



LEARNING TO SEW FOR BEGINNERS

# The sailing boat

AN ORIGINAL DESIGN

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## Hi there!



Welcome. Thank you so much for purchasing my Sail boat pattern.

I'm Maja Lapajne and I have designed this sailing boat to be as EASY to make as possible, so don't worry, even if you are a beginner. The sailing boat was inspired by my two boys, who love everything connected to the sea. While making it, you will learn the basics of how to make your own simple soft toys and you will pick up a few tips & tricks on the way.

It is great to have you on board. I wish you lots of fun sewing & learning.

Maja

p.s. As Gleeeful Colors customer you have my full suport. If you get stuck for any reason, just message me on Etsy and let's find a solution together.

## Finished size

25 cm x 21 cm / 10 inch x 8.5 inch

## STEP 1: Prepare all materials

- ✓ 3 different cotton fabrics that go together nicely:
  - one color 20 x 20 cm (8 x 8 inch)
  - dotted 20 x 20 cm (8 x 8 inch)
  - striped 35 x 22 cm (14 x 9 inch)
- ✓ 1x dark blue decorative rope 70 cm (27.6 inch)
- ✓ 4x white decorative ribbon 4 cm (1.6 inch)
- ✓ 3x colorful decorative ribbon 6 cm (2.4 inch)
- ✓ White embroidery thread
- ✓ Toy or pillow stuffing

General requirements: thread, pins, needles, scissors, trick marker or chalk. Prewash the cotton fabric and iron it if the boat is for a child.



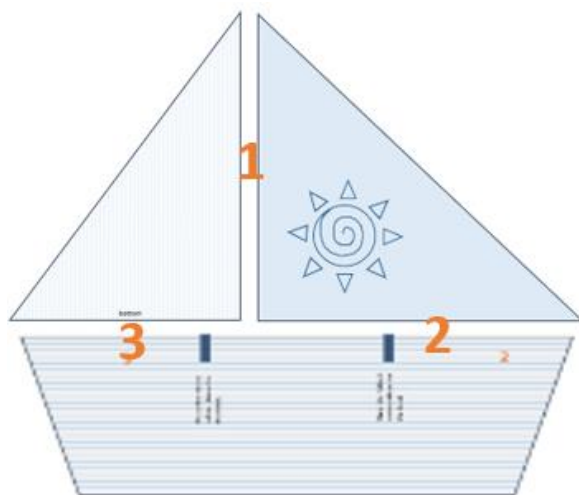
### TIP 1: USE OF TRICK MARKER

I love using a trick marker because it disappears with time (next day usually) or almost instantly if you wet the fabric slightly where the marker is. The best thing about the trick marker is, that it doesn't leave any trace on the fabric.

TAKE CARE, that you do not iron over still visible lines made with the trick marker on high temperature because it could fix the color to the fabric and you will not be able to get rid of it.

## STEP 2: Cut out your fabric

- ✓ Print out the pattern at the end of this tutorial, page 9 to 11.
- ✓ Cut the pieces of paper – these are your templates now. If you plan to use the templates more often, glue the pattern first on the cardboard or thick paper and then cut them out.
- ✓ Fold the fabric in half so that the wrong side is on the outside. Position the template on top (for striped fabric make sure that lines are aligned in parallel), leave enough space for the seam allowance. Trace the templates with the trick marker or chalk. Repeat for all three fabrics.
- ✓ Cut the pieces from the fabrics **adding 5 mm ( ¼ inch) for seam allowance**. You should have six pieces now.



## STEP 3: Sun embroidery

- 1 Transfer the sun on the fabric.



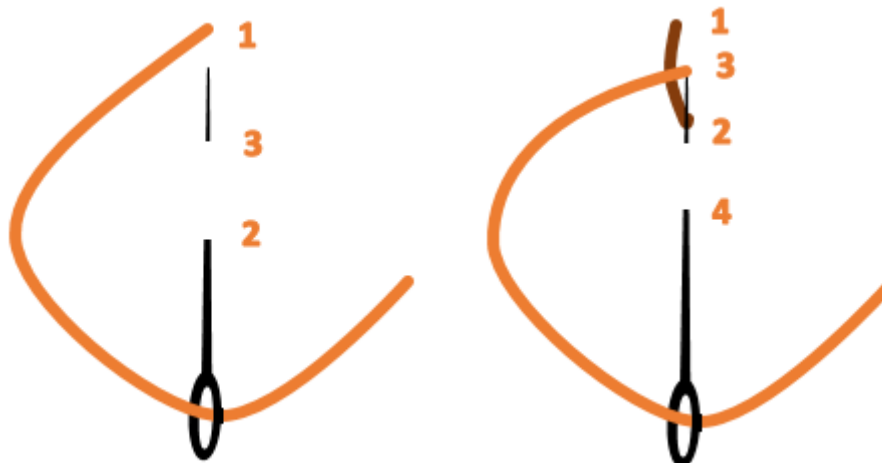
### TIP 2: TRANSFERING THE SUN

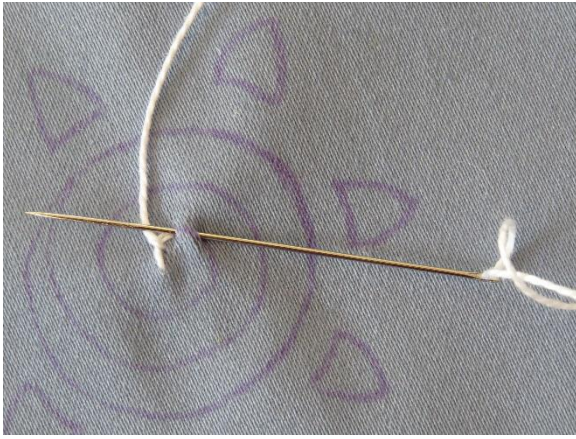
You can use a window on a sunny day. Because of a strong sunlight behind the template and fabric, you will be able to see the lines through the fabric. Trace the templates with the permanent marker or chalk.



- 2 For embroidery of the sun, you will use the **STEM STITCH** - an embroidery stitch in which each stitch overlaps the previous stitch to one side. Start at the center of the sun and each time return back to the previous stitch like this, the thread being on outside all the time.

## STEM STITCH





On the back the sun should look like this:



Add the rays. Start at the bottom of the ray making stitches very closely to one another, each one a bit shorter:



## STEP 4: Sewing the boat together



**TIP 3:** Always sew fabric pieces with right sides together. Use a 5mm (¼ inch) seam unless stated

First, sew together one side of the boat, make sure you have all the front or all the back pieces, not to mix them.



Place the sails pieces right sides together. Turn around and iron the seam. Sew together where marked.

Topstitch on the right side - marked with Orange line in the picture.



Hooks: fold the two 4 cm (1.6 inch) white ribbons in half and pin them where marked on the template.



Sew together the sails and the bottom part as shown in the picture.



Iron the front part. Repeat all the steps for the other side of the boat.

After repeating the steps for both sides you should have the front side and back side of the boat finished. Now, place both sides right side up. Place the blue decorative rope through the white ribbons hooks. Next, fold 6 cm (2.4 inch) ribbons for the flags and pin as shown in the picture.



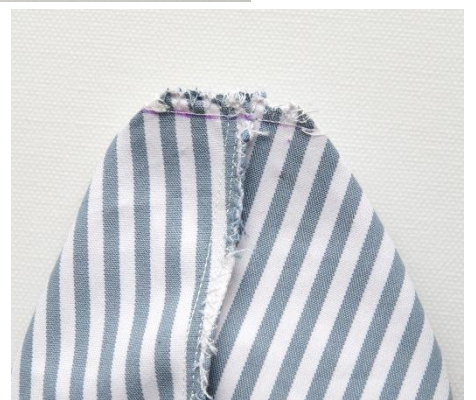
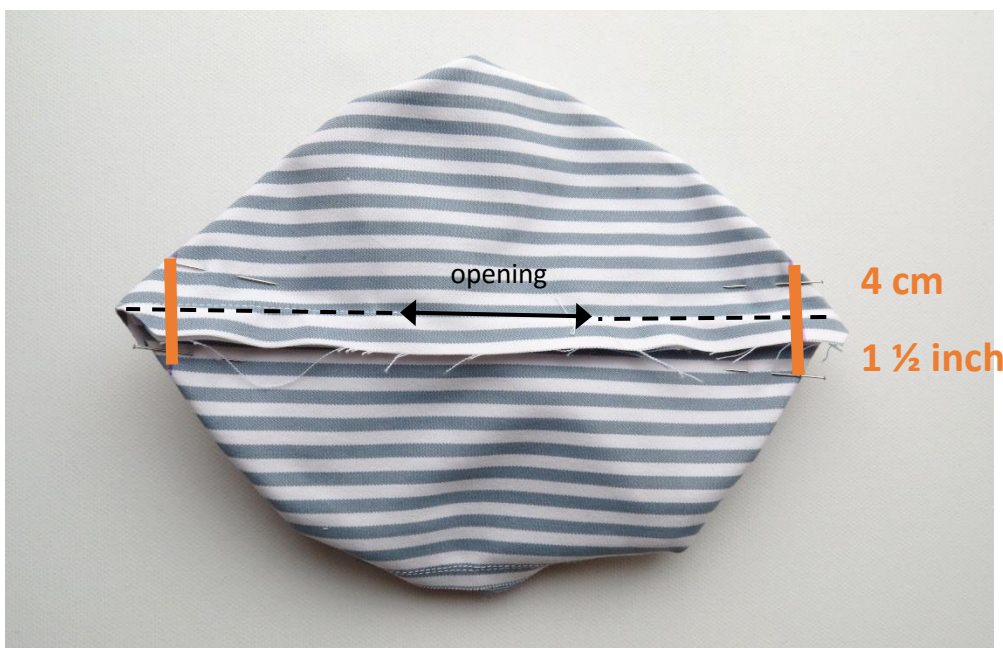
Place the front and the back piece of the boat right sides together. The bigger sail with the sun on it (dark blue in the pictures) will be the front of the boat. Make sure that the blue ribbon is inside of the boat so that it goes around the front part of the boat at the end. Position it all the way where the seam will be, hold with your finger and slightly pull the rope at the back to make it straight, then fix the rope at the back with the pins.



Pin together. Sew together leaving an opening at the bottom of the boat.



Do not turn the boat around just yet. First, we will make a flat bottom to the boat, so that the boat will stand by itself when finished. To do so, first, flatten the bottom of the boat and then mark the line (orange in the picture) 4 cm (1 ½ inch) long, 2 cm (¾ inch) from the bottom seam left and right. Sew the line. You can cut off the excessive fabric leaving enough fabric for the seam allowance. Zigzag the edges.



## STEP 5: Stuffing & closing the opening



Turn the boat right sides out through the opening at the bottom.

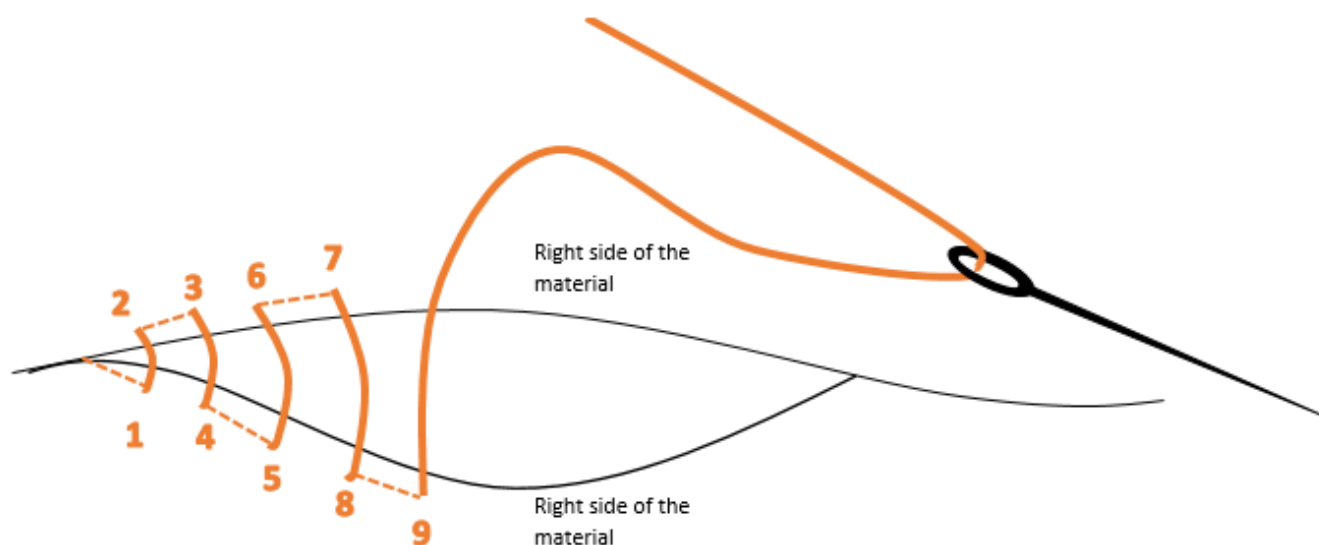
Stuff the boat with toy or pillow stuffing.

## LATHER STITCH



**TIP 4:** Lather stitch is the best way to close the openings when sewing toys. Done nicely, nobody will know where the openings were.

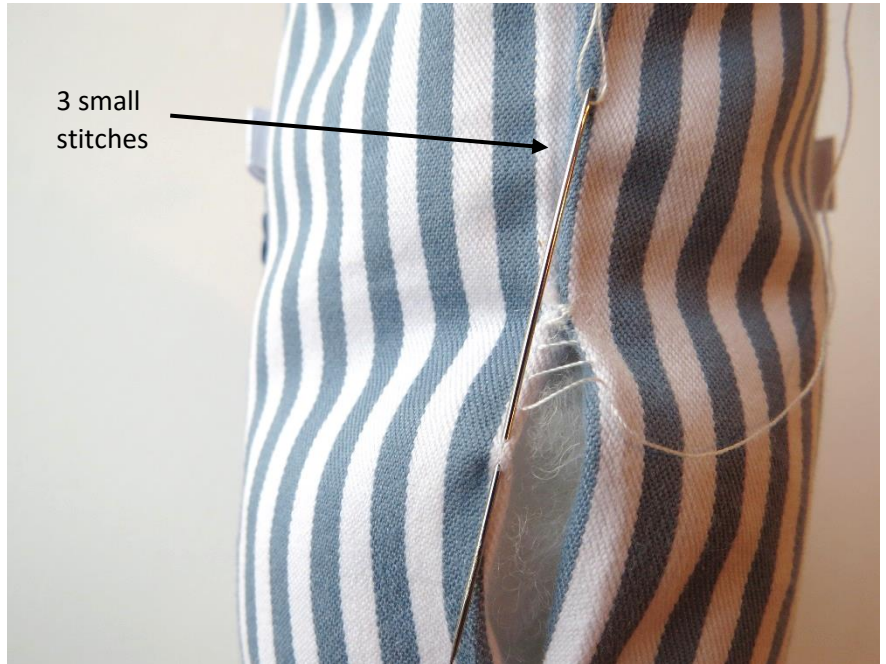
### LATHER STITCH DIAGRAM





Stab the needle few cm (inches) away from the opening (point 1) and come out at the beginning of the opening (point 2). Make three very little stitches there (instead of a knot) and cut the excessive thread.

Close the opening using the lather stitch, just follow the diagram above. When you reach the end of the opening finish with three little stitches and hide the thread ending in the toy (the sam as you did at the beginning of an opening).



The last thing to do is to fix the blue ribbon on the front of the boat with few very small stitches.

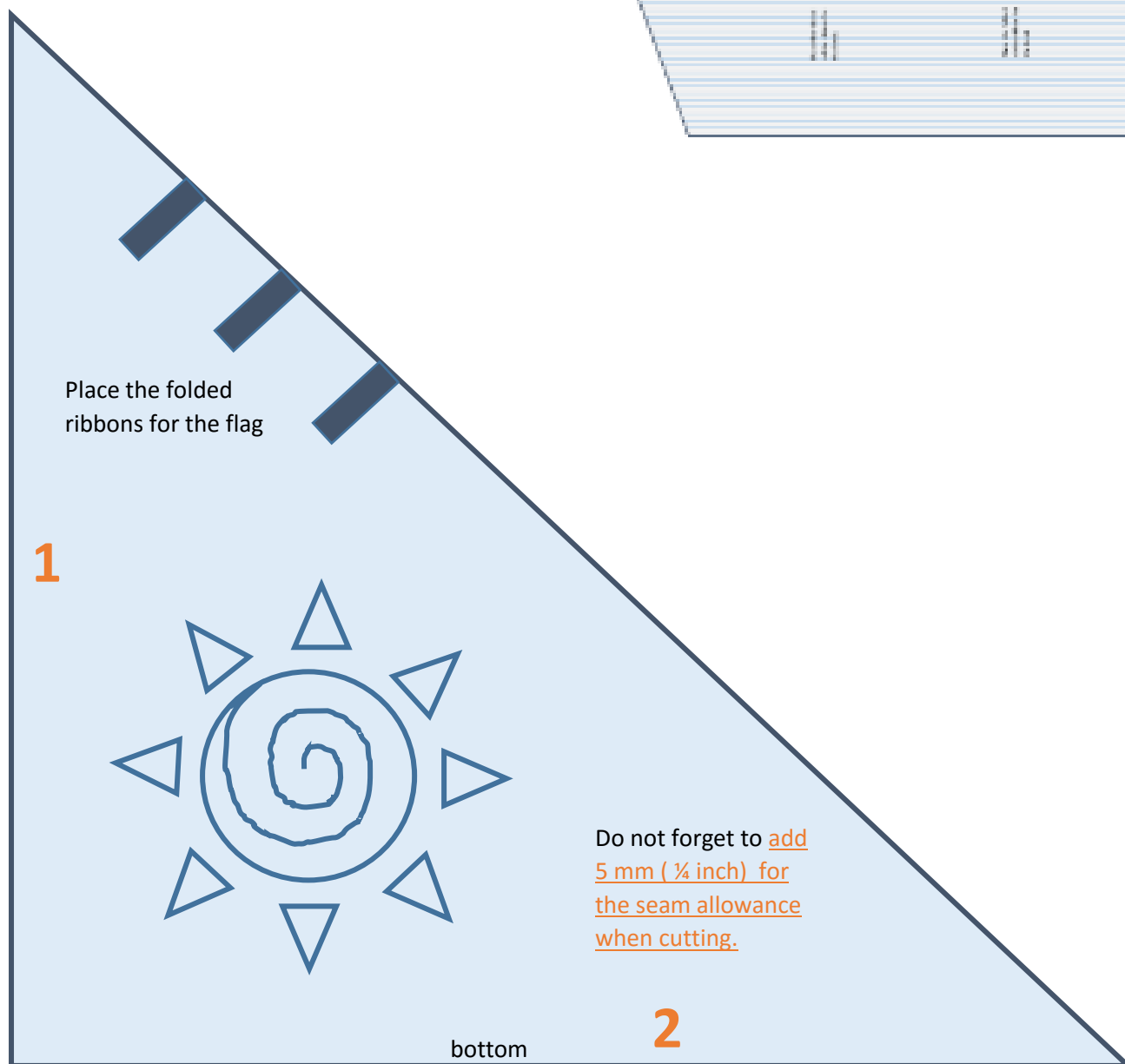
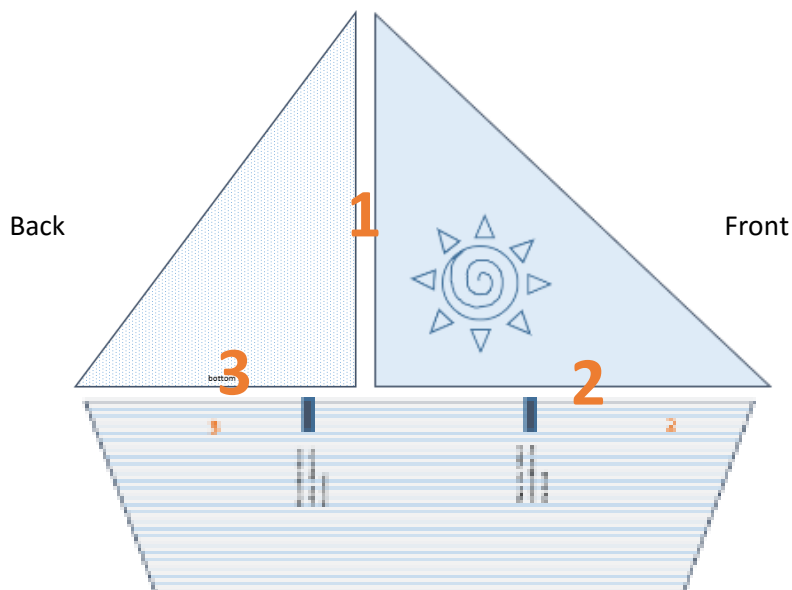
**Congratulations! You are finished now and ready to sail away, to the sea, to the land of dreams. Bon voyage!**



# Sail Boat Pattern

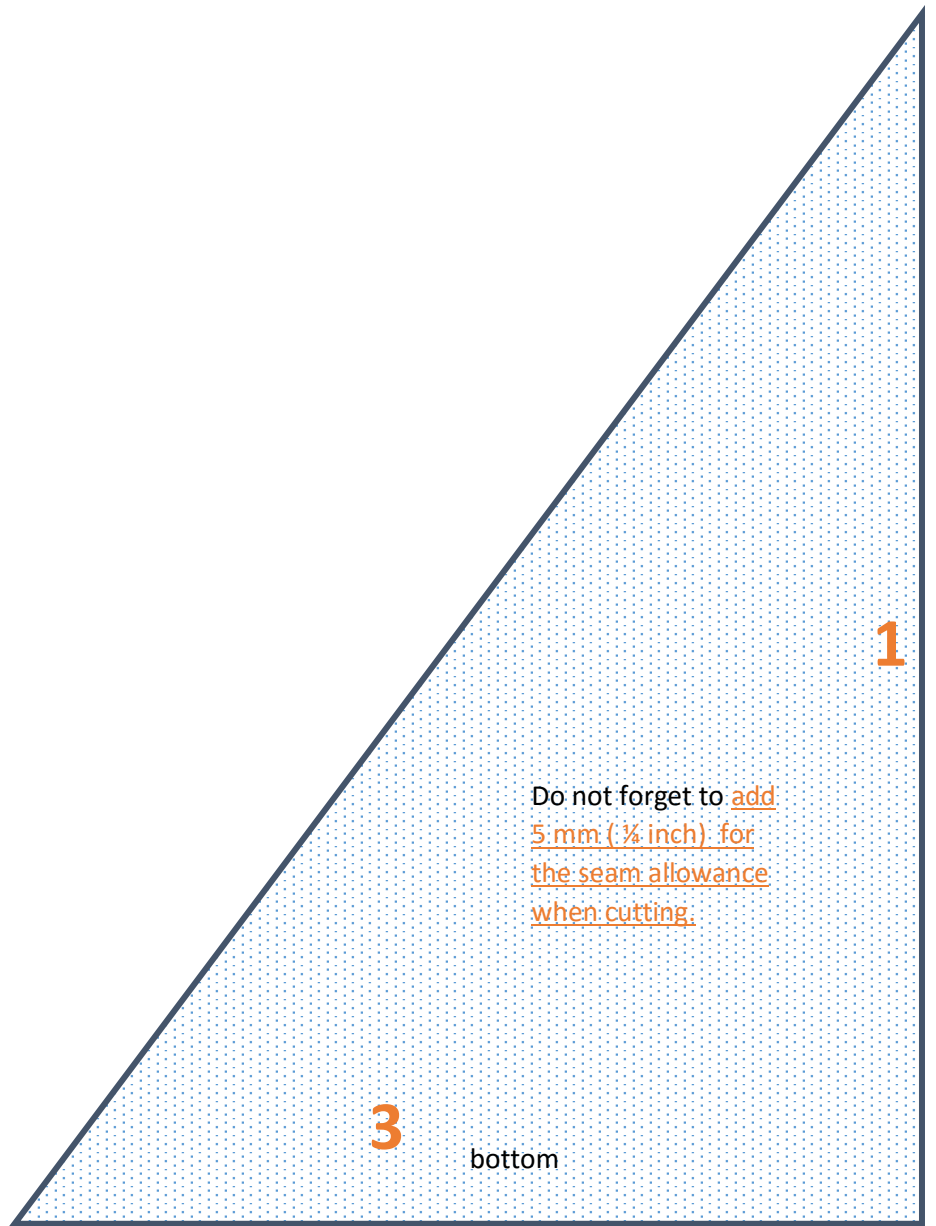


Fold the fabrics in half, wrong side up. Place the pattern on the fabric. Cut adding 5 mm ( ¼ inch) for the seam allowance. With each fabric you will get two pieces, one for the front side and the other for the back side. Put all front pieces on one pile and all the back on the other not to mix them.



Place the folded ribbons for the flag

Do not forget to add 5 mm ( ¼ inch) for the seam allowance when cutting.

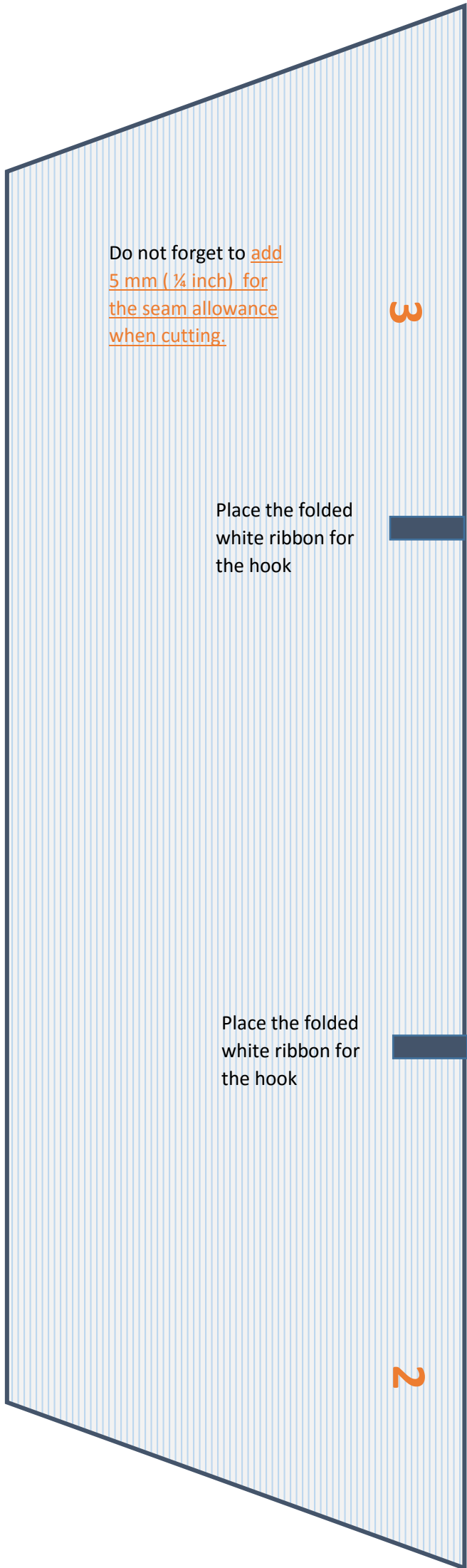


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5 mm (1/4 inch) for  
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3

bottom

1



Do not forget to add 5 mm ( 1/4 inch) for the seam allowance when cutting.

3

Place the folded white ribbon for the hook



Place the folded white ribbon for the hook



2

Fold the fabric in half and then cut – you will get two pieces, one normal and one reversed. Put all reversed pieces on one pile and all the others on the other not to mix them.

Do not forget to add 5 mm ( 1/4 inch) for the seam allowance when cutting.