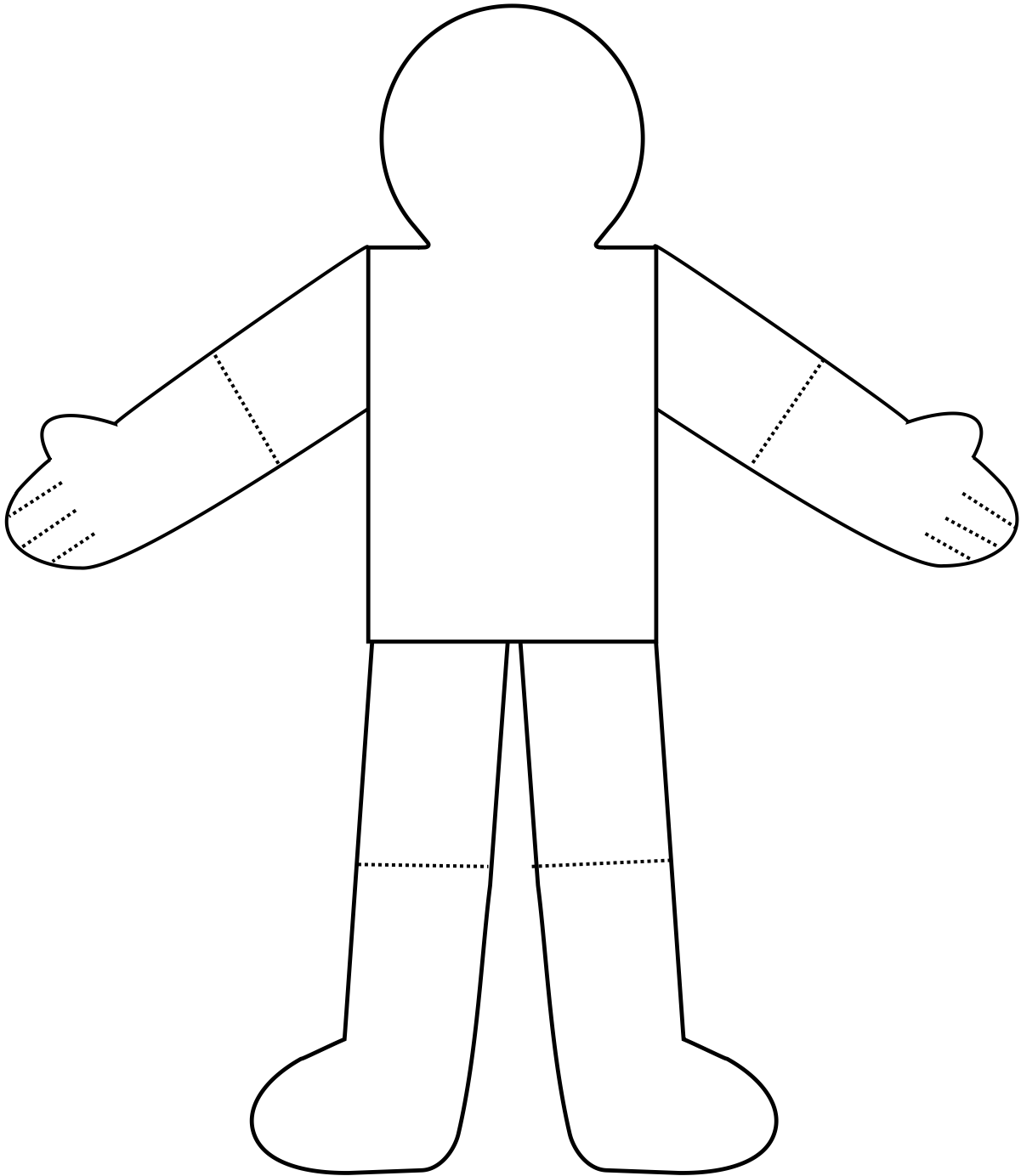


How to...

Basic Rag Doll Tutorial

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make a simple rag doll

Step
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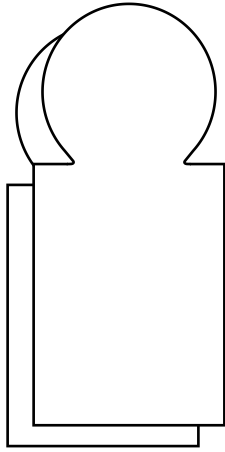


Diagram 1

Cut out the body:

Cut 2 of the body on the fold.

Open up the pieces so that right sides facing.

You should have what is shown in *Diagram 1*.

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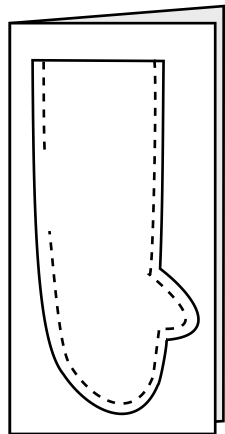


Diagram 2

Make two arms:

Trace arm shapes onto smaller rectangles of fabric.

Stitch around where shown, in *Diagram 2*.

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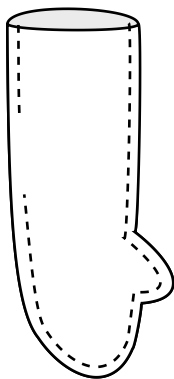


Diagram 3

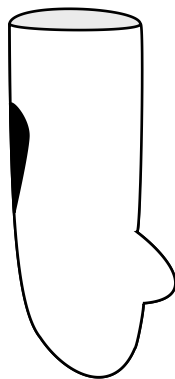


Diagram 4

Cut out, on traced line, clipping curves, as shown in *Diagram 3*.

Turn right side out (*Diagram 4*). Note the hole that will be used for stuffing.

Repeat for second arm.

Step
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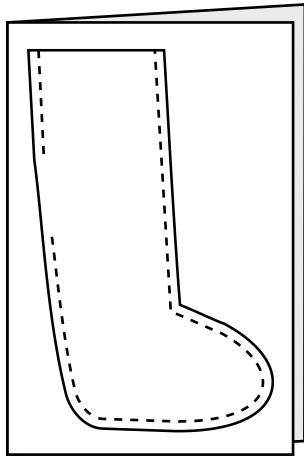


Diagram 5

Make two legs:

Trace leg shapes onto smaller rectangles of fabric.

Stitch around where shown, in *Diagram 5*.

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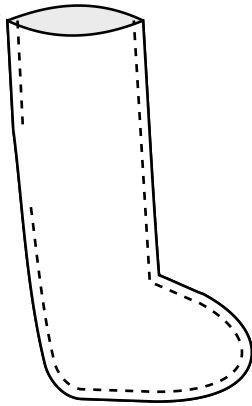


Diagram 6



Diagram 7

Cut out, on traced line, clipping curves, as shown in *Diagram 6*.

Turn right side out (*Diagram 7*). Note the hole that will be used for stuffing.

Repeat for second leg.

Step
6.

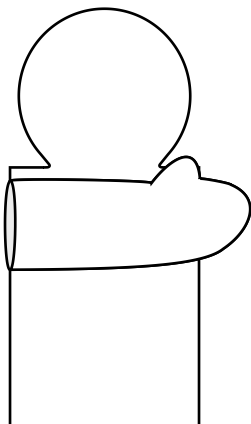


Diagram 8

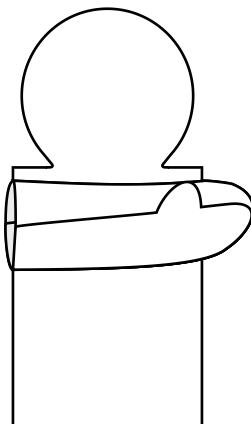


Diagram 9

Attach arms and legs:

Align the arm seams so they match the body (*Diagram 8*), or so they intersect the body (*Diagram 9*).

The choice is yours! 😊

**Step
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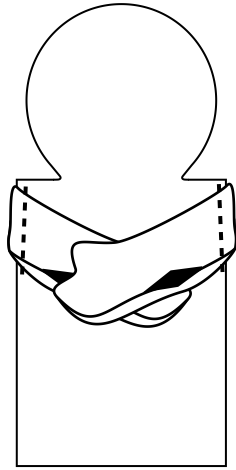


Diagram 10

Pin arms inside body, aligning with marks on shoulders.

Stitch as close to the edge as possible, where shown, in **Diagram 10**.

**Step
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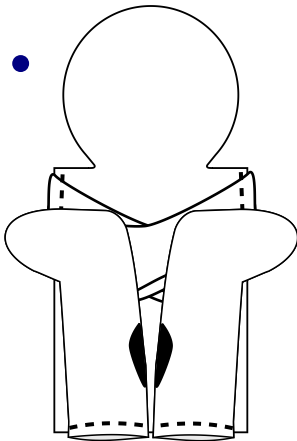


Diagram 11

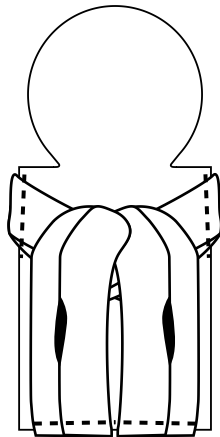


Diagram 12

Pin legs onto body, aligning the leg seams so they match the body (**Diagram 11**), or so they intersect the body (**Diagram 12**).

The choice is yours - if you want the feet facing forward, choose the option in **Diagram 12**.

**Step
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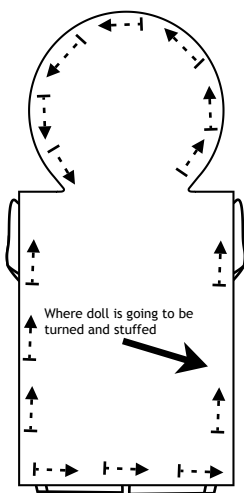


Diagram 13

Pin second body piece over the arms and legs so they are sandwiched between, as shown in **Diagram 13**.

The big arrow is pointing to where the doll body is going to be turned, stuffed and sewn.

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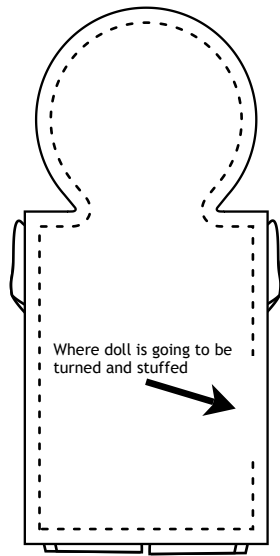


Diagram 14

Stitch right around as shown in **Diagram 14**.

Turn right side out.

Stuff arms - hand stitch seams closed with a blind or slip stitch.

Stuff legs - hand stitch seams closed with a blind or slip stitch.

Stuff body - hand stitch seam closed with a blind or slip stitch.

Step
11.

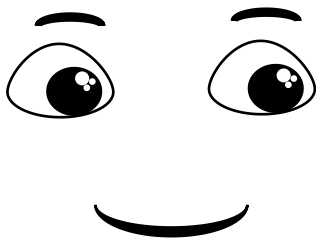


Diagram 15

The Face:

Draw, paint or embroider the facial features.

Diagram 15 is just an example and by no means do you have to use this face. 😊

Step
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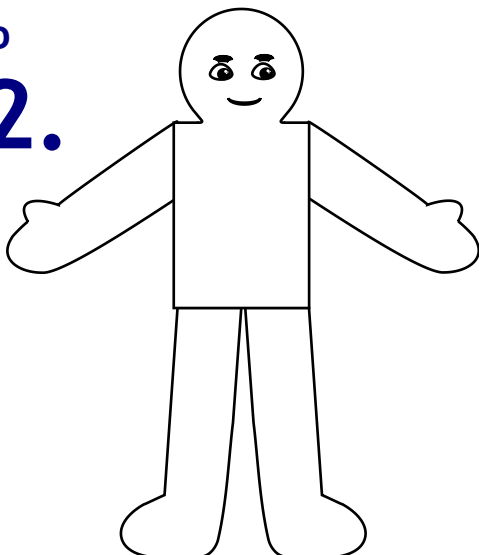


Diagram 16

The final rag doll:

This diagram gives an approximation of what the dolls' shape will be.

You can adjust the angle of the arms and legs.

You can also use the optional stitching for elbow and knee joints, as well as for representing fingers.

Optional:

Hand- or machine-stitch lines where elbows and knees would be for a more articulated doll.

Hand- or machine-stitch lines to represent individual fingers.