a pin, use clear tape to cover the pattern piece and then cut through the tape along the lines.

Begin by stitching one side of the belly piece to one of the body pieces. Check you have the pieces lined up correctly so that the feet shapes match together.

When you get to the point of the belly piece, begin attaching the other body piece making sure your stitches appear continuous.

Once you have completed one end of the dinosaur and have reached the middle of the dinosaur's back, begin to add stuffing to the area that you have already stitched.

Continue stitching all the way around your dinosaur, pausing to add stuffing as necessary.

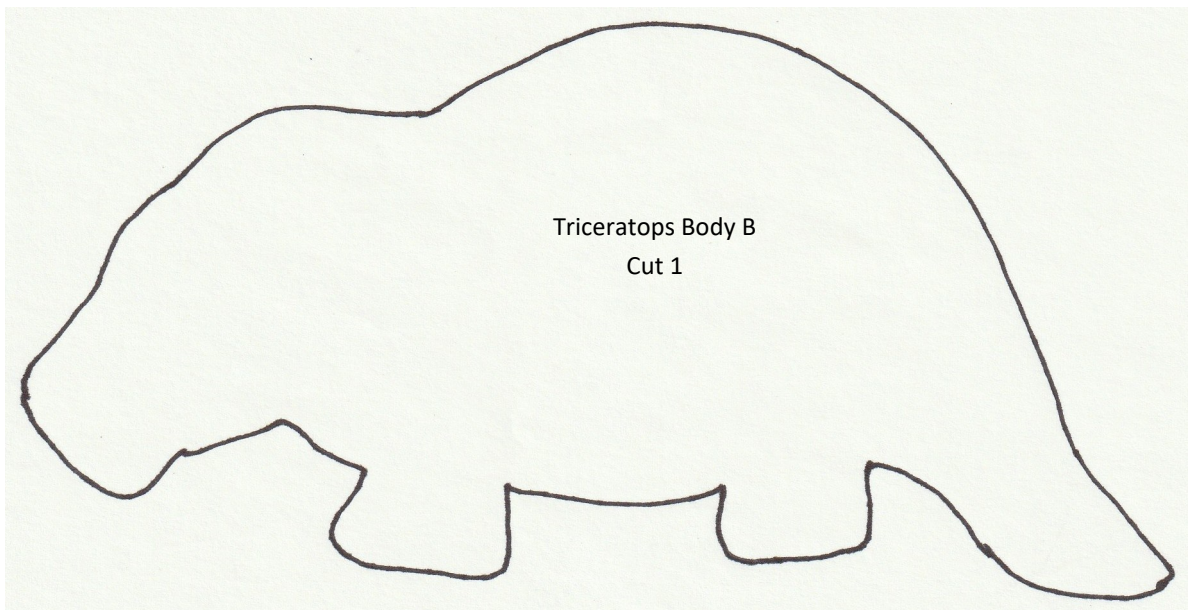
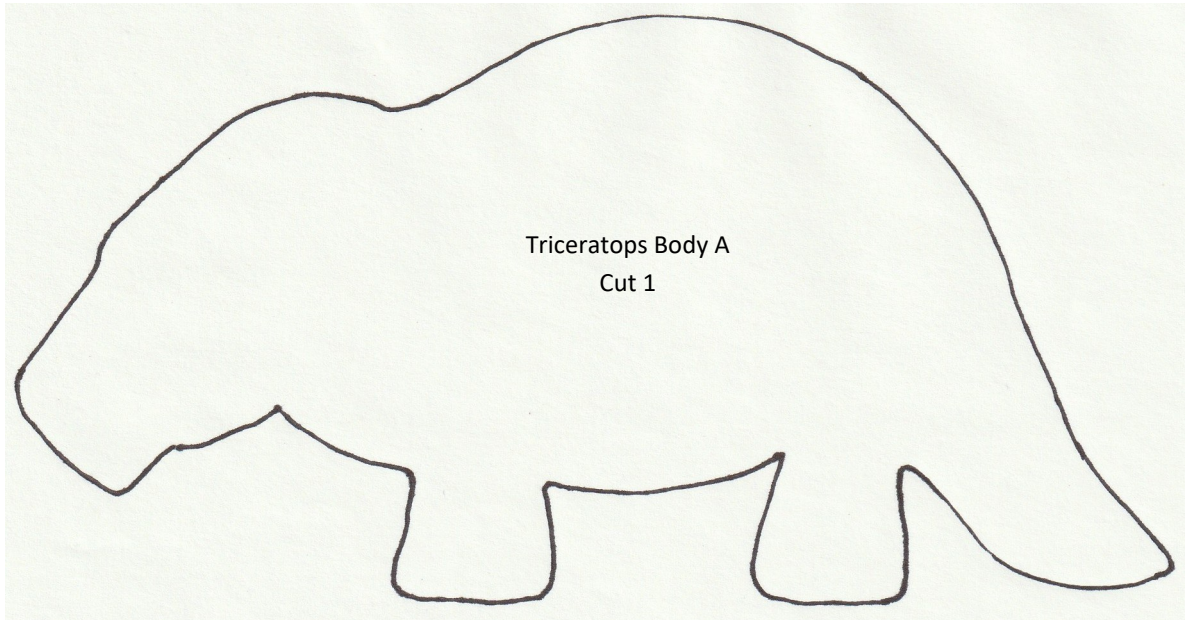
Finish stuffing your dinosaur just before you close off the opening.

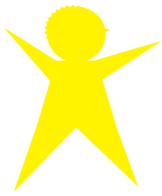
Create eyes by passing the threaded needle backwards and forwards through the head about 10-15 times until you have the effect you are looking for.



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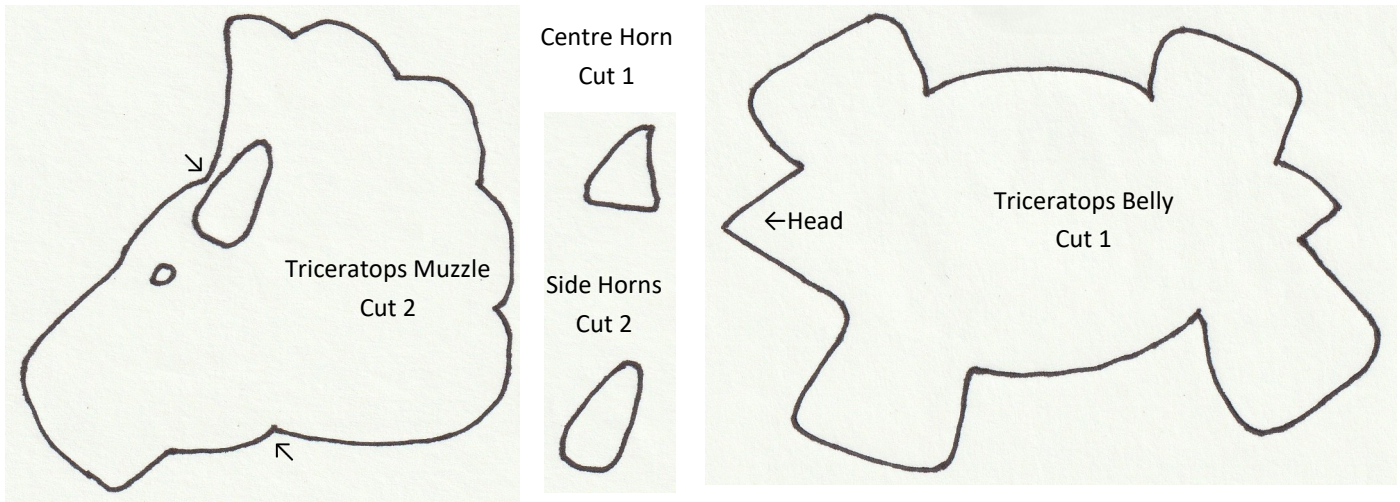
Triceratops





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Triceratops instructions:

Sew and stuff the body in the same way as the other dinosaurs. Leave the eye until later.

Place the muzzle pieces together and pin the centre from horn into place. Stitch the two muzzle pieces together using a blanket stitch and catching the horn into place, stitching from the back of the head, around the mouth area and finishing at the base of the neck (see arrows).

Slide the muzzle over the head area and stitch in place at the back of the head and the base of the neck.

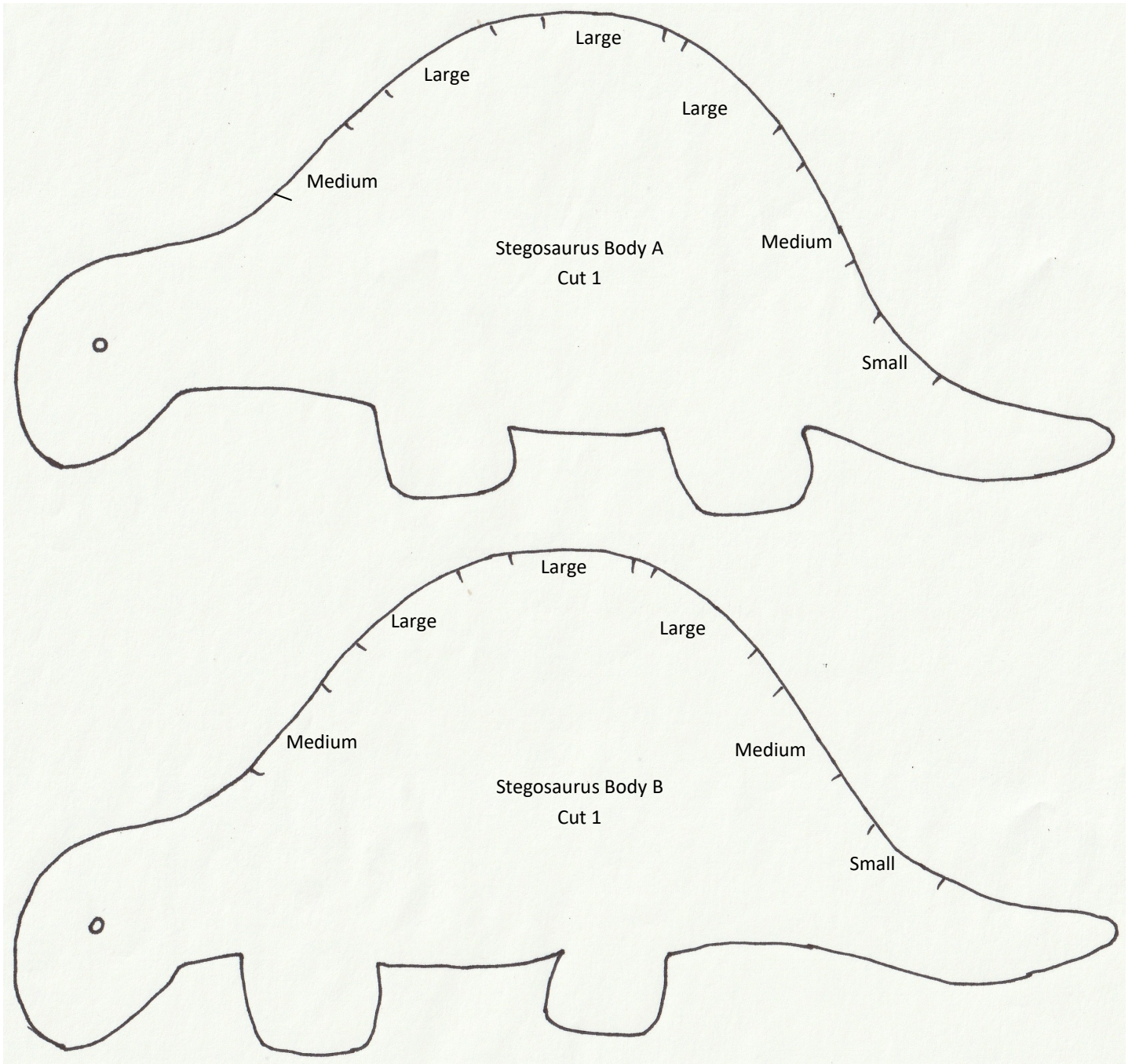
Glue the side horns into place.

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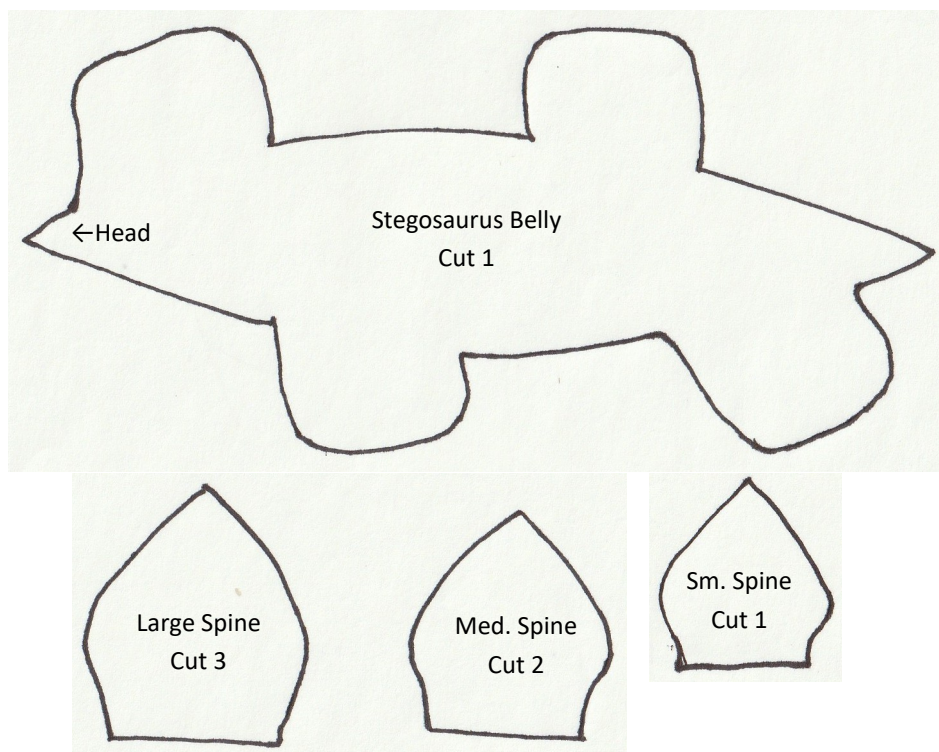
Stegosaurus





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Stegosaurus instructions:

As you sew together your Stegosaurus you will need to attach your spines where they are marked on the pattern.

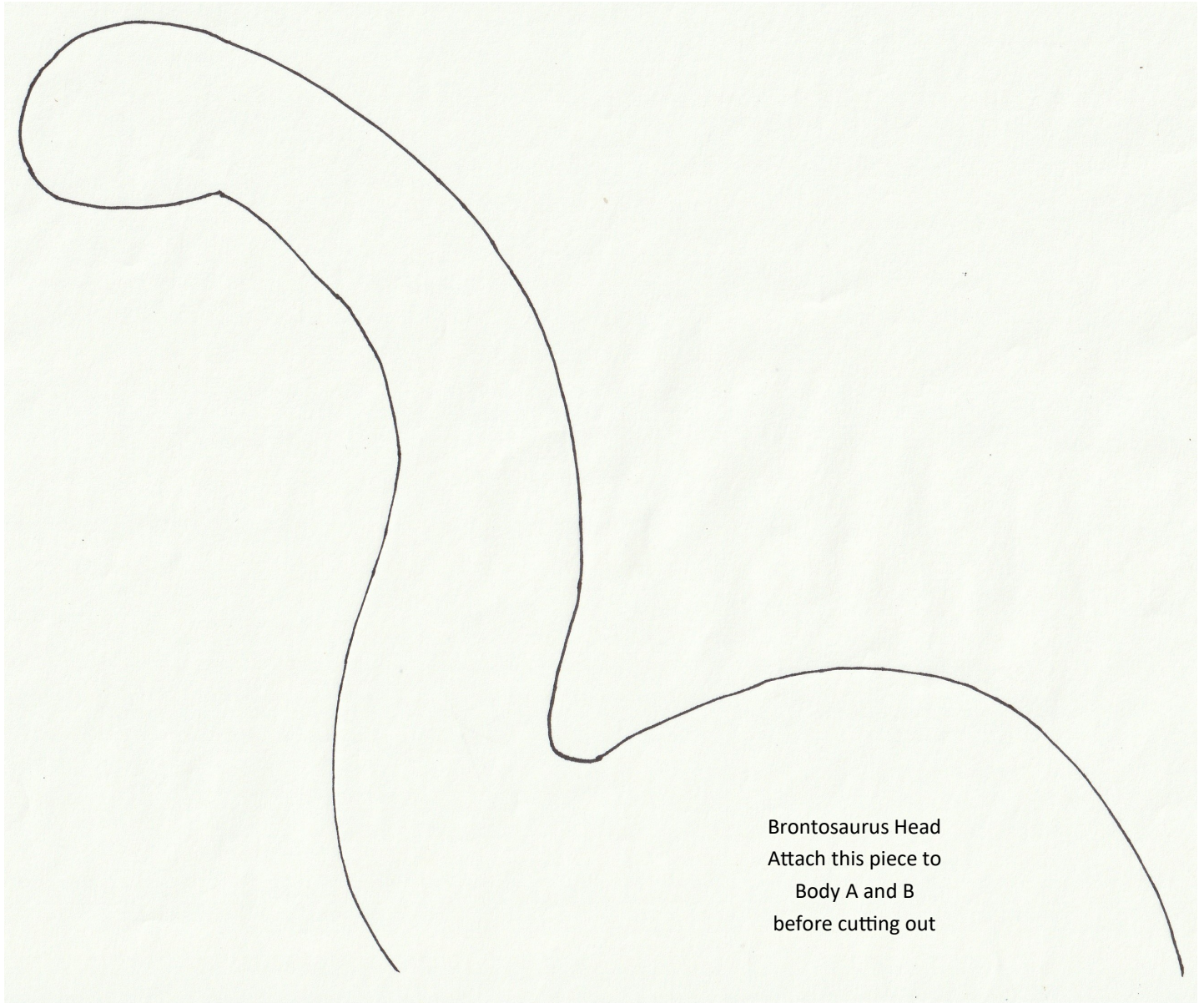
To do this, pin them into position and as you stitch around the perimeter of the dinosaur alter your stitches slightly to go through all three layers where the spines are. This will mean you will need to make a slight adjustment to the standard blanket stitch by pushing your needle through the base of the spine pieces so that the stitches still look like blanket stitches from the front. This may seem complicated, but it becomes obvious when you are stitching.

Finish the dinosaur in the same way as the other dinosaurs.



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Brontosaurus



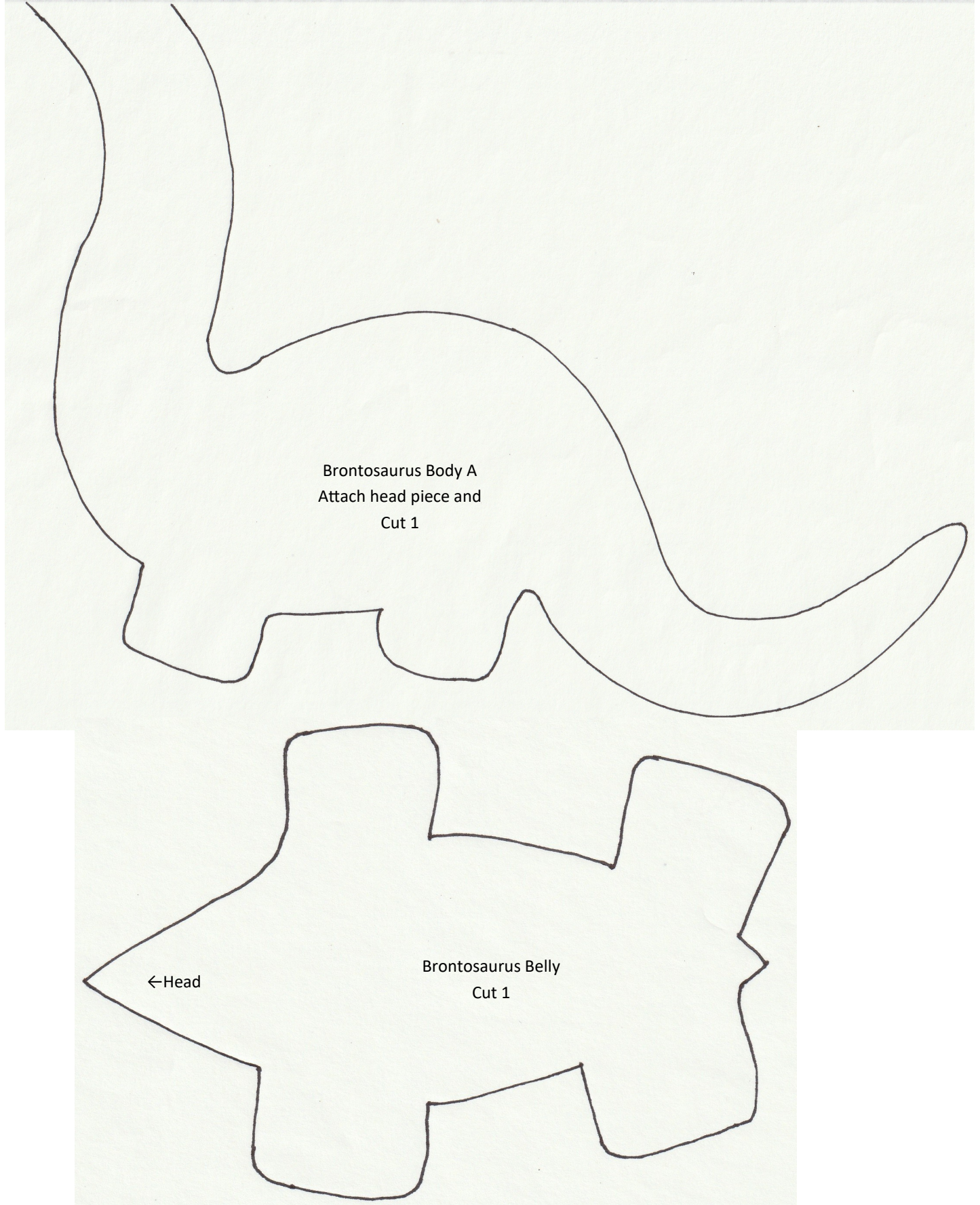
Putting together the Brontosaurus pattern:

The Brontosaurus pattern is too large to fit on an A4 sheet so we have broken it into two parts. You will need to print two copies of the head section and tape them onto each of the body sections, lining up the contours of the body and neck, before you place them on the felt to cut them out.



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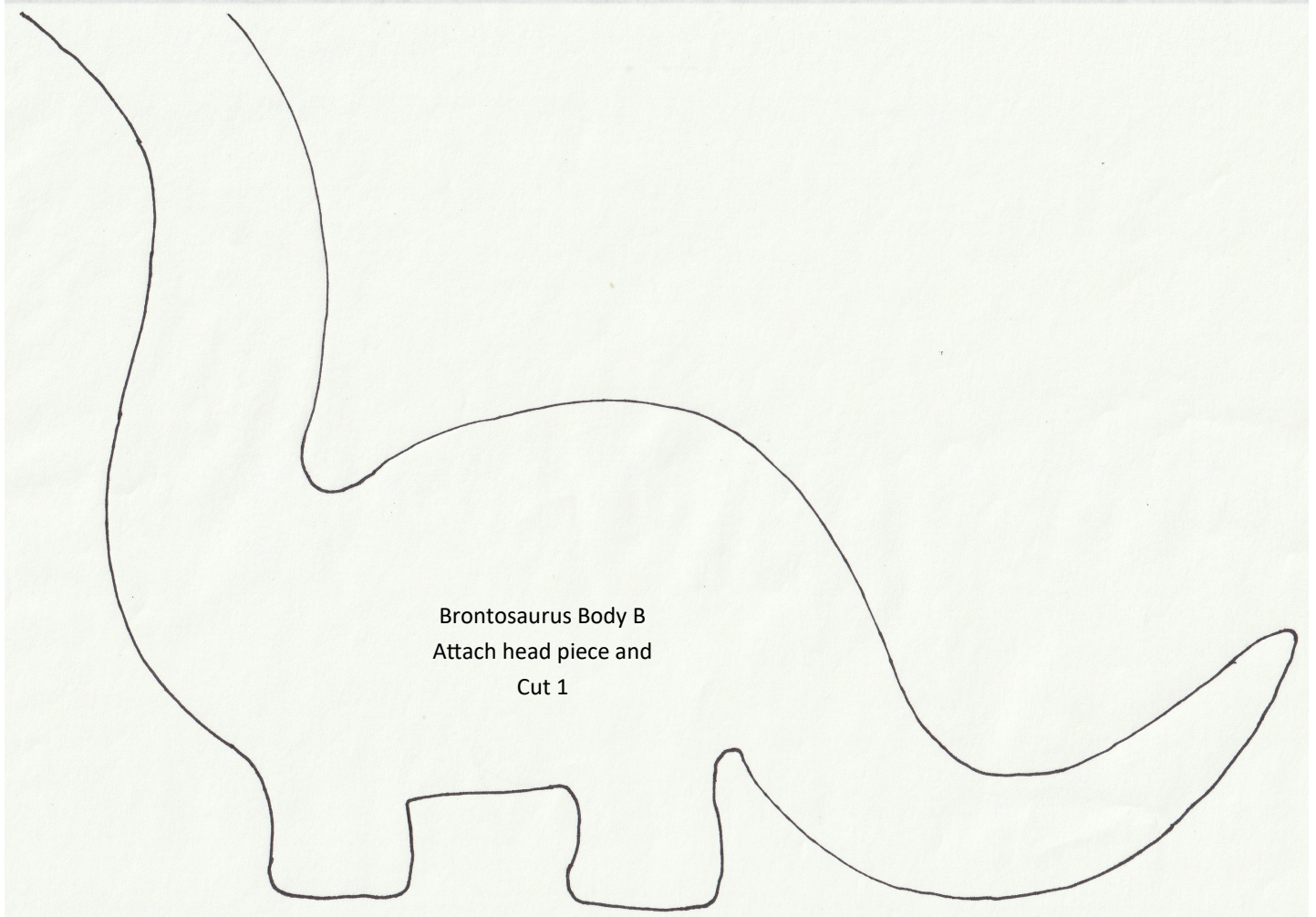
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Stuffing your Brontosaurus:

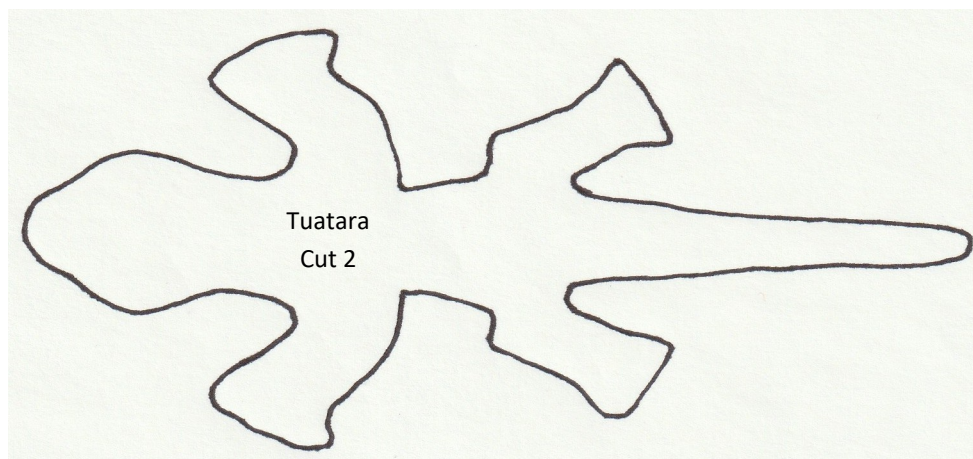
Due to the length of the Brontosaurus's neck it is important that you stuff it firmly to prevent it from sagging.

In order to balance the Brontosaurus, you will need to ensure that you stuff the tail firmly also.



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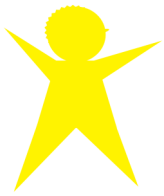
Tuatara



Finishing your Tuatara:

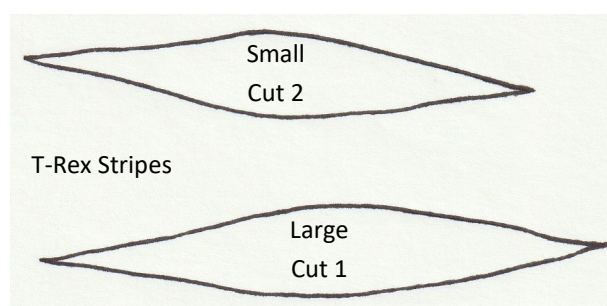
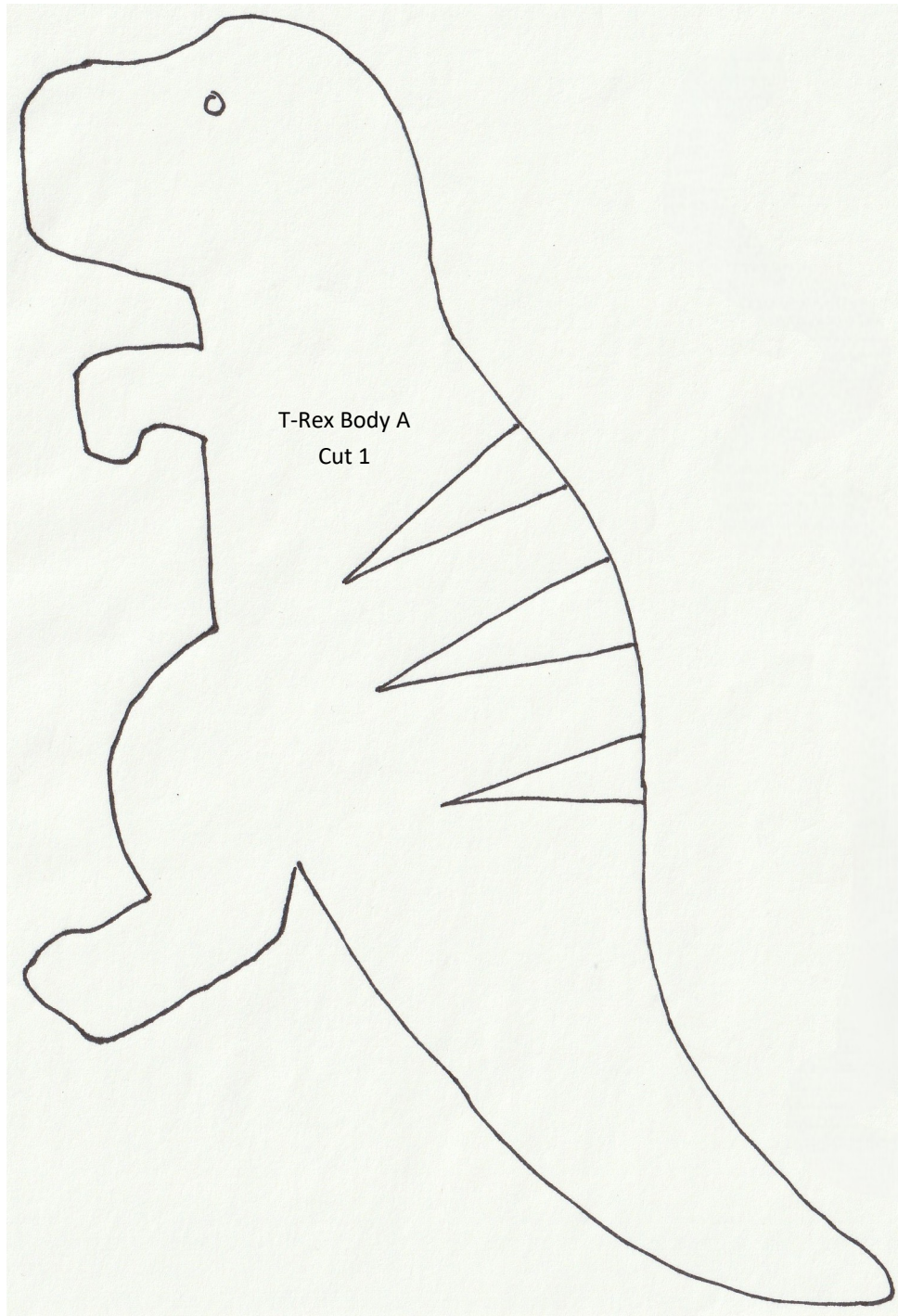
Because the Tuatara is small you will need to stuff each leg and the head and tail as you stitch. It will be too fiddly to stuff it at the end.

To finish your Tuatara, stitch claws onto each foot and two eyes onto the bulges on each side of the head using contrasting thread. Don't forget to stitch a hint of a 'third eye' towards the back of the head in the middle.



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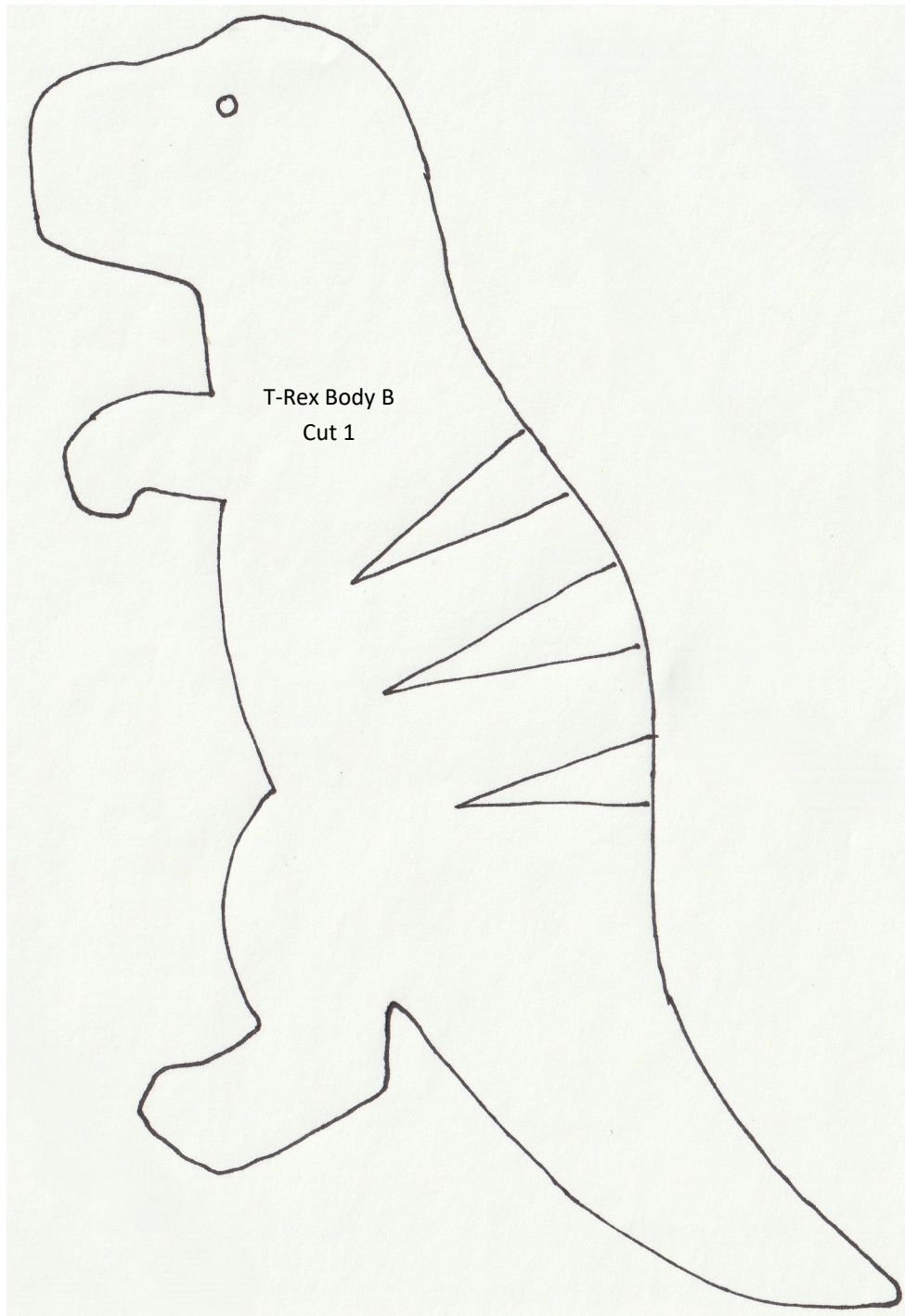
Tyrannosaurus Rex





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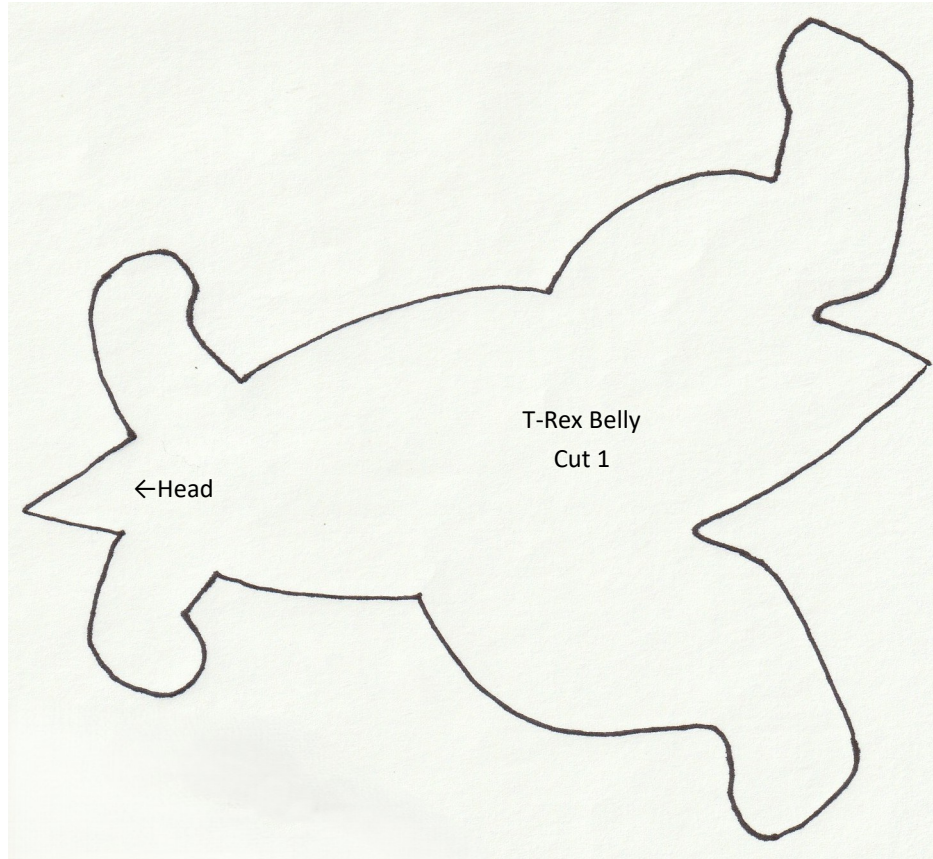
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To finish your Tyrannosaurus Rex:

When stuffing your T-Rex, be sure to stuff the tail heavily to help balance the weight of the body and head.

After you have stitched your T-Rex together, glue the three stripes over the top of the T-Rex's back as shown in the picture.