

Turtle Plushie - Printable Sewing Pattern

FREE FELT SOFT TOY PATTERN

Print at 100% / Actual Size

What you need

- 2 sheets of felt for the shell
- 2 sheets of felt for the turtle body
- Embroidery floss in coordinating or contrasting colours
- 2 small buttons for eyes
- Paper, pencil, scissors, needle and pins
- Toy filling / fluff
- Optional: a bowl or cup to resize the shell

Cutting list

- Shell: cut 2 from shell felt
- Head: cut 2 from body felt
- Legs: cut 8 from body felt (4 pairs)
- Tail: cut 2 from body felt
- Add the shell design to only one shell piece

Sewing notes

Use blanket stitch around the edges for a visible handmade finish, or use small whip stitches if you prefer a simpler look. Backstitch the shell design onto the right side of one shell piece before assembly. Leave small openings in the head, legs, tail and shell so each section can be lightly stuffed before closing.

Quick assembly

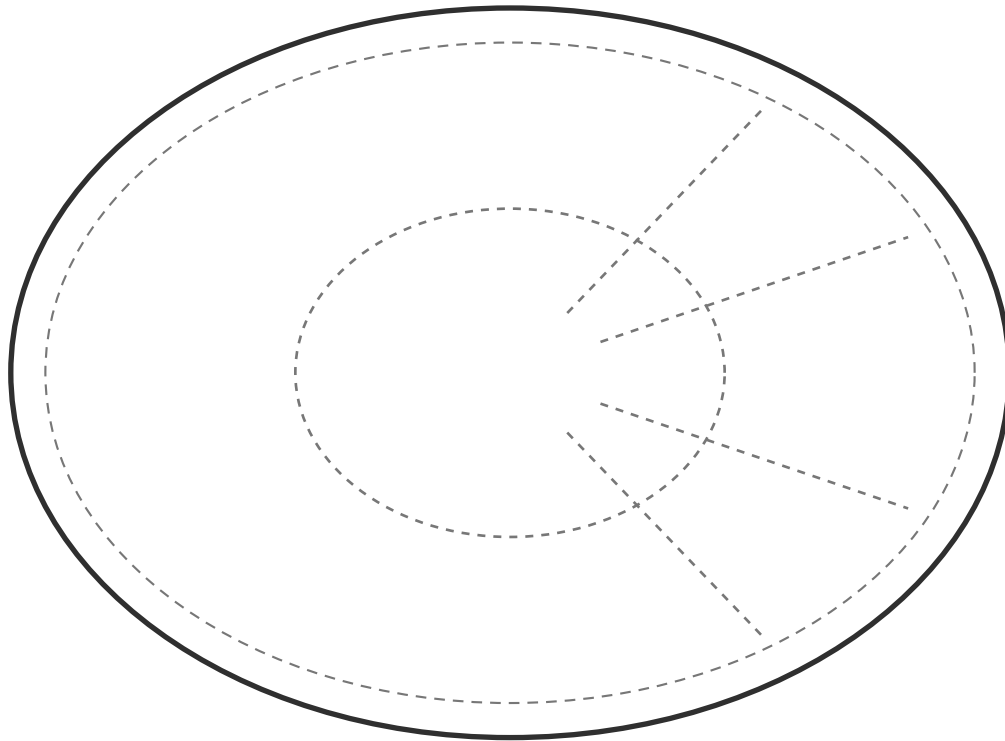
1. Cut all pattern pieces from felt. The shell is the only piece that needs to be a different colour from the body.
2. Backstitch the shell markings onto one shell piece, or draw your own shell design with a removable fabric pencil.
3. Sew button eyes onto one head piece.
4. Blanket stitch around each pair of legs, the tail and the head. Leave a small gap, add a little stuffing, then close.
5. Place the plain shell piece right side up. Position the head, legs and tail around the shell with the eyes facing up, then stitch or baste them in place.
6. Place the decorated shell piece on top. Blanket stitch around the shell, switching to backstitch where the limbs are sandwiched between layers. Leave a small opening, stuff the shell, then close.

Pattern Pieces - Cut On Felt



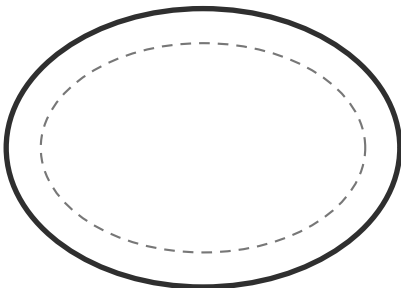
Test square - check before cutting

SHELL



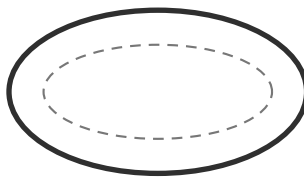
Cut 2 - shell colour. Embroider guide on one only.

HEAD



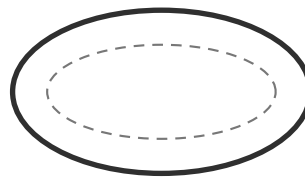
Cut 2 - add eyes to one side

LEG



Cut 8 - four pairs

LEG



Use same piece for all legs

TAIL



Cut 2 - body colour

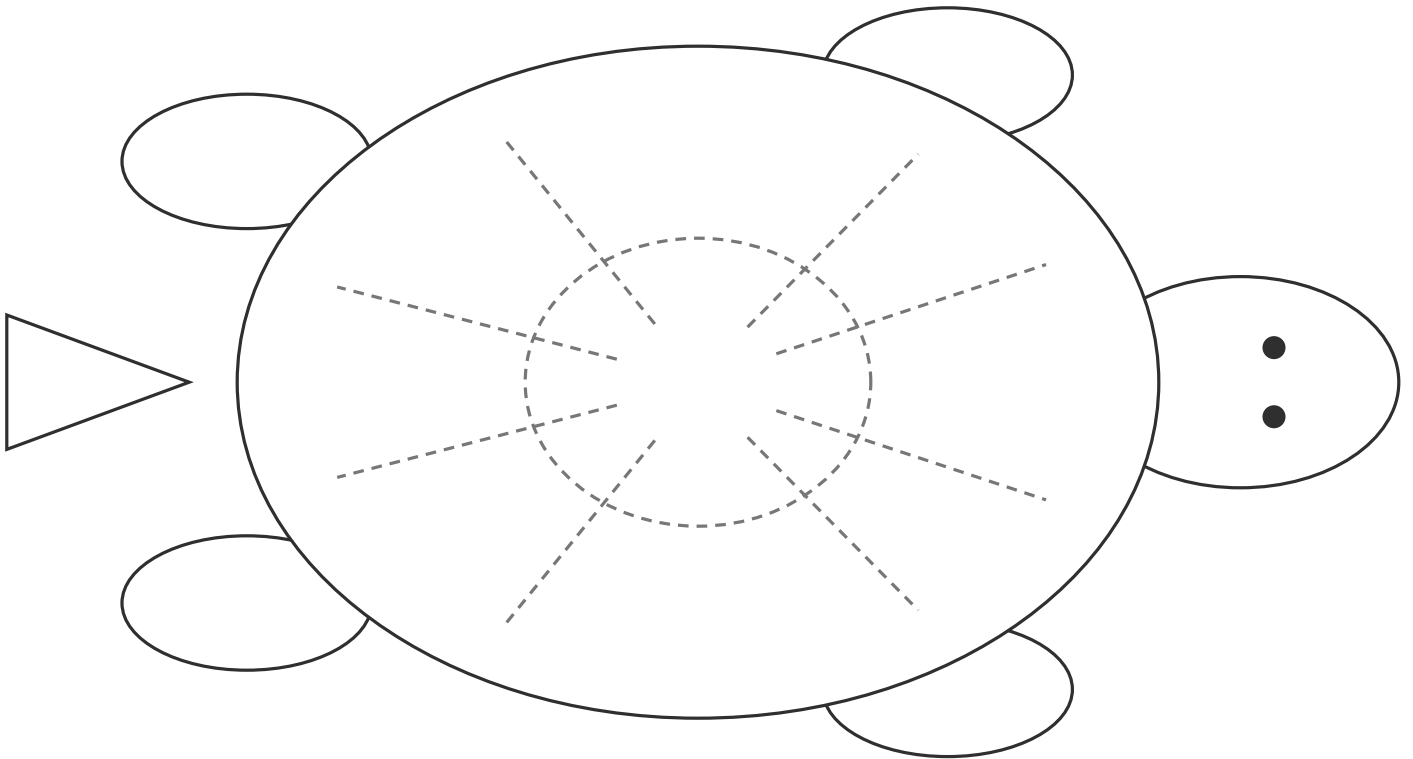
Outer solid line = cut line. Inner dashed line = stitch line / seam guide.

Placement Guide

Layer the body pieces between the two shell pieces

Assembly tips

- Baste the stuffed head, legs and tail to the plain shell piece first.
- Place the decorated shell on top with the embroidery facing out.
- Blanket stitch around the shell. Backstitch across the limb sections.
- Stuff the shell lightly so the turtle stays soft and rounded.



Tip: scale the shell up or down by tracing a bowl rim, then redraw the head, legs and tail to match.