

Monster Mania

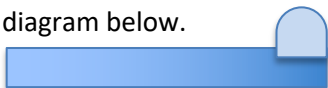


Lets see how creative you can be with bits and pieces you may find in your mum/dads stash.

The funkier the better so don't be frightened to mix up your fabrics, colours, trims and even patterns pieces. Enjoy just having fun!

Method

- To create your monster, you first need to decide what fabrics you are going to choose and then what style you want. I have given you the basic pattern but you can be as creative as you wish.
- Feel free to change things up a bit and make the arms a little longer, use the horns for hands or hands to make ears. You may even want to add hair instead. You may even want give your monster some legs. The choice is yours so let your creativity run wild.
- Cut out the pattern pieces you need to make your monster . If you want to make any modifications, trace the pattern piece onto a blank piece of paper and make the necessary changes.
- To make legs, draw a rectangle 4cm x 16cm and add the hand pattern to one end to make a foot as seen in the diagram below.



Material List

- Scraps of fabric/ colours of your choice
- Threads to match
- Size 80 Universal or Jeans needle
- Fibre filler
- Buttons, eyes, ribbons and trims
- ¼" Foot #37 for seams
- Open toe Embroidery Foot #20 for applique
- Vliesofix for appliquéing eyes
- Wool for hair (optional)
- Hand sewing needle

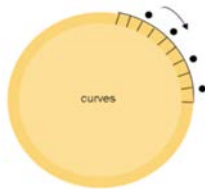
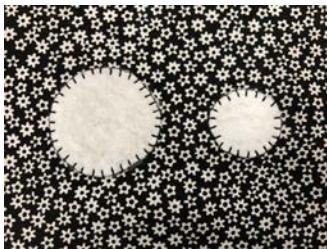


- For Eyes- trace pattern onto the smooth side of vliesofix. Iron Vliesofix onto the wrong side of your fabric, being careful with the iron. Cut out shapes and put aside.
- Set up your machine with a new needle and thread up with colours of your choice.
- All pattern pieces have a ¼" seam allowance so attach ¼" foot #37 but you could also use your standard foot and move your needle position to the right to create a ¼" seam (6mm)
- Lets start with the simplest pieces first, the hands. You will need 4 pieces all together to make a pair.
- Place right sides together.
- Stitch around both hands, securing at the beginning and end.
- Clip around the curves making sure not to clip the stitching. It helps if you have a nice sharp pair of scissors.
- Turn through to the right side and press.
- Do the same to the horns and legs if you have any.
- Fill all pieces with stuffing but do not over fill.

- Join head and body, right sides together, reversing at beginning and end.
- Press seam down toward the body.
- Place eyes into desired position and iron to secure.



- Attach Open Embroidery Foot #20 and select Blanket Stitch W-2.5 L-1
- Blanket stitch around both eyes and make sure you engage needle down to make pivoting around the curves a lot easier.
- **Note:** Always pivot with needle down in the right hand position.



- To create the pupils, you can either use a button or some fun googly eyes. If you are bit more adventurous, there are lots of fun stitches you can use with the single pattern feature so that you sew out just one pattern.

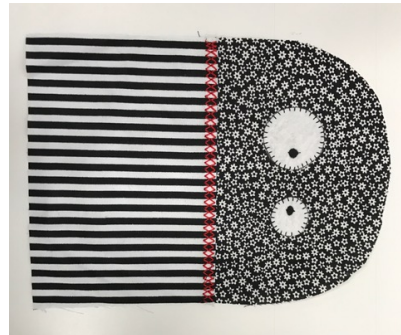


- Change top thread to a nice bright colour.
- Select a fun decorative stitch



- You may want to test a few on a scrap of fabric before you sew to see which one you like most.
- Place inside edge of foot along seam line and sew to the end.

Note: Start a little bit in from the edge at the fabric when beginning for better feeding of fabric.



- Position hands, horns and legs if you are adding them in the correct position on the body front as shown on the pattern.
- If attaching legs, find the centre of the body base and position legs to either side.
- For hair – use multiple stands of wool or yarn at the top of the head. It can be cut or plaited or braided, depending on the desired effect.
- Pin everything into position.
- Select Straight Stitch and attach Foot #37.
- Stitch into place using a slightly smaller seam allowance.
- This is so the stitching wont be seen when you attach the back.



- Place front and back pieces right sides together and pin.
- Start at the base approx. 3cm in from bottom edge.

- Sew all the way around the body and finish 3cm in from opposite side.

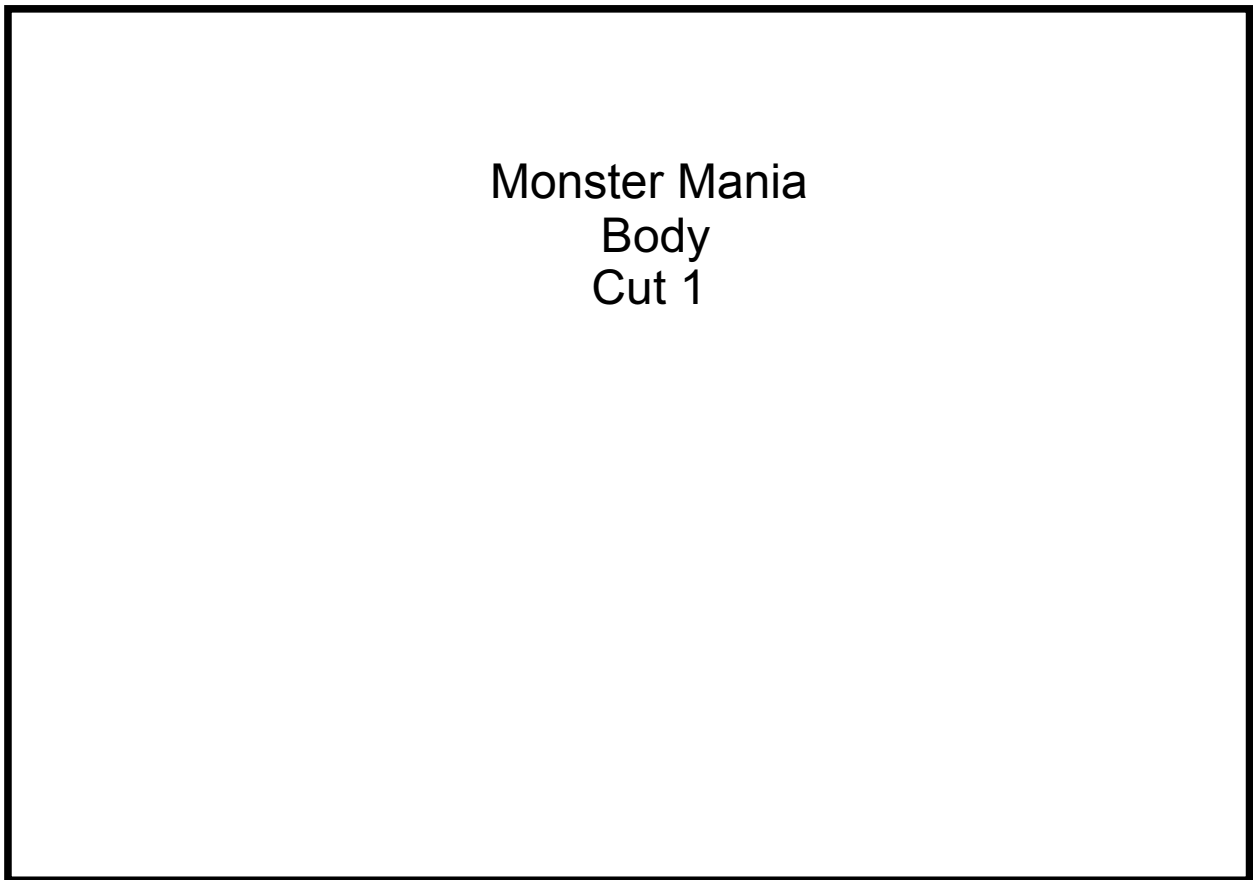
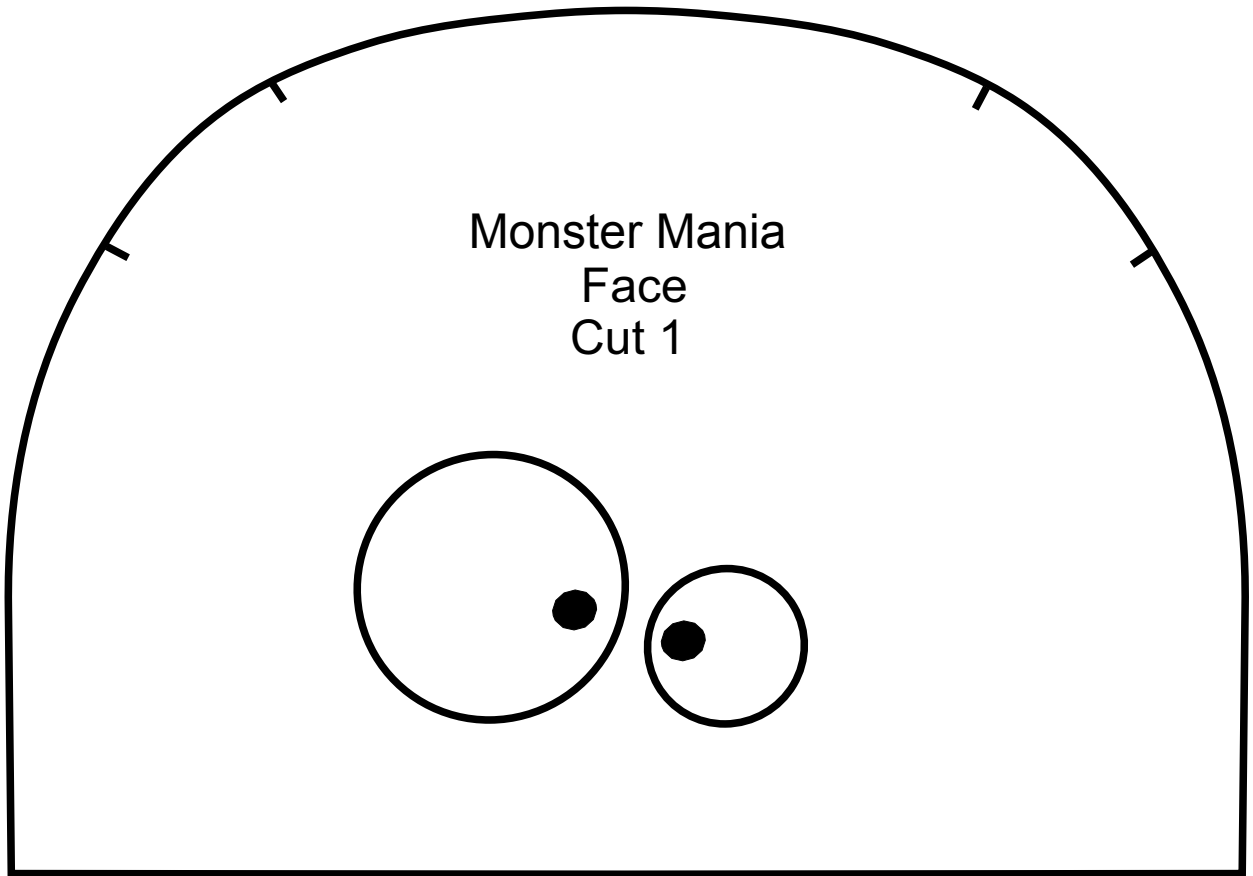


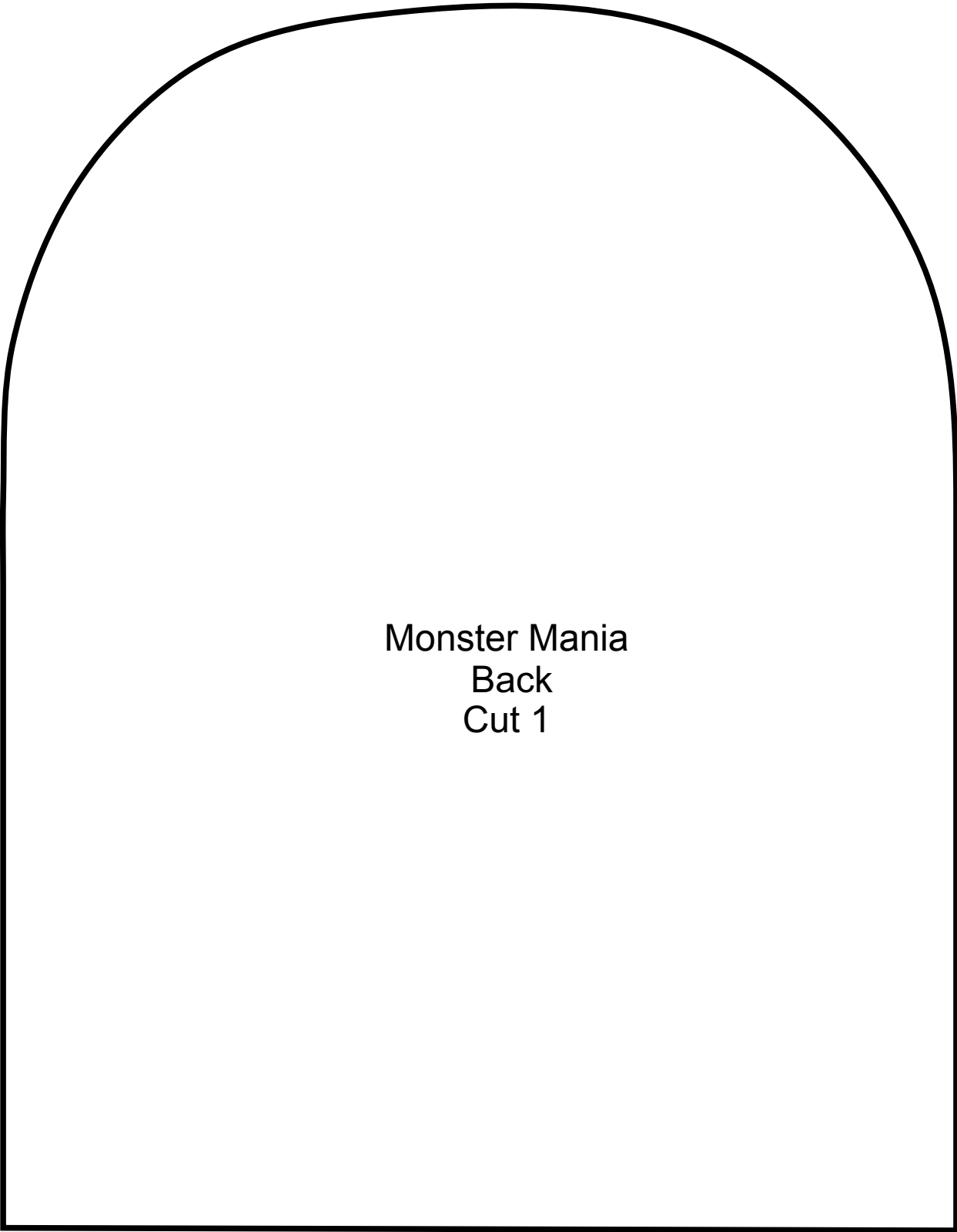
- Box the corners by opening seams.
- Use the 2cm mark on your stitch plate as a guide for the depth.
- Stitch both sides.



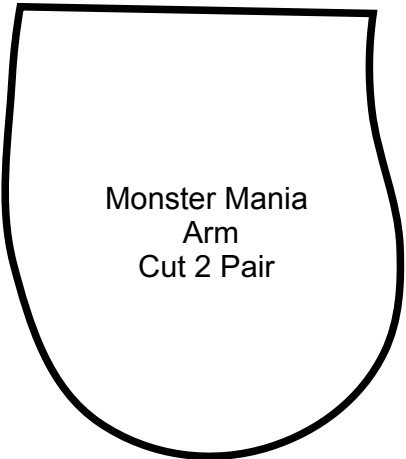
- Clip around the curves of the head.
- Turn through to the right side.
- Your monster is now ready to be filled with stuffing.
- Hand sew the opening and attach any other bits and pieces such as a nose, a tongue or some funky buttons or patches.
- Now you have created your own little Monster or Monsterette. And it's time to give it a name.
- You even want to make a few more or make one for a friend and send it to them in the mail to brighten up their day.



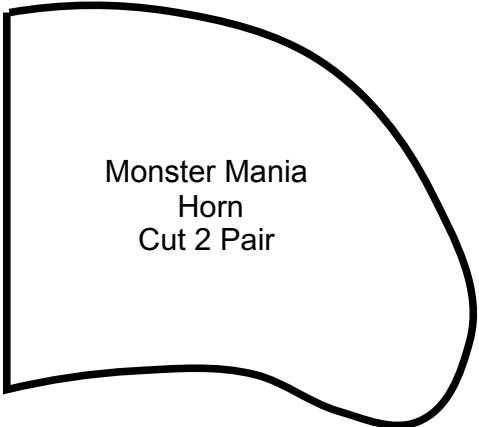




Monster Mania
Back
Cut 1



Monster Mania
Arm
Cut 2 Pair



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Horn
Cut 2 Pair