



So you want to make a monster?

Well first let us take a moment to thank you for helping us meet our goal and spread a little monster happiness around, we REALLY appreciate it!

XOXO Ben, Sam and Ray

Now stop putzin' around and lets get to work!

FIRST, get some fabric. Here at Monster HQ we typically use fleece, both anti-pill and blizzard fleece. We have also been known to use flannel and some other sweet recycled fabrics. HOWEVER remember the fabric should be soft!

Monster Rule No. 1 If you don't want to snuggle with it no one else will...most likely.

Your monster is made up of 6 parts:



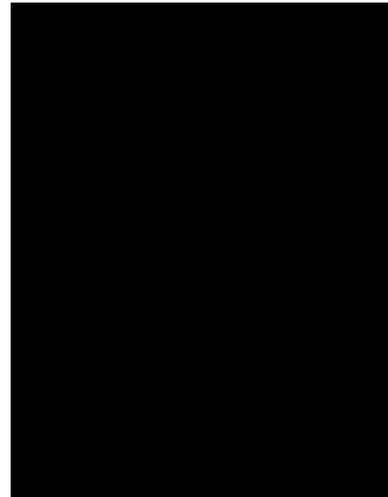
HEAD - 9" x 4"



MOUTH - 9" x 1.5"



BODY - 9" x 5"



BACK - 10" x 11.5"



ARMS&LEGS - 2.25" x 3"



TEETH - 1.25" x 2"

*as many as you think your monster needs
BUT he/she is a monster so he does need
atleast one*

Let's get all those pieces cut and ready. Once you have that done move on to the next page.

Those arms, legs and teeth are INCREDIBLE, well done!

Welcome to page three!

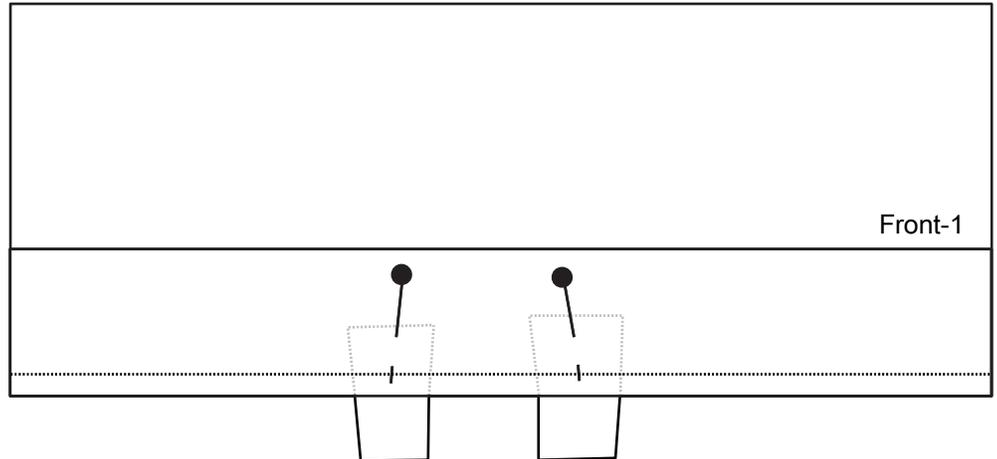
Now we are going to put the front of the monster together. Grab your head and your mouth. Put them together, again, right sides facing. BUT WAIT don't sew them together yet. Stick your teeth/tooth in there, and pin them into place. You will only want to stick them about half way in so half of your each on is still hanging out. It should look like Front-1 below.

EYE ALERT!

If you are planning to use buttons for your eyes you may want to sew them on before putting all the pieces together.

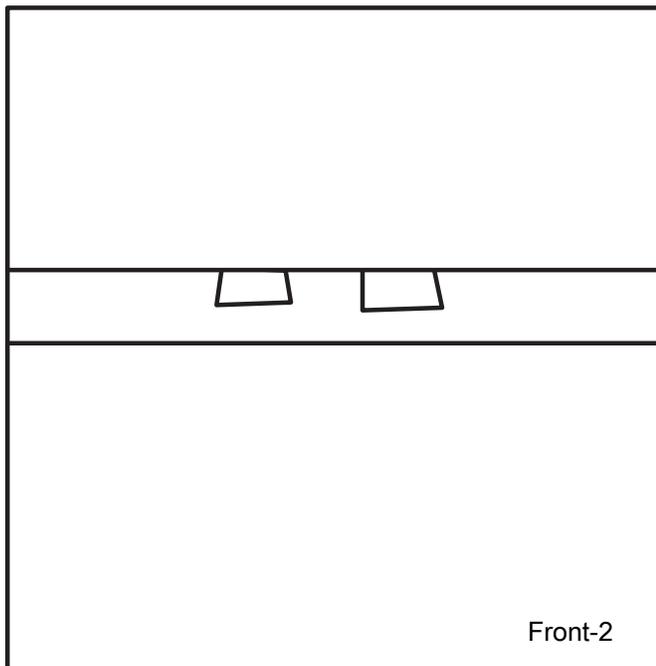
OR atleast before sewing the back on.

See eye placement on pg 6



Once you have the teeth pinned in the way you would like using a 1/4" seem allowance sew the mouth, head and teeth together, now you can trim those teeth down.

NEXT grab the body. You are going to use a 1/4" seem allowance and attach it to the bottom of the mouth. So right sides together, 1/4" and go... When you are done with that step it should look like Front-2.



HOW DID YOU DO? GOOD?

Of course you did, next page PLEASE...

TOOTH WARNING!

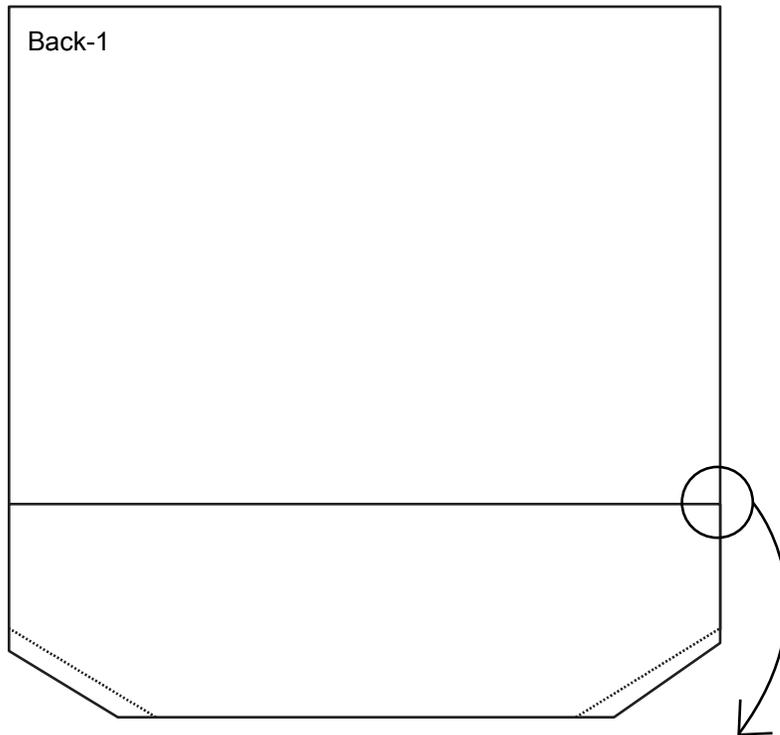
Sew the teeth in so that approx .5-.75" is showing when done. See that sample (Front-2) it should look like that, you are the best thanks!

THE BACK AND BUTT!

HEHE BUTT :)

Right now the fabric for your back is probably/should be 9" wide by 11.5" tall. The first thing we are going to do is add a couple little darts to each side. So from the bottom fold it up 3". Then come in 1.5" and up 1.5" on both sides and sew a straight stitch. Make sure to go completely off the bottom fold if you don't you will have a hole in your butt and who wants a hole in your butt??

Once you have sewn the darts trim off the extra on the corners. when you are done it should look like Back-1.



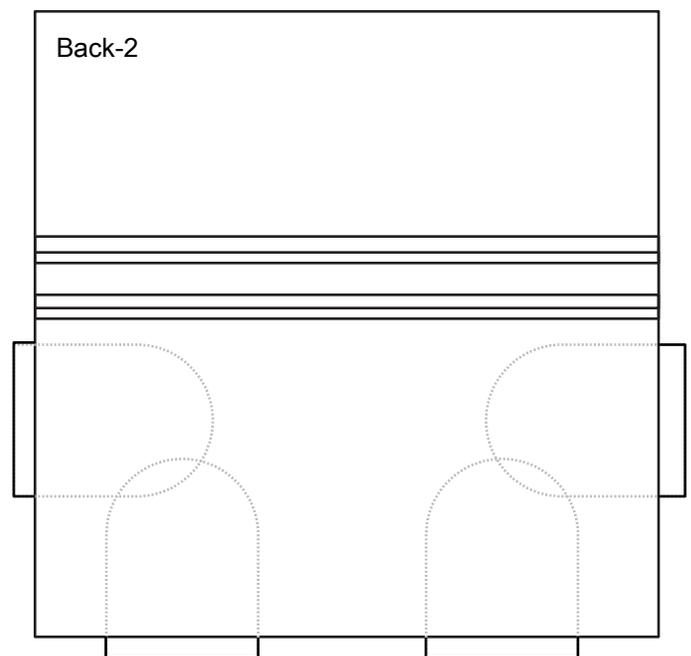
In the Next step you need to fold this end down. It should line up with the bottom fold.

We are almost done all we need to do is sew it all together now. The first thing to do is to take the back and fold down the fabric so that you are looking at all the right side. Make sense? Take a look at the side illustration on Back-2.

Next lay the front on top, right sides facing of course.

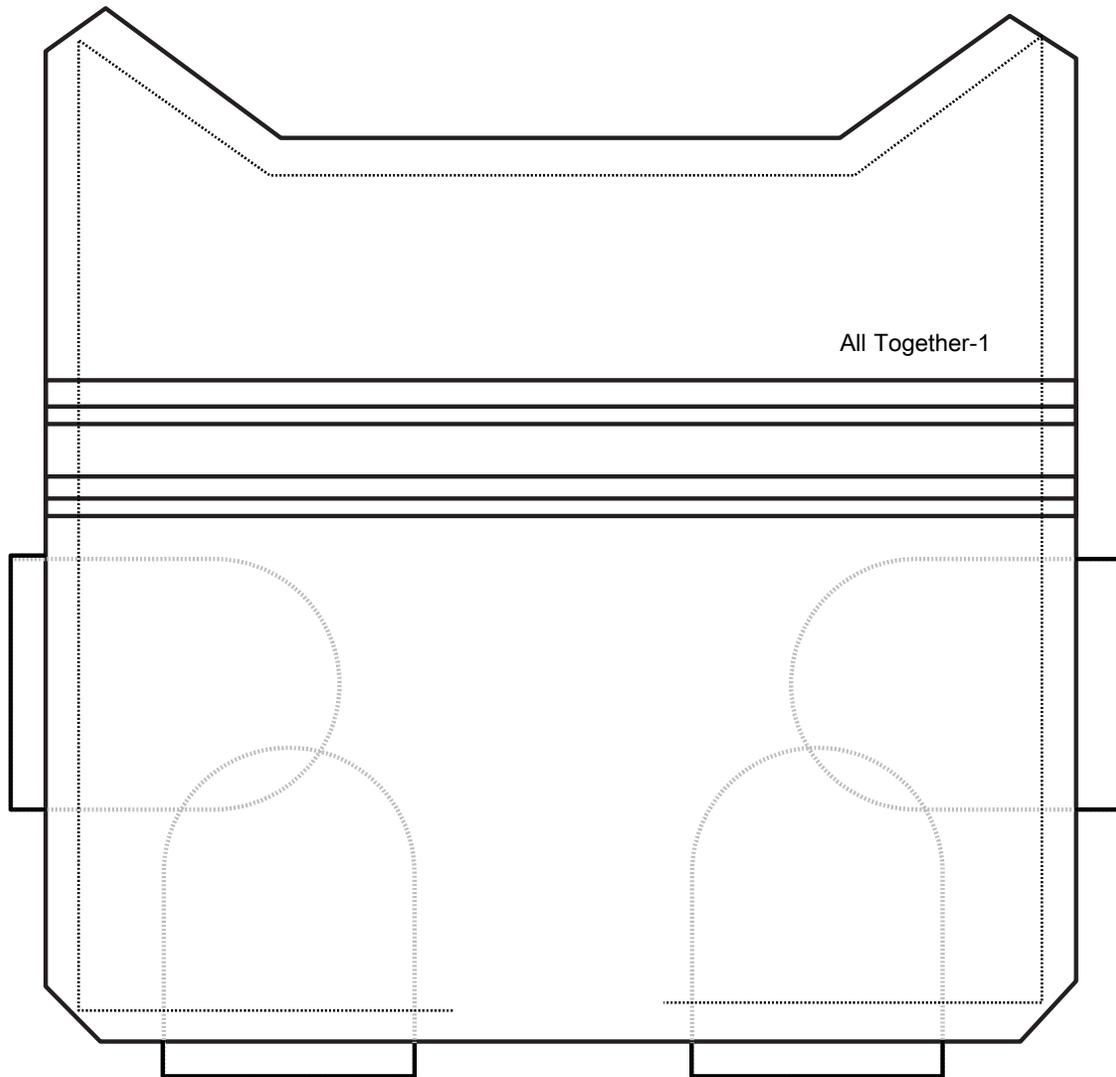
Before you start pinning them together put your arms and legs inside. Leave a little hanging out so everything gets sewn together. Once that is done it should be similar to Back-2.

Now that you have the arms and legs in there start pinning, once that is done head on over to page 5.



ALL TOGETHER!

OK, all pinned and ready to go! Now you are going to sew all the pieces together. Using a 1/4 allowance sew all the way around the monster. BUT at the top make sure to give him/her some horns. You can make them as long or as short as you would like. Make sure to leave a spot unsewn between the legs so you have enough space to stuff and sew 'em up. Once you have stitched all around notch the edges and notch the allowance where the ears meet the head. You should have something that looks like All Together-1

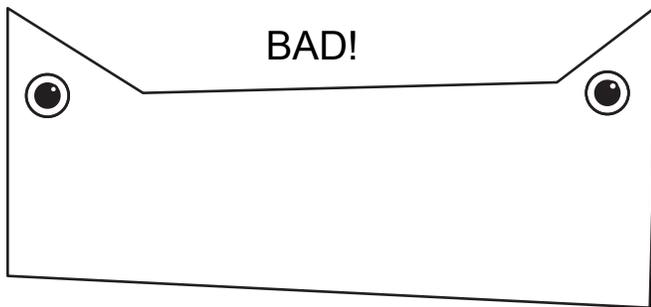


NOW THE FUN PART! Flip this guy right side out and see what ya got!

EYES and EYE PLACEMENT

Now before you go stuffin' this guy make sure you add them eyes. At Monster HQ we mostly use the washer backed animal eyes. You can pick these up at most hobby/fabric stores. OR you can use buttons if you are going to use buttons hopefully you saw the EYE ALERT on page 3, because it is easier to add those when you do not have the back on. However it is not impossible to add them at this point. It will just take a little longer.

The only thing to keep in mind when adding the eyes especially when using the washer backed animal eyes is that you do not want to put them too close to the horns. The stuffing does not always fill those up and because if that if the eyes are too close you can feel the posts on the back of the eyes. SO lets keep those eyes away from the horns!



PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE no matter what type of eye you use please make sure they are securely fastened. We MUST check all of the eyes and if they are not securely on we cannot ship them to their final destination. AND that would make us sad ;(

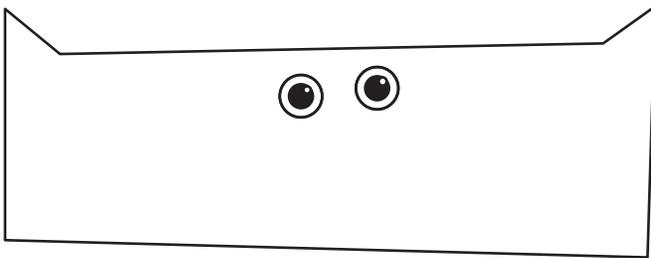
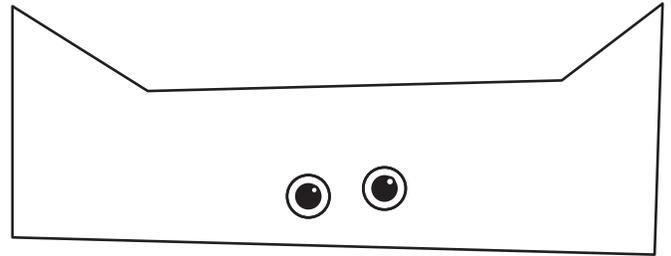
Now get some poly-fil and stuff this puppy!

You can get Poly-Fil at most hobby/fabric stores. Each monster should have 4.5 - 5oz of stuffing.

You may think as you are stuffing "WOW I am a good stuffer, I was able to stuff it using 1oz." WHOA PARTNER, as we have said several times, YOU ARE AWESOME, but lets add a little more stuffing to that guy. The stuffing does compress a bit over time so it is better to start off with a little more than you think you need. That way when he reaches his final destination you monster will be perfect.

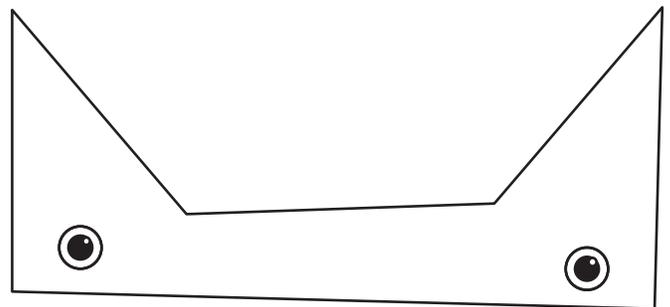
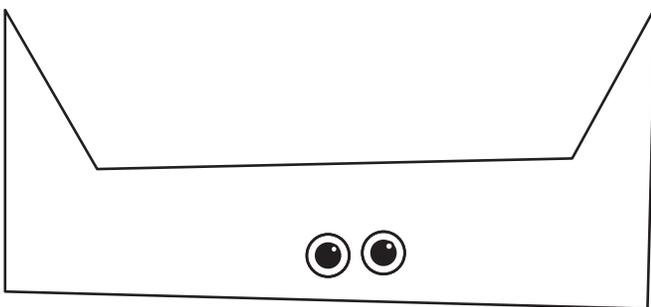
SAMPLES

Here are a few samples of eye placement and horns...



Want longer horns?

Use the body for the head and the head for the body and you can make your horns longer.



For more examples visit our web site and facebook page to have a look around:

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FINISHED?

You are AWESOME!

Now grab a box package your monster(s) up and ship them to Monster HQ:

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Please have those awesome monsters sewn up, packed and shipped to us on December 6th. That way we can get them delivered in time for the holidays. If for some reason you cannot get them finished and shipped off on the 6th just let us know so we can plan appropriately.

Once you finish your monster(s) please email us at amonstertolove@gmail.com and let us know how many you completed and will be shipping so that on Friday night (December 6th) we can let everyone know how many monsters we completed.

If you could send us photos of your monsters and maybe you sewing/working on monsters that would be great, we will post them on our site...with your permission of course. Or just visit and post your photos on our facebook page. [facebook.com/amonstertolove](https://www.facebook.com/amonstertolove)

If you have any questions shoot us an email and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

AGAIN thanks for your help, we really appreciate it!

XOXO
Ben, Sam and Ray

Feel free to make more monsters to give away, we just ask that you not use these instructions to make monsters to sell. That would not be cool at all. But giving a monster away to your friends, family and even complete strangers is super cool, like super hero cool. SO BE A SUPER HERO and give that guy away, then let us know, take a photo or something, we may even send you a super cool monster certificate or something that you can show your friends, family and complete strangers just how super cool you are!