



LEARNING TO SEW FOR BEGINNERS

# Cloud Pillows

AN ORIGINAL DESIGN

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*Hi there!*



Welcome. Thank you for purchasing my **Baby Cloud Pillow** pattern.

I'm Maja Lapajne and I've designed this cloud pillow to be as **EASY** to make as possible, so don't worry, even if you are a total beginner.

While making this cute, little cloud pillow 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 among the clouds. I wish you lots of fun sewing & learning.

Maja

## *Finished size*

28 cm x 15 cm; 11 inch x 6 inch

## *STEP 1: Prepare all materials*

### **PREPARE THE MATERIALS:**

**First, decide what kind of a cloud would you like to make. With closed or opened eyes? With a bow? Or perhaps with a rainbow?**

**Then see what materials you will need:**

- CLOUD: A soft white anti-pill fleece fabric (you can also use soft fabrics like flannel) 20 cm x 70 cm (8" x 28")
- MOUTH & CLOSED EYES: Blue embroidery thread
- OPENED EYES: Blue wool felt the same color as blue embroidery thread - 12 mm (1/2 inch)
- CHEEKS: Pink wool felt 25 mm (1" ) & Dark pink embroidery thread
- BOW: Magenta wool felt
- RAINBOW: Yellow, blue and orange decorative ribbons 10 cm (4")
- TOY OR PILLOW STUFFING

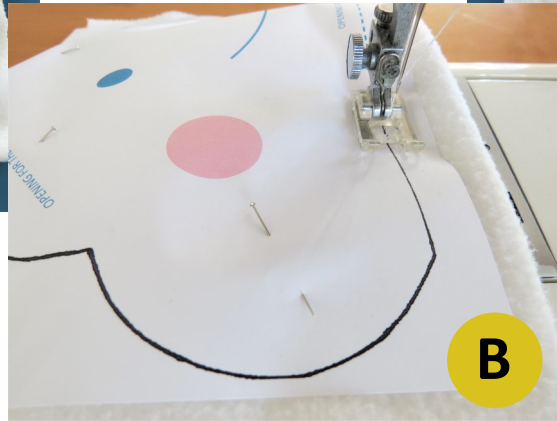
### **PREPARE THE TEMPLATE:**

- Print out the pattern at the end of this tutorial (page 8). Don't cut it!

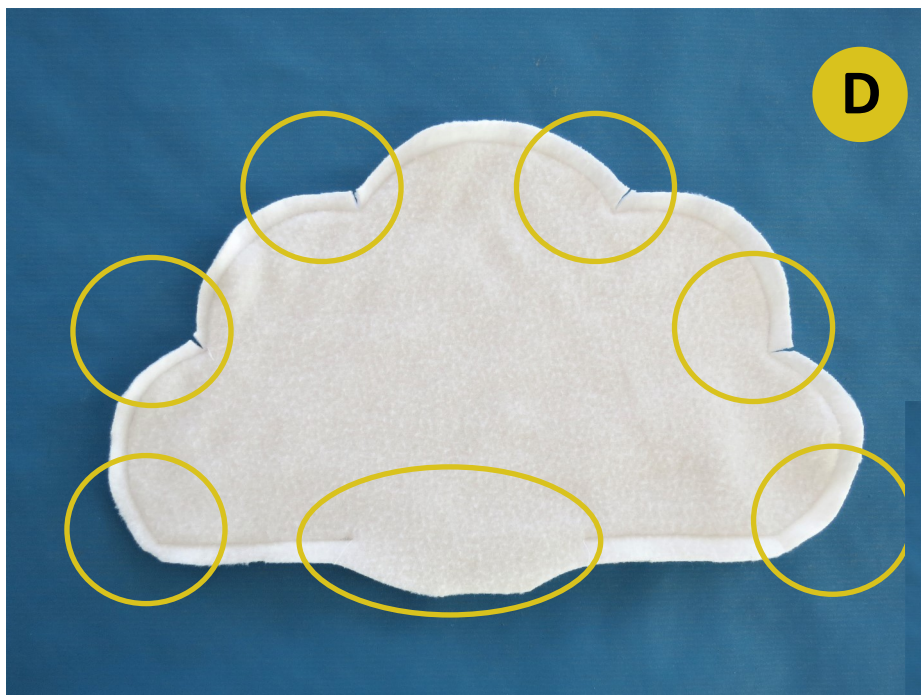


## STEP 2: The cloud

- Fold the white fleece fabric in half so that the wrong side is on the outside. Position the paper with the printed pattern on the top and pin everything together. Make sure, that you have extra 2 cm (1.5 inches) of fabric from where the seam will come. This is a small trick that will help you to make a perfect seam.
- Sew the cloud together following the pattern line on the paper. Leave an opening as marked on the pattern for stuffing and for rainbow if you are adding one, if not, just sew through the rainbow opening.
- Unpin and remove the paper.

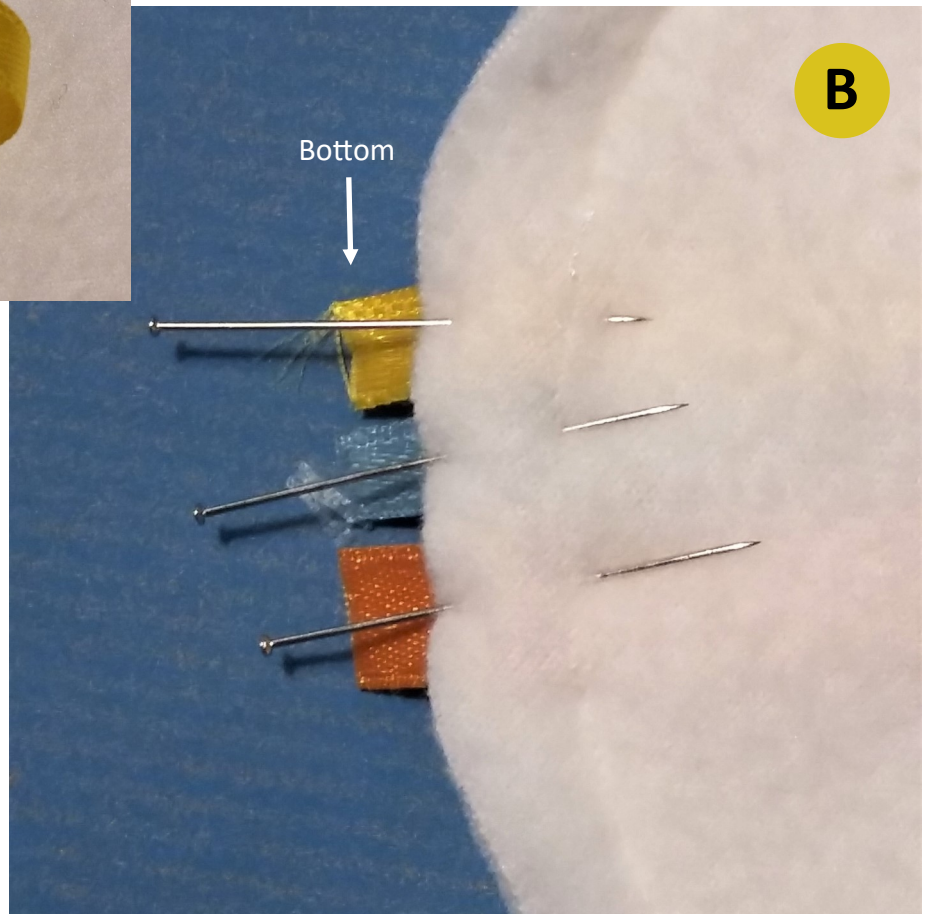
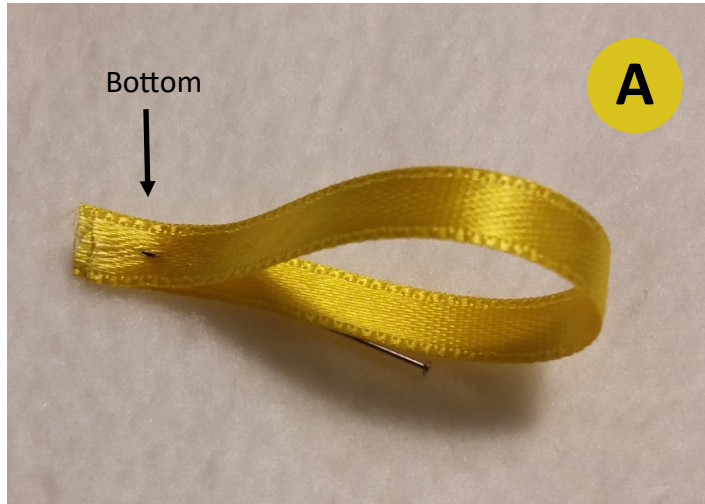


- Cut the redundant fabric 5 mm ( ¼ inch) from the seam, except around the stuffing opening, add there additional 5 mm ( ¼ inch). Make small cuts as shown in the picture.
- Turn the cloud around through the opening for stuffing. Position all edges nicely using your fingers and non-sharp pointy object. If you are making a **rainbow** do the **Step 3 on page 4 first**, then turn.



### STEP 3: The rainbow

- A. Fold the decorative ribbons in half. Pin on the bottom or make a small stitch to fix it in the position.
- B. Insert the ribbons into the rainbow's opening in the cloud. Put the blue ribbon in the middle. The bottom parts of the ribbons stay outside of the cloud. Pin making sure the ribbons are parallel. Sew together and unpin.
- C. Turn around and follow the step 4.



This is how I, the rainbow cloud will look at the end.

## STEP 4: Creating the face

- Use trickmarker or chalk to mark, where parts of the face will come. Draw them on.
- Pin the cheeks and circles for open eyes on the cloud, as you would like to position them.

You will have quite a good idea now already, how the final cloud will look like.



## STEP 5: Embroidering the mouth & closed eyes

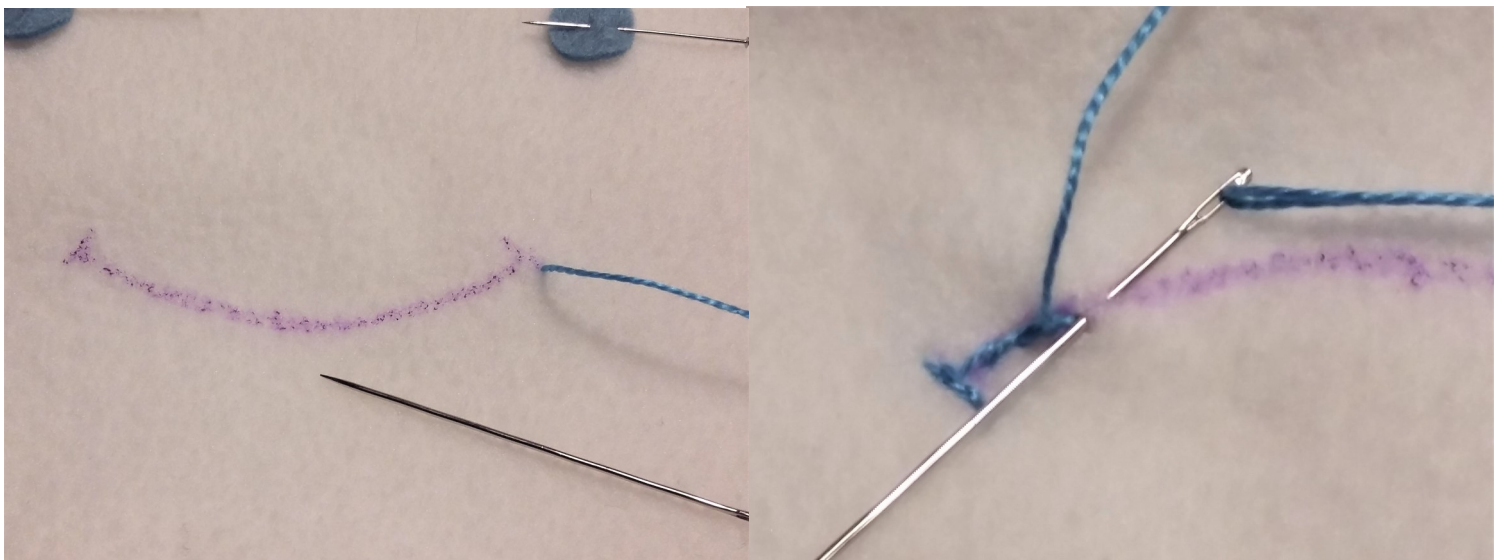
First, use a trickmarker or chalk to mark the position of the mouth and closed eyes.

### THE STEM STITCH

The stem stitch is an embroidery stitch in which each stitch overlaps the previous stitch to one side. You start on one side and each time return back to the previous stitch, the thread being on outside all the time:



To start, make a knot on the embroidery thread. Position the opening for stuffing so that bottom part of the fabric, you will be embroidering, is accessible. When you get to the other side, finish inside and make a knot inside the cloud.



## STEP 5: Opened eyes

You have already cut two small circles 12 mm (1/2 inch) big from the blue felt and positioned them on the cloud.

Now stitch them on with blue embroidery thread using regular running stitch and for eyelashes just make a few bigger stitches like this:




## STEP 6: Cheecks

You have already cut two circles 25 mm (1 inch) big from the pink felt and positioned them on the cloud.

Now stitch them on with the dark pink embroidery thread using a regular running stitch.



## STEP 7: The Bow

- Fold the fabric like this See the picture): 
- Hand-sew the bow together.
- Hand-sew the bow on the cloud.

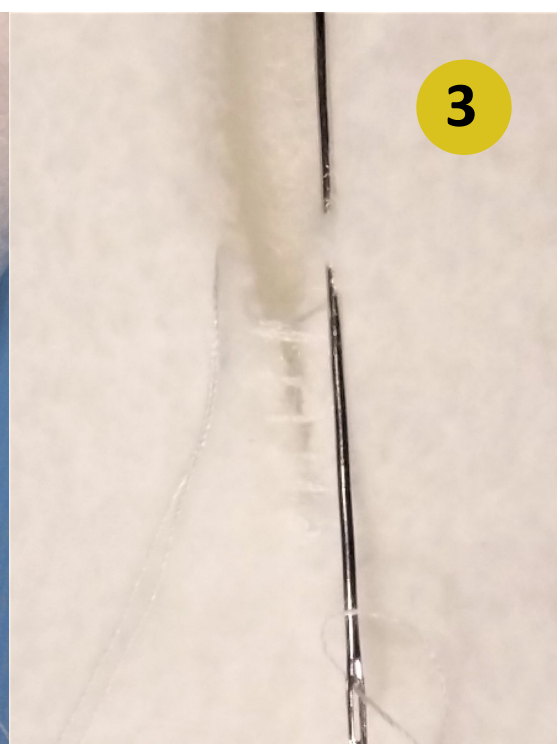
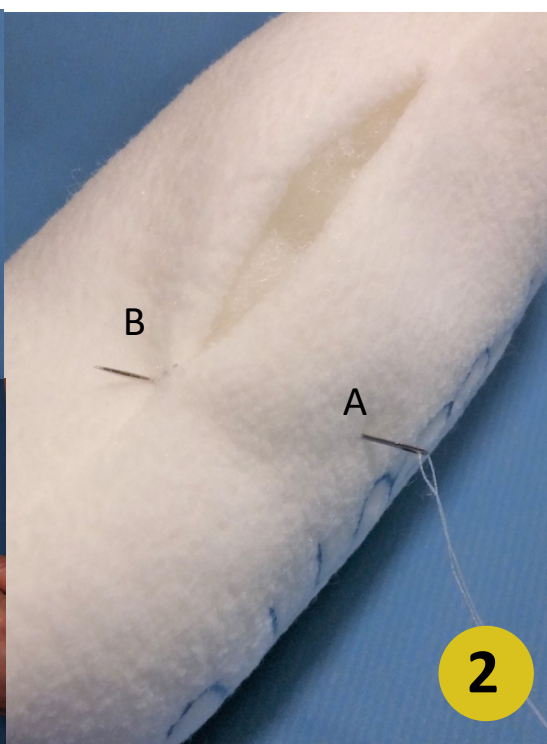
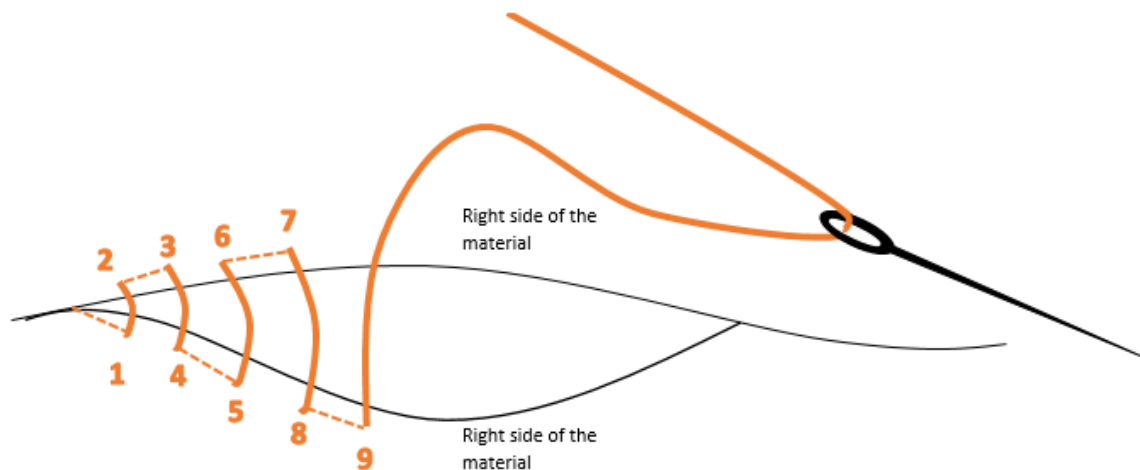


## STEP 8: Stuffing & closing the opening

Turn the ghost around through the opening. Stuff the ghost with a toy stuffing. Close the opening with the **ladder stitch**.

### THE LADDER STITCH

Ladder stitch is the best way to close the openings when sewing toys.



Done nicely, nobody will know where the opening was.

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

Close the opening using the ladder 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 cloud (the same as you did at the beginning of an opening).

**Congratulations! You are finished now and ready to fly away on your very own little fluffy cloud. :)**

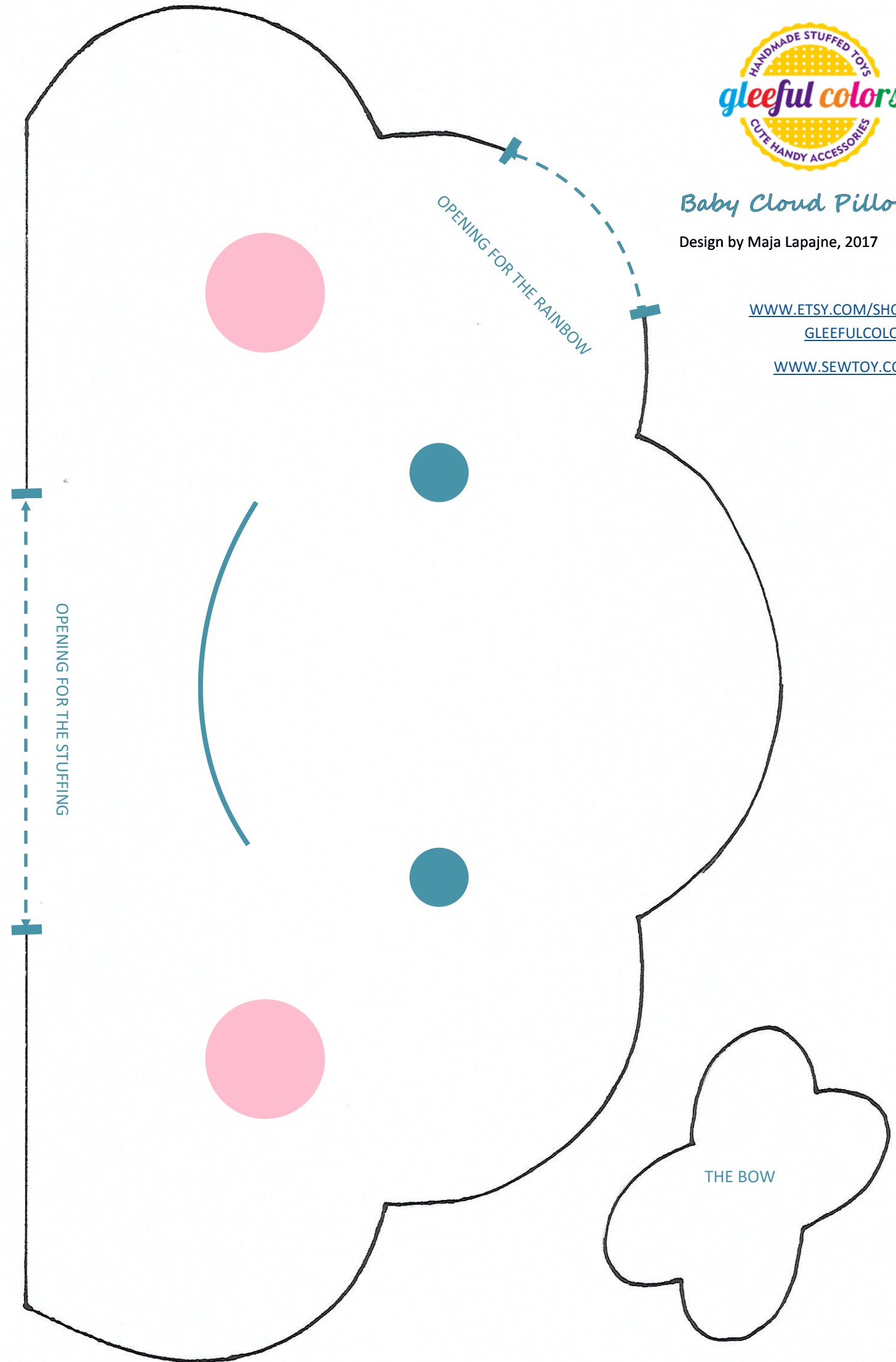


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