

FIFI FAIRY WINGS PATTERN AND STEPS

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fairy wings

These wings hold their shape with a padding of wadding and heavy-weight interfacing. The quilted layers add delicate-looking detail.

The following guide shows how much material you will need for an average-sized child.

FABRIC WIDTH (WITHOUT NAP)

36in (90cm)

45in (115cm)

60in (150cm)

36in (90cm)-wide heavy-weight
sew-in interfacing

ONE SIZE TO FIT 1-3YRS

$\frac{7}{8}$ yd (0.8m)

$\frac{3}{4}$ yd (0.7m)

$\frac{1}{2}$ yd (0.45m)

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Suggested fabrics

Cotton, linen, calico, silk, satin

Sewing notions

- Thread to match fabric
- $32\frac{1}{2}$ in (82.5cm) length of $\frac{3}{8}$ in (1cm) elastic
- 13 x 20in (33 x 51cm) wadding
- Tracing paper
- Dressmaker's carbon paper
- Pencil
- Bodkin or safety pin

Seam allowances

Take $\frac{3}{8}$ in (1cm) seam allowances throughout, unless otherwise stated.

Finished size

Wingspan:

Approximately $15\frac{3}{4}$ in (40cm) at the widest part

Pattern pieces on sheet B

56 Fairy wings (cut 4 in main fabric,
cut 4 in interfacing, cut 2 in wadding)

Instructions

- 1 Staystitch (*see page 151*) the shaped edges of each wing to prevent the fabric from stretching.

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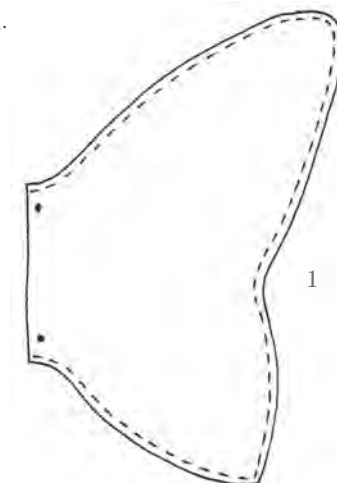
Right side of fabric

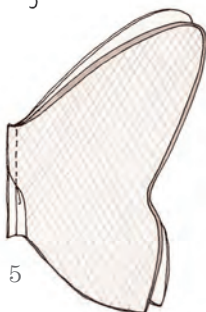
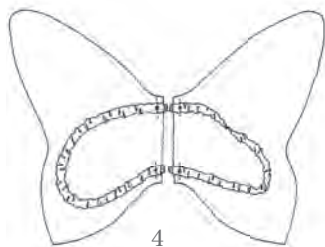
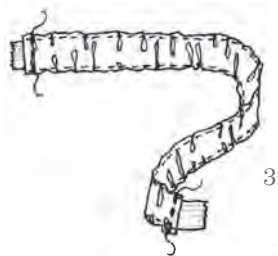


Wrong side of fabric

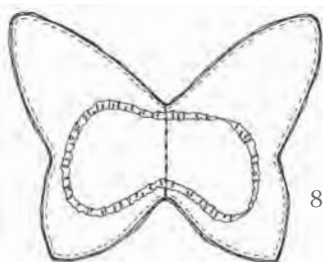
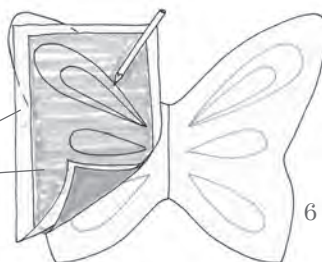


Interfacing





Tracing paper
Carbon paper

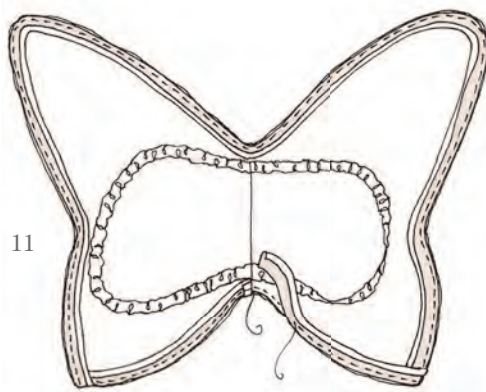
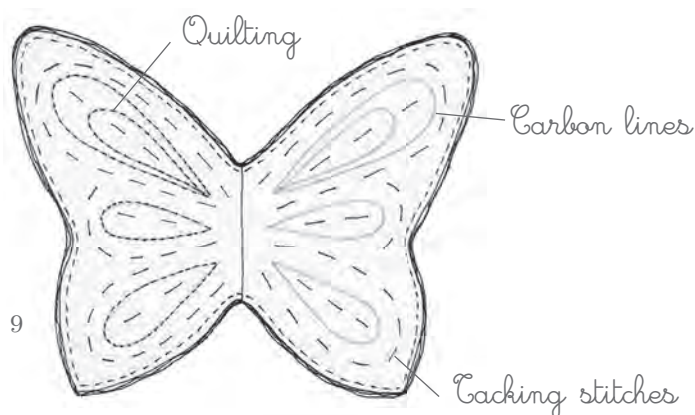


Shoulder straps

- 2 Cut two 2 x 24in (5 x 61cm) strips from the fabric. Turn under and press $\frac{1}{4}$ in (6mm) along each long edge. Fold in half lengthwise and press. Topstitch along (*see page 151*) each side, close to the edges.
- 3 Cut the elastic in two equal halves and use a bodkin or safety pin to thread the elastic through the straps. Adjust to fit, trim the excess elastic and stitch to secure at each end of the straps.
- 4 Tack each end of a shoulder strap to the right side of a wing at the dots indicated on the pattern. Tack the other strap in place on a second wing to make a pair. These will be the facings, and the remaining pair will be referred to as the wings.

Join pieces

- 5 Place the interfacing on the wrong side of the wings and the facings. With right sides together, stitch the pieces together at the centre seam, sewing through all layers. Press the seams open.
- 6 Transfer the quilting template to the wings by tracing the design onto tracing paper. Slip carbon paper, carbon side down, between the pattern and the right side of the right fairy wing. Trace over the design with a pencil. Flip the tracing paper and transfer the design onto the left fairy wing as for the right.
- 7 Sandwich the wadding between the interfaced side of the wings and facings, aligning the shaped edges. Pin and stitch the wings and facings together around the outside edges, allowing a $\frac{3}{8}$ in (1cm) seam and sewing through all layers.
- 8 Sew a line of stitches, by hand or machine, down the centre seam of the wings, taking care not to catch the shoulder straps in the stitches.

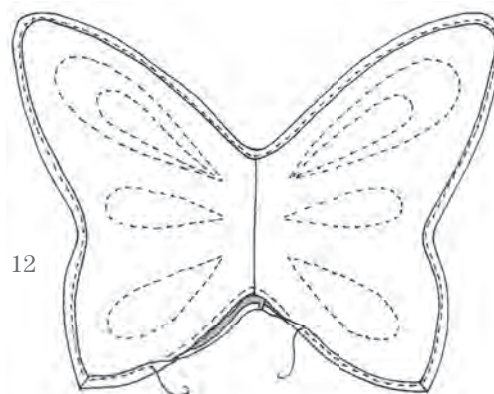


Quilting

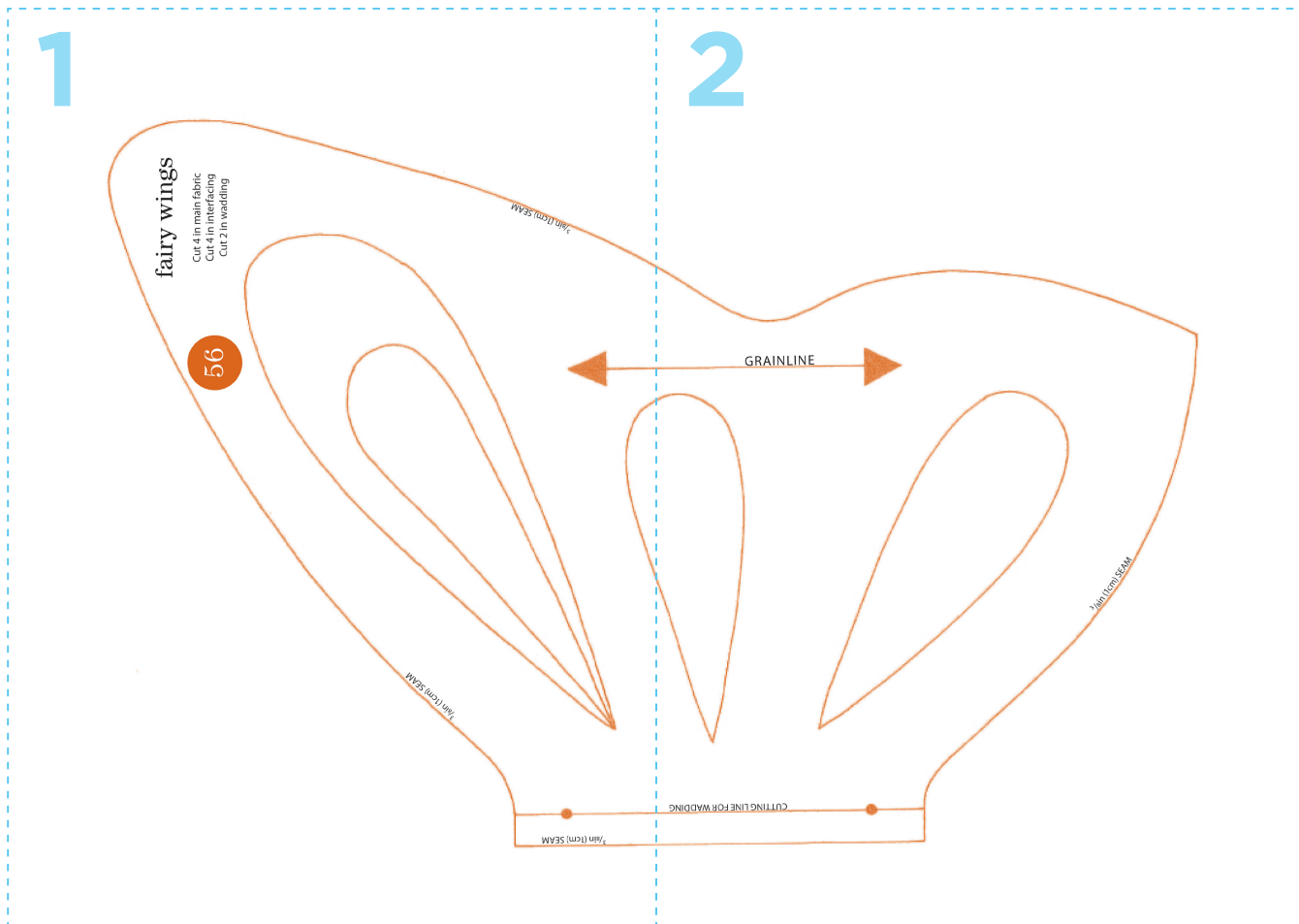
- 9 Hold the layers of fabric and wadding in place with tacking stitches. Starting from the centre and working out towards the edges, work the quilted design by hand or machine on each wing, following the lines on the fabric. Take care the fabric doesn't pucker as you stitch. Remove the tacking stitches.

Binding

- 10 Cut 1½in (4cm)-wide bias strips from a 12 x 12in (30 x 30cm) piece of the fabric and sew the short edges together to make the binding (*see page 160*). Press a ¾in (1cm) seam allowance along each long edge. Fold the binding in half lengthways and press.
- 11 Turn under ¾in (1cm) at the short end of the binding and align the fold with the centre seam at the lower edge of the wing facings. Open out one side of the binding and, with the right side of the binding to the facing, pin and stitch the creased edge of the binding to a ¾in (1cm) seam allowance at the edges, overlapping the end and folding out the fullness of the binding at the corners (*see page 161*).
- 12 Turn the binding to the right side of the wings to encase the seam allowances. Pin the pressed edge over the seams. Topstitch close to the pressed edges. Press the bound edges, but take care not to press the main part of the wings as the wadding will melt under a hot iron.



FIFI FAIRY WINGS TEMPLATE LAYOUT

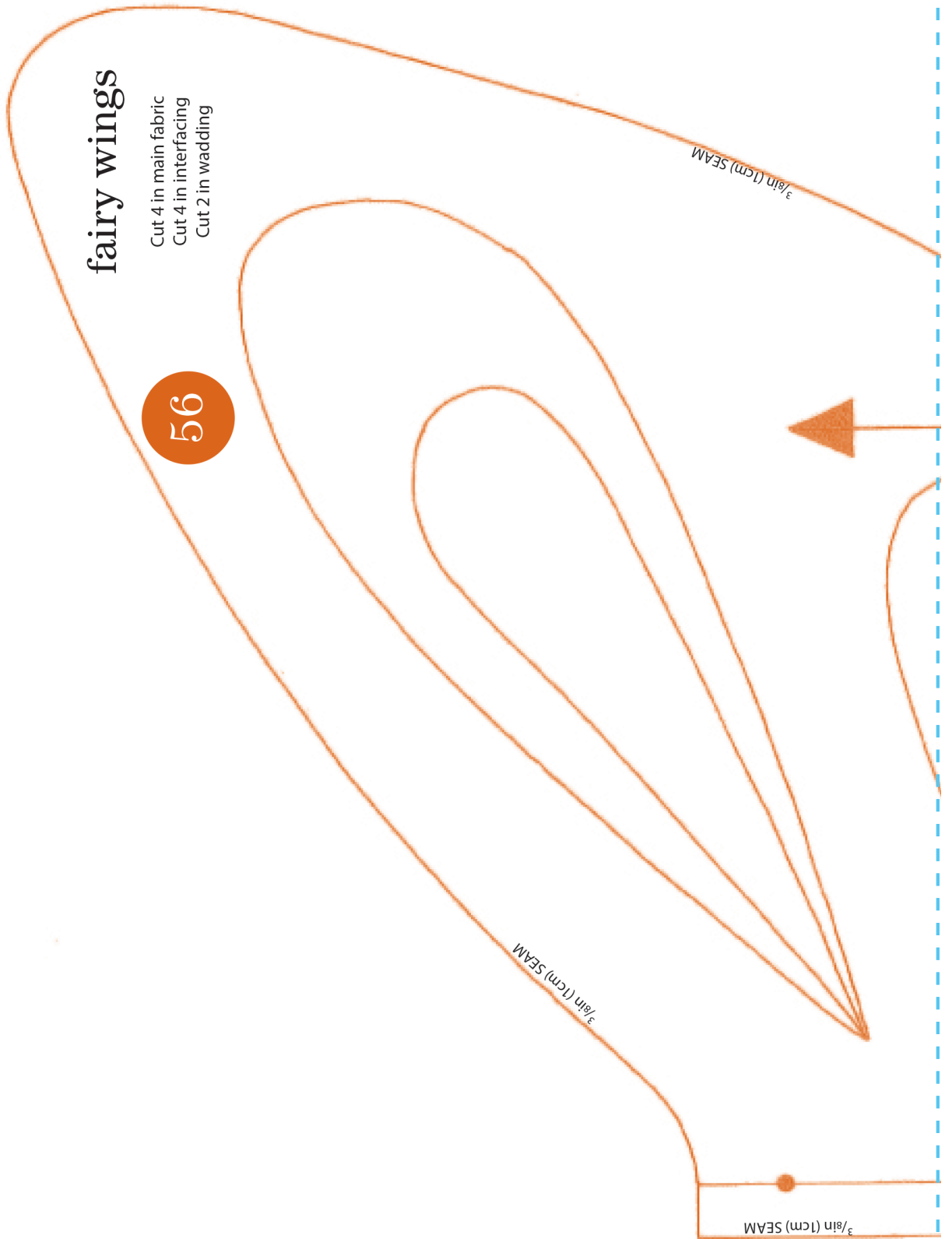


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Cut 4 in main fabric
Cut 4 in interfacing
Cut 2 in wadding

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