

Turtle Pillow

Fabric Required: Use soft, colorful fabric like that used for quilts. Flannel or fleece is ideal or soft woven cottons. There are several different variations for the turtle that you may choose. Here is the fabric yardage separated so that you may mix and match prints to coordinate your turtle.

45" wide – 1/2 yard for complete shell

You will need 2 turtle bodies for a complete turtle:

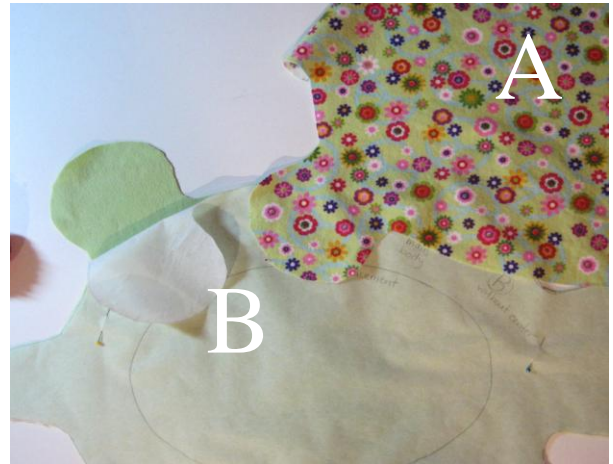
1 yard for 2 turtle bodies if you want your turtle the same on top and bottom

or 2/3 yard for one turtle body in each of 2 coordinating prints.

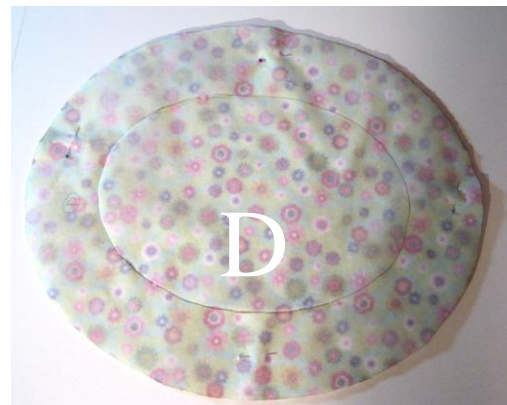
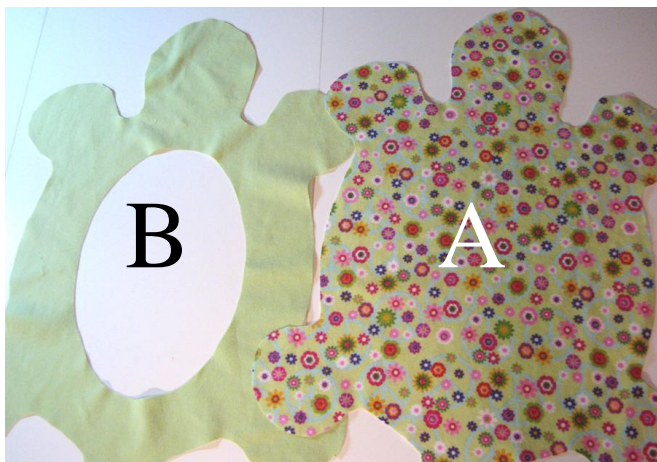
58" wide – 2/3 yard for 2 turtle bodies

1/2 yard for up to 2 complete shells

Lay out your 2 fabrics one on top of the other if you are making the body out of 2 coordinating fabrics. If not then just cut 2 bodies from the one fabric. Cut 2 main bodies creating pieces A and B.



Cut the center out of B. Cut 2 ovals creating D pieces from the pattern piece provided. Mark dots on all pieces before you cut them out so that you will be able to match them up later.



Cut the center out of both D pieces. Use one of the small ovals for piece C. Mark dots onto all pieces so that you will be able to match them up later. With right sides together and matching your dots sew the D pieces together along the outer edge in a 1/4 inch seam.



Turn, press and top stitch 1/4 inch along the outer edge on the seam you have just sewn.

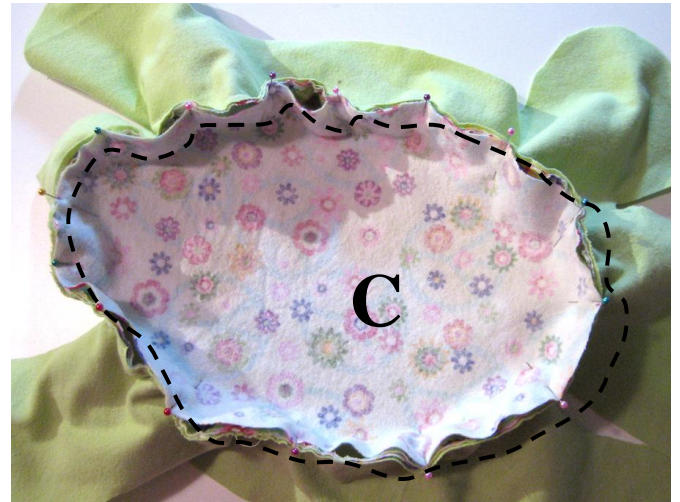
Lay the completed piece D over the front of piece B matching the dots. Sew the three edges together around the oval opening with a basting stitch (leave the thread ends long because you will be gathering slightly in the next step. This creates a unified piece, which is easier to work with in the next step.



This is a good time to think about the turtle's eyes. If you are embroidering the eyes or using safety buttons you will need to put them on while the head is a single layer before you sew the turtle together.



Lay piece C face down inside the unified B/D piece, which is also lying face down. PULL UP the oval edges to match the front sides of the fabric RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER, matching your dots. Pin. Ease fabric by pulling and gathering the basting stitch in the previous step. Sew a 1/4 inch seam.



Now you have a completed top which can now be sewn onto the underside of the turtle, piece A, using a 1/4 inch seam with right sides together. Fold the outer edge of the shell out of the way so you don't catch it in your stitching. Leave an opening on the side of the turtle for turning and stuffing later.



Turn right side out and press. Top stitch each foot in 3 places starting at the outer edge and stitching toward the center to make the toes. You're all done!

