

Simple Turtle Pillow

This simpler method is approved by the
Painted Turtle Camp.

Using the pattern provided:

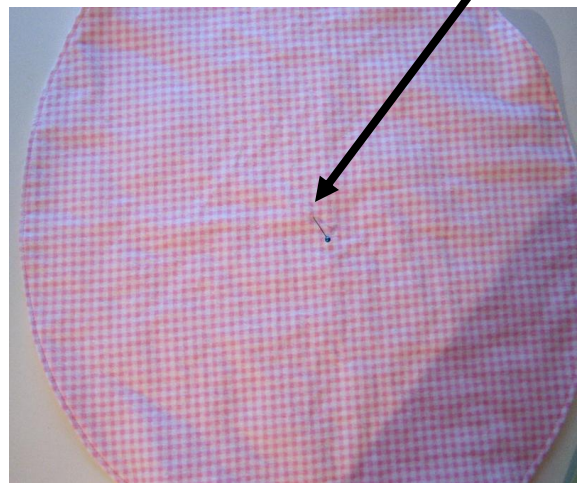
Cut 2 along the outer line for the shell.



Cut 2 for the body.



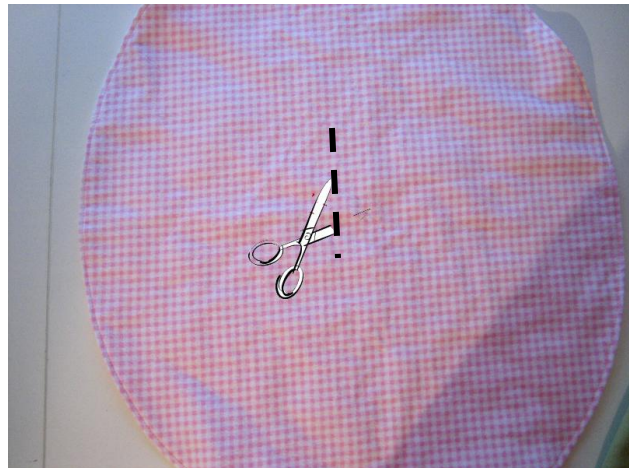
On the underside or wrong side of one of the turtle bodies, trace or mark the inner circle from the pattern. Also find the center and mark that at this time. Mark the center of the shell.



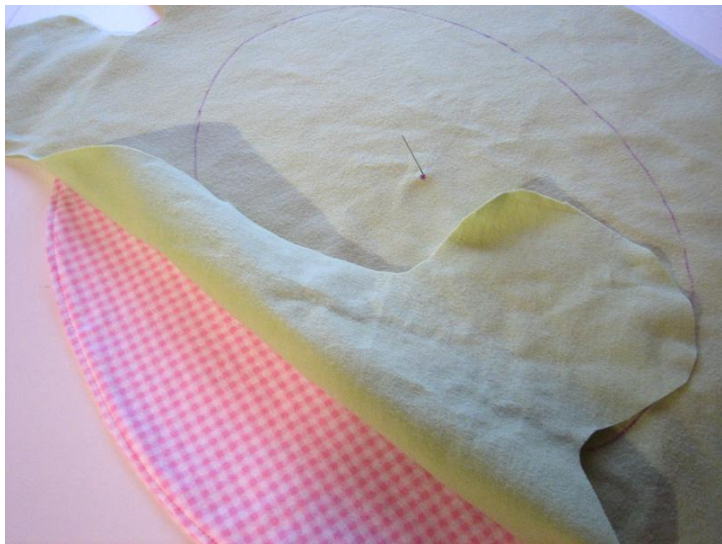
Take the 2 shell pieces and stitch all the way around with right sides together.



Cut a small slit in only one of the shells at the center and pull through so it's right side out. Press and topstitch all the way around.



Match the centers of the shell and the body carefully with the right side of the turtle body facing the side of the shell that has the slit. Pin them together and stitch around the oval that you have marked on the bottom (wrong side) of the turtle body. This will attach the shell to the body and hide the slit that you made in the shell.



This might be a good time to attach eyes (or before you attach the shell). You can embroider eyes, appliqué or draw them on. Remember that buttons may make good eyes but may come off and become choking hazards.



Now all you need to do is fold the shell out of the way and place the other body piece right side down on top of this body/shell piece. Stitch all the way around leaving a few inches open on the side for turning. Turn, press. You're all done!