



## **BUTTERFLY KIDS CRAFT PATTERN**

When you look at the pattern for the butterfly, you'll see that it is made up of a solid black line, a row of red lines, and a row of blue dots.

### **The black line is the outline of the butterfly.**

You need to cut along this line, place the butterfly cutout onto the felt and then draw the outline around it. Now do it again. Remember you're cutting out 2 of everything other than the feelers. You need 2 cutouts of everything to be able to put them together and stuff them.

### **The Red Line is where your stitches need to go**

You have a choice of 2 types of stitches. I've found the smaller kids find it easier to use an in and out stitch and the older kids, being 5 years old and up, manage a good over under stitch.

### **The Blue Line is a suggestion line**

Put simply the wings and the feelers get inserted inside the body and then the body is sewn together last, holding all the parts together. The blue lines show you approximately where the parts should fit inside the body.

### **LETS DO THIS.....**

You now have 2 pieces of everything other than feelers. If you do not want to sew beads onto your wings then just move onto step 2. Otherwise lets go to step 1.

### **STEP 1**

Thread your needle, making a knot at the bottom to stop the thread from pulling through the felt. A helpful tip...After you've inserted the thread into the eye of your needle, tie a half knot just underneath the eye. This is done so that your child's thread doesn't keep coming out of the eye. This keeps frustration levels down.

Now choose your first bead. Poke your needle from the back of the felt to the front. Then thread a bead onto the needle. Poke the needle into the front of the felt, and pull it through to the back. Try and get it as close to the point that you brought it through in the first place.

Now you do that all over again until you have enough beads on the front of your wings to make you happy!

Do this to the tops of both wings and then move onto step 2.

### STEP 2

Place your beaded wing and a plain wing together back against back and pin them together. Now you need to thread a needle in a contrasting colour and start stitching from the bottom part of the wing up towards the edge of the wing at the top. Work your way around the wing until you get to the beginning of the flat bit. Follow the red lines, otherwise you'll find that the felt moves apart when you stuff it.

Do this to both wings. Remember to leave your wings open on the flat bits as this is where you'll put the stuffing in.

### STEP 3

Stuff the wings, then place the body over and underneath the wings, making sure the wings are securely pushed into the body part. Sew from the butterfly's neck down to the tail bit, and then up to the other side of the neck. Don't sew the head!

### STEP 4

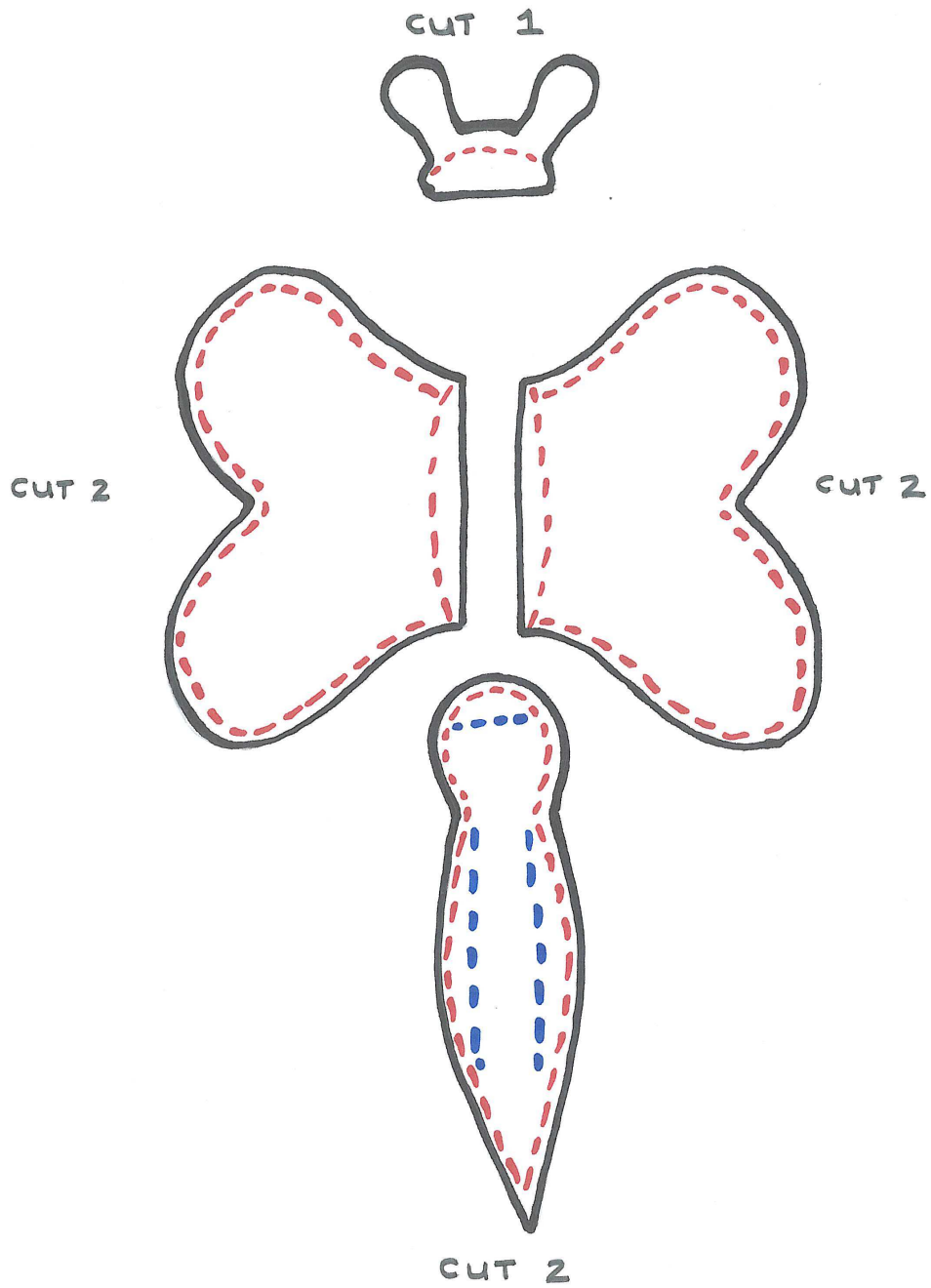
Now stuff the body section and then insert the feelers into the head, following the blue lines! Then sew around the edge of the head following the red lines!

**I've included a pic of the pattern cut outs so you can see what they should look like. Hope it helps.**

That's it, you're finished! Now it's time for a cup of tea. Knowing you're enjoying a well deserved break.

How many children experience the joy of crafting with their Mom's? Too few I think. Yours are the lucky ones' today. They've been cherished. Thank you for using our kids craft patterns, I hope you enjoy using them as much as we do.





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