

Dandy Lion

Sew this sunny little character in cheery yellow shades

We love Amanda Walker's friendly feline who is ready to brighten everyone's day!

Stitched from colourful patterned fabrics, he also sports a magnificent mane created from matching yarn. Dandy is a nice compact size, but you may like to scale the templates up and make a larger lion instead.

We used...

- * Fabric, printed, yellow
- * Felt, black
- * Yarn, yellow
- * Toy stuffing
- * Embroidery thread, black

Lion

1 Cut out the pieces from fabric and felt, using the templates as a guide. Stitch the two pairs of legs, right sides together, with a 3mm seam allowance. Make a small cut at the top part of each leg that will sit next to the body. Clip the concave curves of the seam allowance, trimming 'V' shapes. Turn right sides out, tease out the edges, then stuff firmly. Oversew the slits closed.

2 Sew the two pairs of arms, right sides together, leaving the top straight edges open. Clip the seam allowances, turn right sides out, stuff, then machine stitch the gaps closed. Fold the tail in half lengthways, then stitch along the length and around the curve, leaving the straight edge open. Turn right side out and stuff just the end, tapering the filling off as you reach the opening. Stitch the gap closed.

3 Stitch the darts at the top of each body piece, and the base on just one; this will be the front body. Place the tail into the dart on the back piece, then stitch in place. Sew the arms onto the top of the front body. Position the back body over



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the front, right sides together, tucking the tail and the arms inside while you stitch from one side of the neck, all the way round to the opposite side. Turn the body right sides out and stuff firmly.

4 Sew the two pairs of ears together, clip around the curves, turn right sides out and press flat. Match the chin seam of the side head pieces together and stitch. Clip the seam allowance, then press open. Clip the seam allowance on the top head, before joining it to the side pieces, sewing from one side around to the other.

5 Sew the ears to the top part of the head. Stitch the centre back seam of the back head pieces then with the front and back head right

sides together, match and sew from one side of the neck to the other. Turn the head right side out, tease out the edges, and stuff firmly.

6 Place the head over the neck, turn under the raw edges and hand stitch in place. Stitch or stick two felt eyes and the nose in place, then back stitch the mouth. Using strong thread, pass the needle through the top of a leg, then the base side edge of the body, and out on the opposite side. Attach the other leg, stitch back to the opposite side, pull the thread tight and fasten off.


7 Cut a card strip, 6cm x 20cm, plus another, 9cm x 20cm. Wrap yellow yarn around the narrower strip, covering the full length. Lay sticky tape to one side of the centre of the wound yarn, then carefully



Amanda says...

“It’s a good idea to tack the arms into position, then the body pieces to ensure everything stays in place whilst you are stitching”

pull the yarn from the card. Flatten the yarn and machine stitch through the centre. Remove the tape and cut the looped edges. Hand stitch the fringing around the lion’s head behind the ears and under the chin.

8 Wind yarn around the wider strip but don’t fill it; this will be stitched from the base of the neck and over the head behind the first fringe. Make two more short lengths of fringing to fill the remainder of the head. Create one last piece of fringing to fit around the tip of the tail and stitch in place. Trim the tail fringe and the mane to even up. 

Stitch smart

Stuff the lion quite firmly, as this will eliminate any wrinkles in the seams



Both fabrics are from minervacrafts.com



TAKE A LEAF

Try this Lady McElroy Silver Leaf 100% Cotton Lawn in lemon for your lion, £15.99 per metre.



WILD PALMS

The dainty palm print on this Pique Cotton fabric in ochre would also work well, £18.99 per metre.

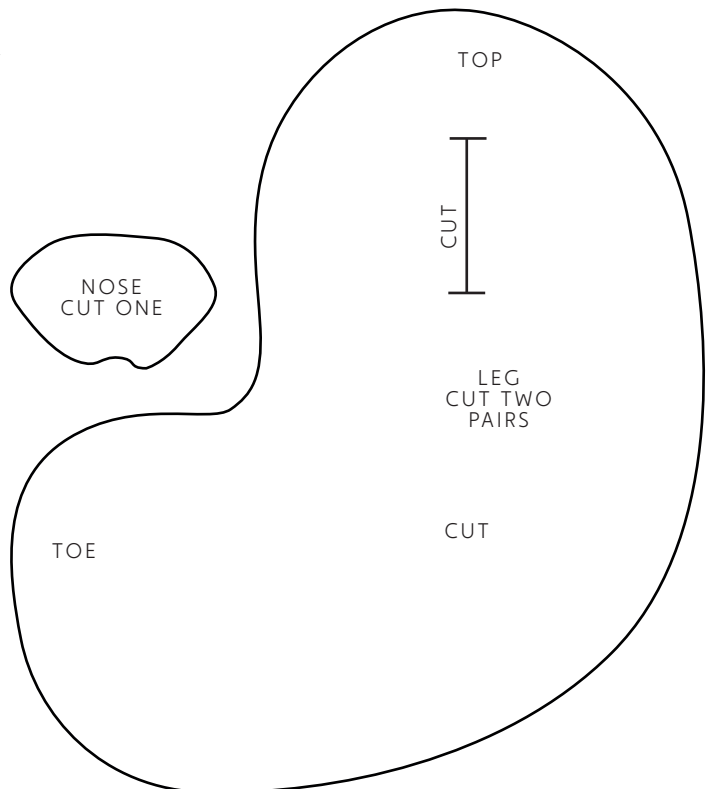
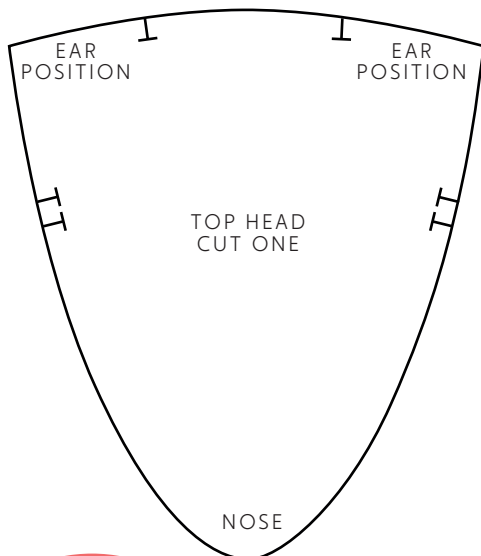
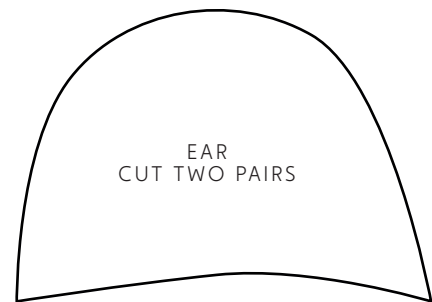
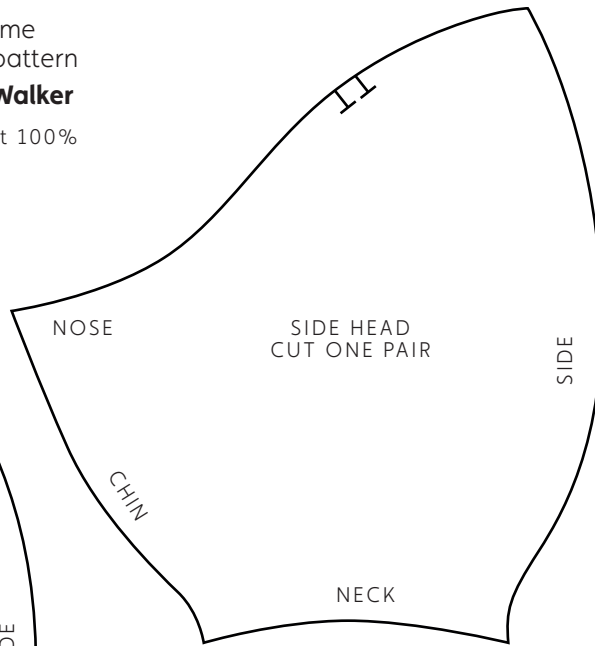
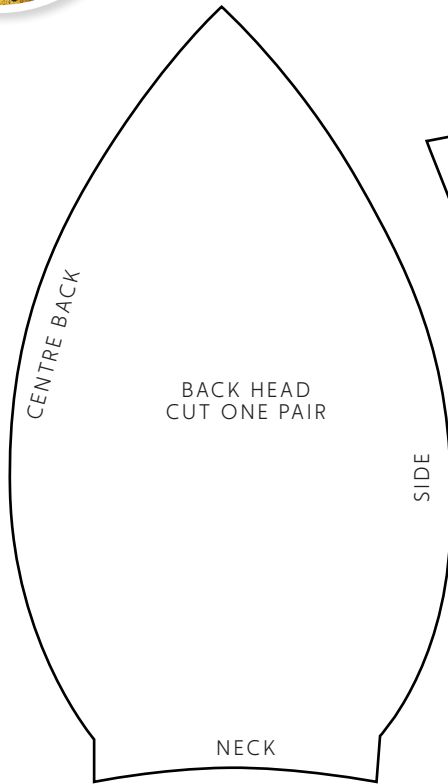


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Whip up this handsome chap with our easy pattern

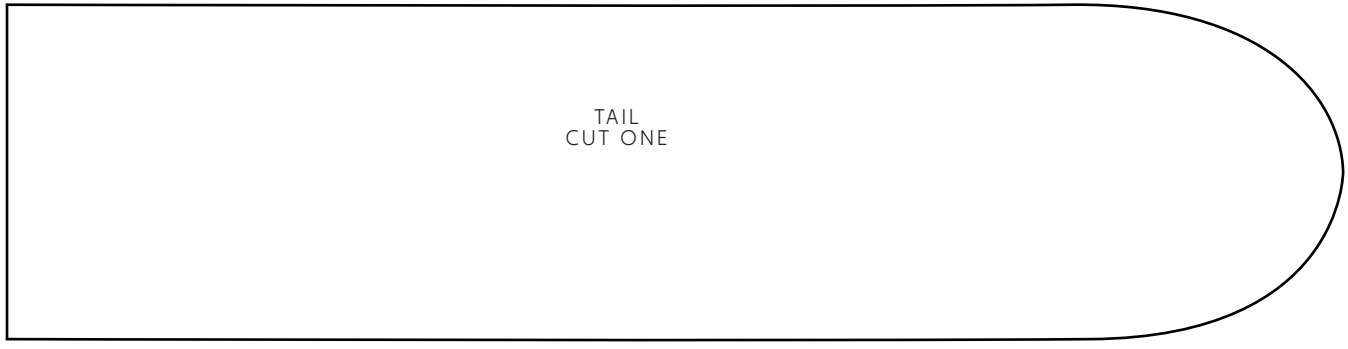
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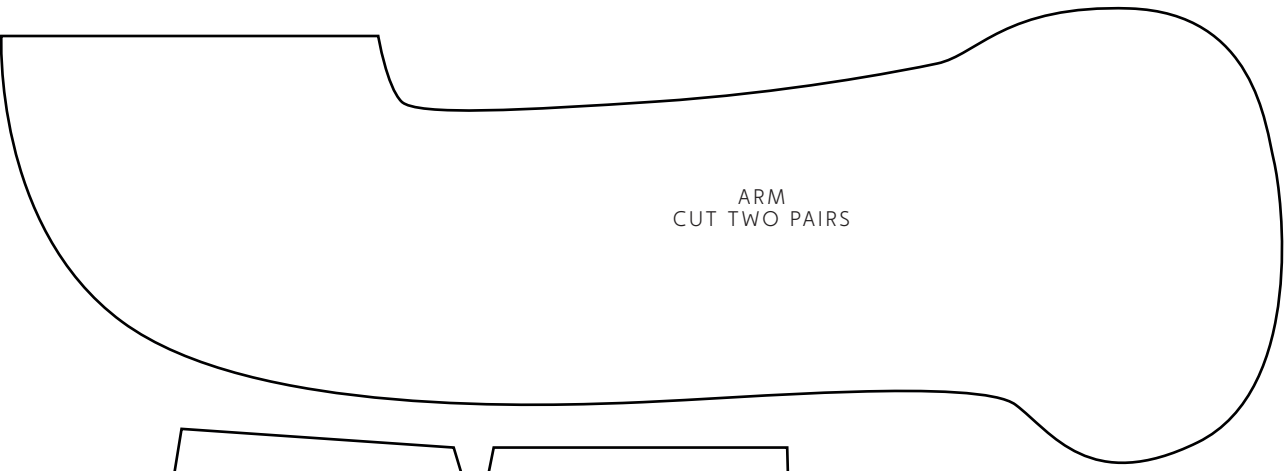


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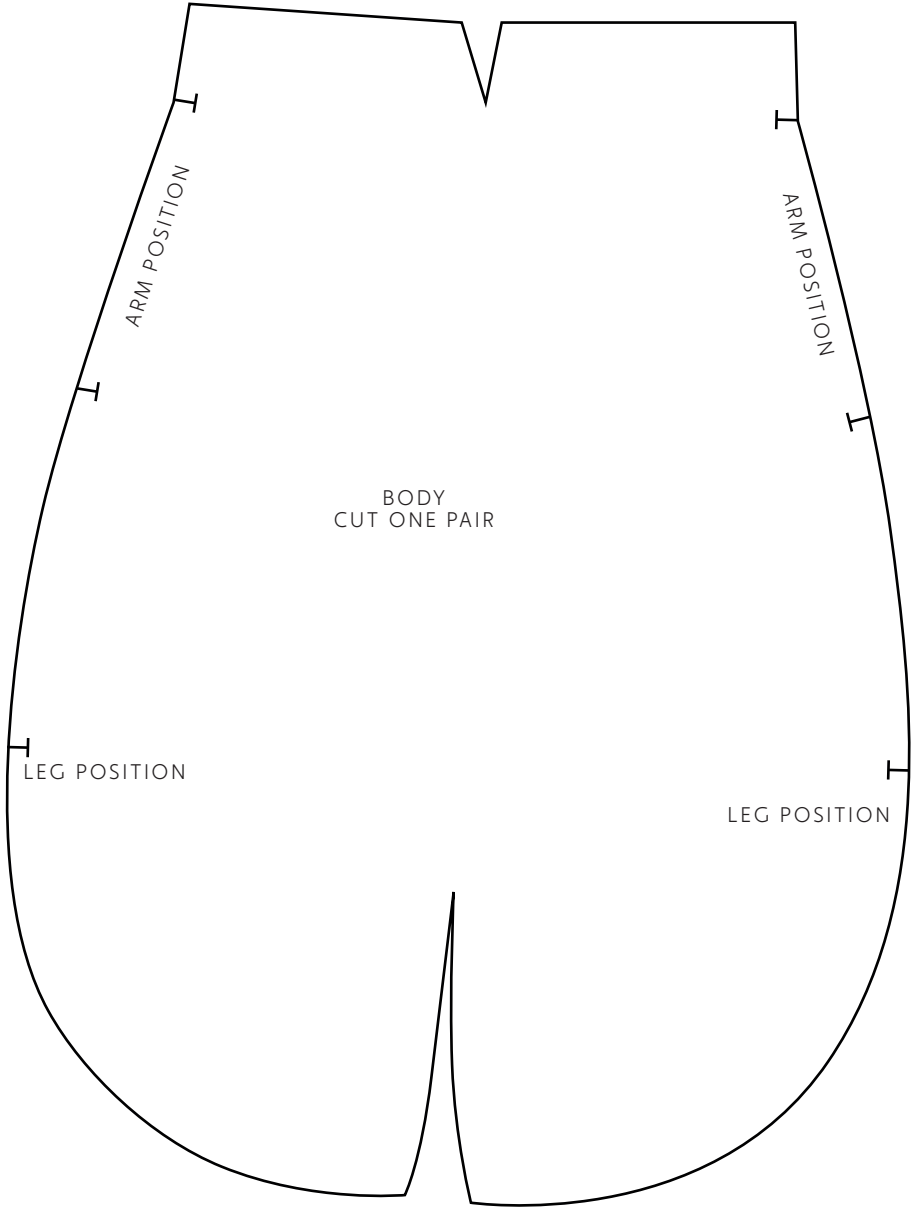
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Two Peas in a Pod

Knitting abbreviations

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beg - beginning

k - knit

k2tog - knit two stitches
together

kfb - knit in the front
and back

p - purl

rem - remaining

rep - repeat

skpo - slip, knit, pass
over

st - stitch

sl st - slip stitch

st st - stockinette stitch