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Creating Memories
SUMMER

Whales



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This whale design is such fun to make and with three sizes to choose from – large, medium and tiny – you could make a whole pod of friendly whales. For these whales we have used the Creating Memories fabrics in Summer and Ocean Blues.

Materials (for one of each size)

- Fabric piece for the whale body and flippers:
 - Large whale 42in x 12in (107cm x 30.5cm)
 - Medium whale 32in x 9in (81cm x 23cm)
 - Tiny whale 14in x 5in 36cm x 12.5cm)
- Toy stuffing (fibrefill)
- Wooden stick for stuffing
- Erasable or disappearing fabric marker
- Black stranded embroidery cotton (floss), to sew eyes

Finished sizes

Large: 20in (51cm) long approx.

Medium: 14in (35.5cm) long approx.

Tiny: 5½in (14cm) long approx.

General Notes

- Read all the project instructions through before you start.
- Use thick paper for copying patterns, ensuring the patterns are full size.
- On the patterns, the solid line is the sewing line. This allows you to add your own seam allowance.
- When sewing the seams, reduce your stitch length to 1.5mm–1.6mm.
- To get a good shape, cut snips in the seam allowance where a seam curves tightly inwards.
- After turning, pull the wooden stick along the inside of the seam to make sure you press out all the creases and folds before ironing.
- Stuff well, using a stick to fill small areas.
- Sew up gaps with matching thread and small slipstitches.

Making a Large and Medium Whale

1 Copy the pattern pieces onto thick paper. Cut out the shapes. For the large and medium whales, join the pattern pieces together where shown, to form the whole whale.

2 The large and medium sizes are made using the same process. Fold the fabric for the body and flippers right sides together and press. Copy the patterns onto the fabric as shown in **Fig A**. Mark the openings. Note that the opening at the bottom of the body should be open. Sew around on the marked lines, leaving a gap where noted on the pattern.

3 Cut out all parts, adding a seam allowance before you cut and adding extra seam allowances by the openings (shown by ES on the patterns). Cut notches in the seam allowance where the seam curves inwards, as shown in **Fig B**.

Fig A

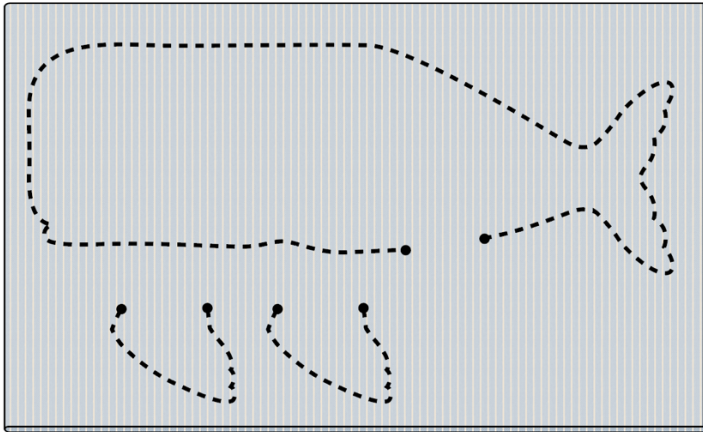
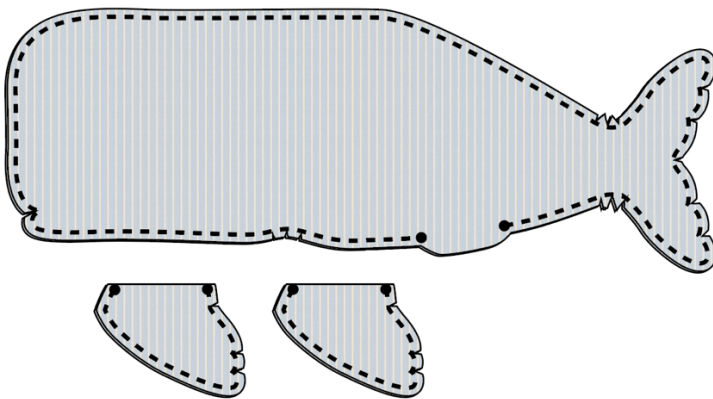
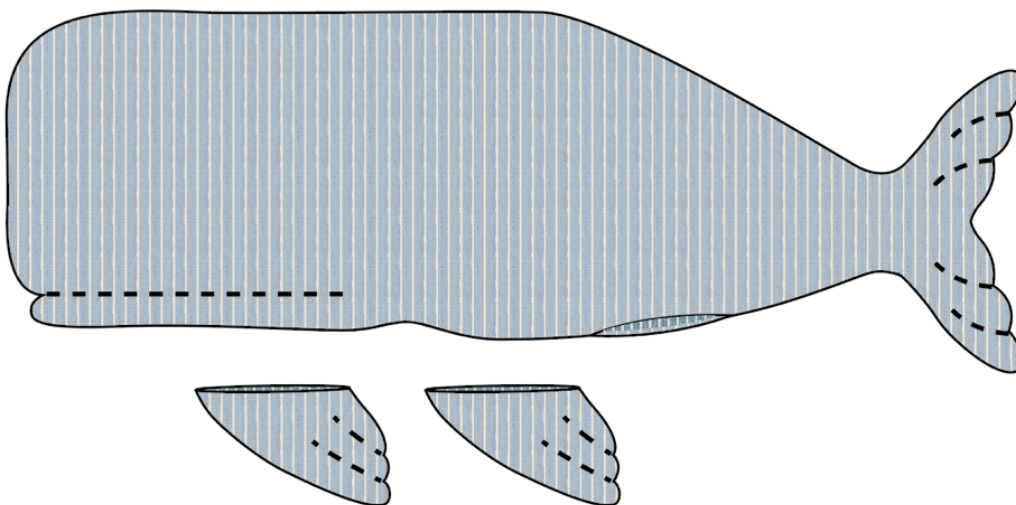


Fig B



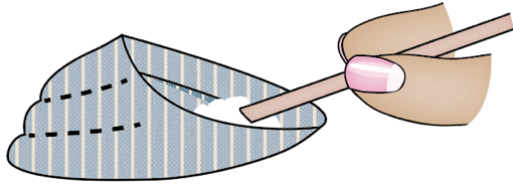
4 Turn all parts through to the right side and press. Use a wooden stick where necessary to ensure you press out all the nooks and crannies. Use an erasable or disappearing marker to trace the seams from the pattern to mark the mouth, tail and flippers. Sew the seams you have marked on your sewing machine (**Fig C**). Fold the extra seam allowance on the flippers inwards at the gap, and then press.

Fig C



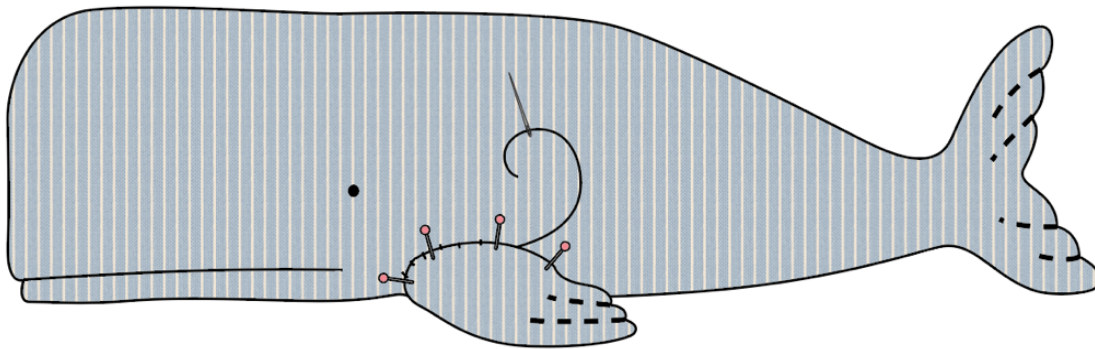
5 Start filling between these seams, at the lower end of the mouth, the tail and between the seams on the flippers, using a wooden stick to place the stuffing (**Fig D**). Continue filling the rest of the whale using your hand. Sew up the opening on the body by hand with matching thread.

Fig D



6 Pin the flippers open against the body on each side of the whale, looking at the photo of the whales as a guide for where to place them. The flippers need to be positioned so the whale will stand. When you are happy with the placement sew the flippers on by hand with matching thread (**Fig E**).

Fig E



7 Sew an eye on each side of the whale, using all six strands of the black embroidery cotton and French knots, with the thread wrapped six times around the needle for the large whale and four times for the medium whale.

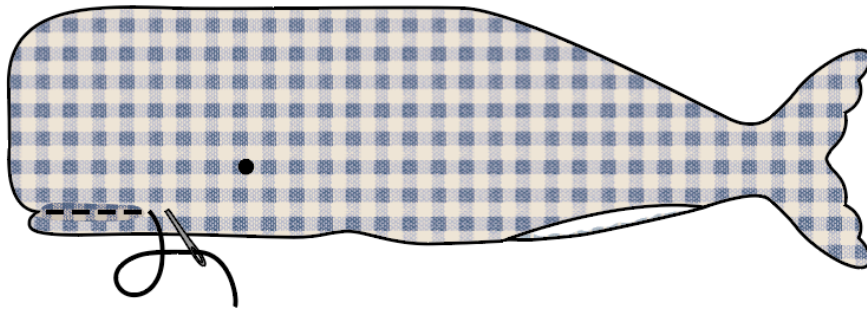
Making a Tiny Whale

1 The tiny whale is sewn the same way as the large and medium whales, but there are no sewn seams on the tail and flipper. The seam along the mouth has to be sewn by hand *after* the whale is turned and filled.

2 Fold and press the fabric right sides together. Trace the patterns and sew as before and then cut out the whale and flippers with a small seam allowance. Cut notches where the seam turns curves inwards. After the body is turned through and pressed, mark the mouth on the fabric using an erasable or disappearing marker.

3 Fill the whale with stuffing, and then hand sew back and forth through the whale along the marked line to create the mouth (**Fig F**). Sew up the opening in the whale. Attach the flippers as described for the larger whales. Sew the eyes with French knots and the embroidery cotton wrapped twice around the needle.

Fig F



A

Join

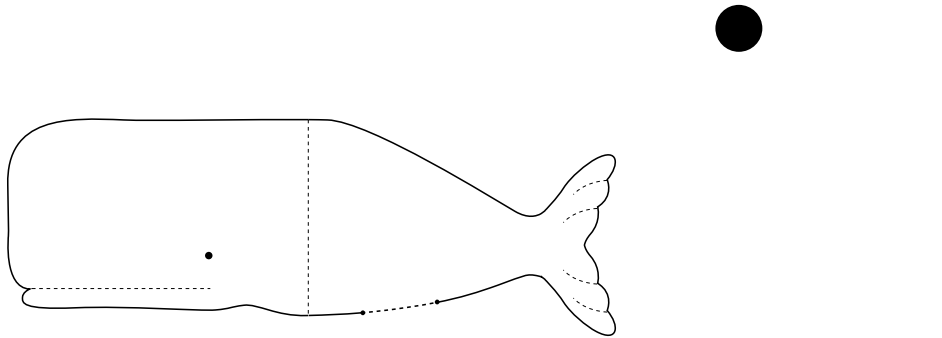
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Medium and Large Whale Full size

The solid line is the sewing line.

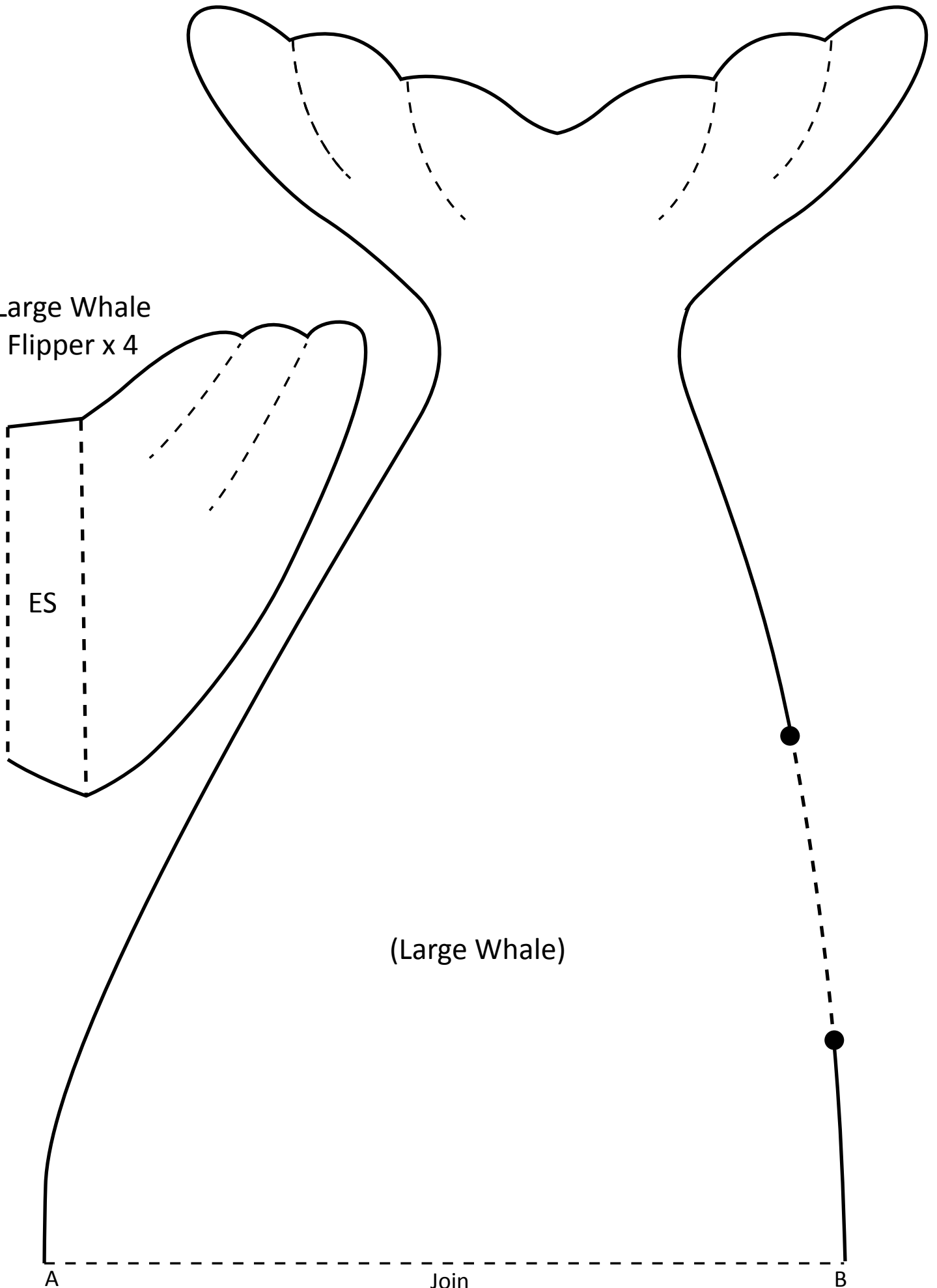
ES = indicates extra seam allowance, where a wider seam allowance is required. Sew the seam to the end of the extra seam allowance.

Join the pattern together as shown below.



Large Whale
Body
x 2

Large Whale
Flipper x 4



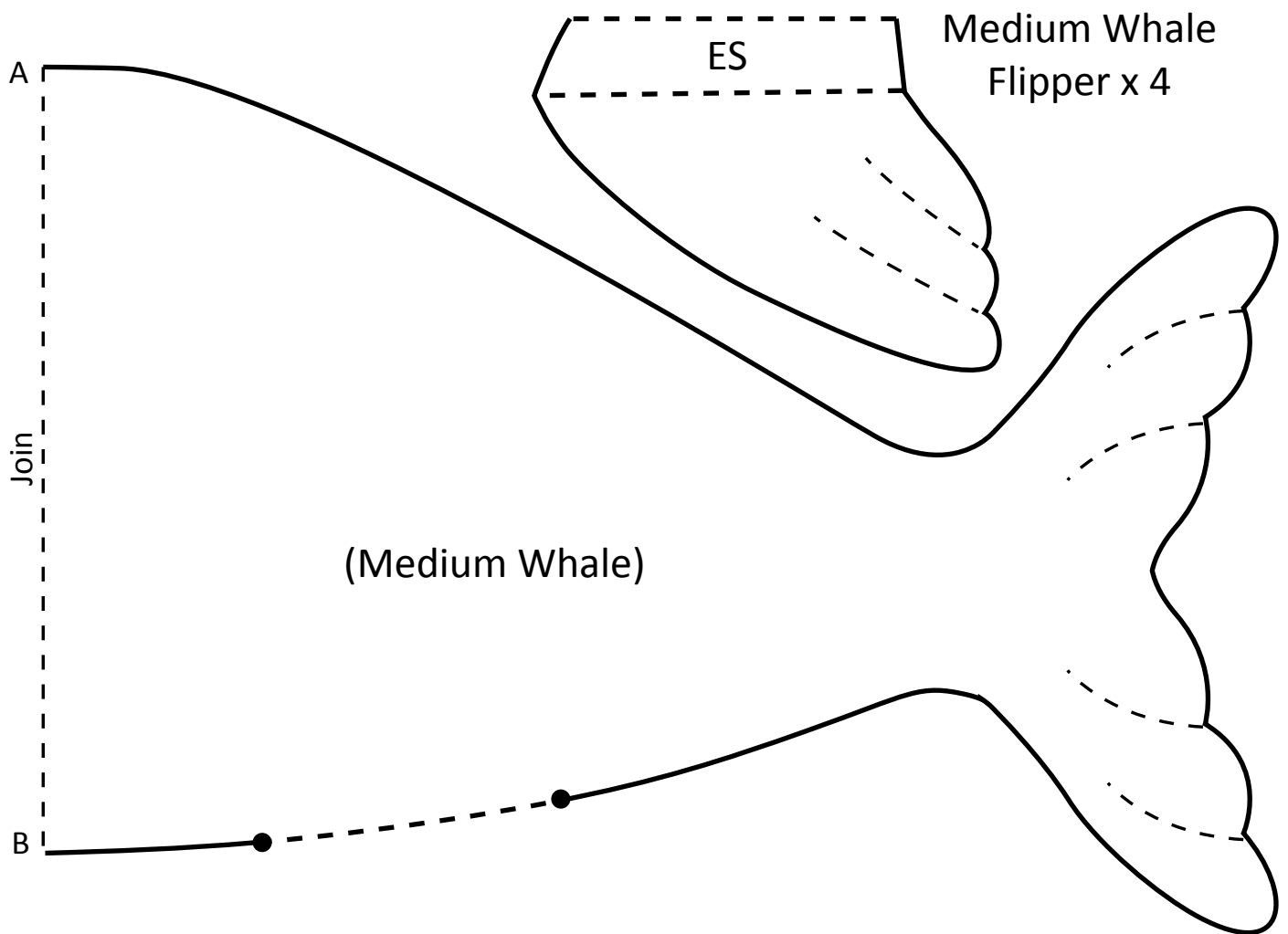
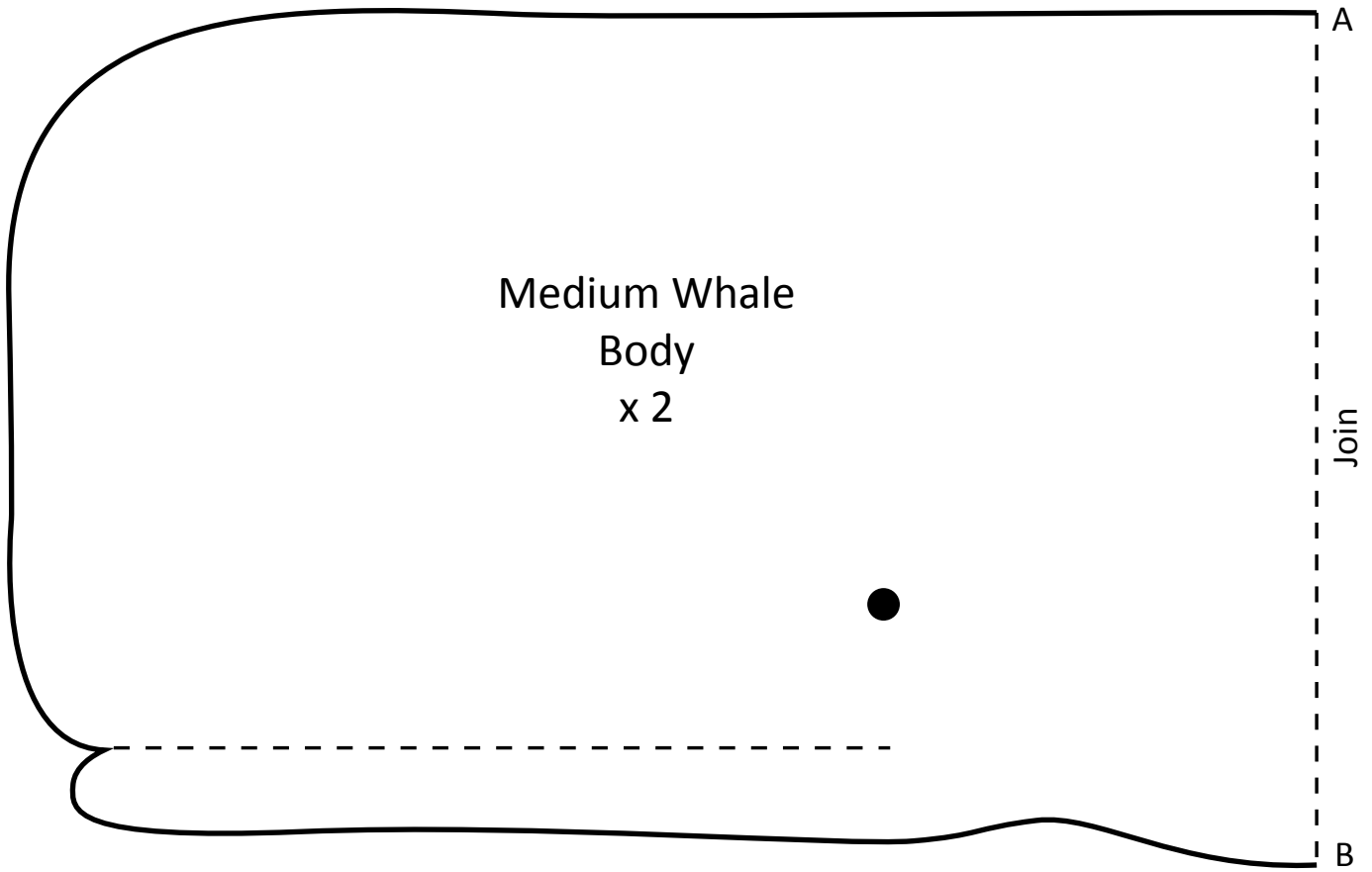
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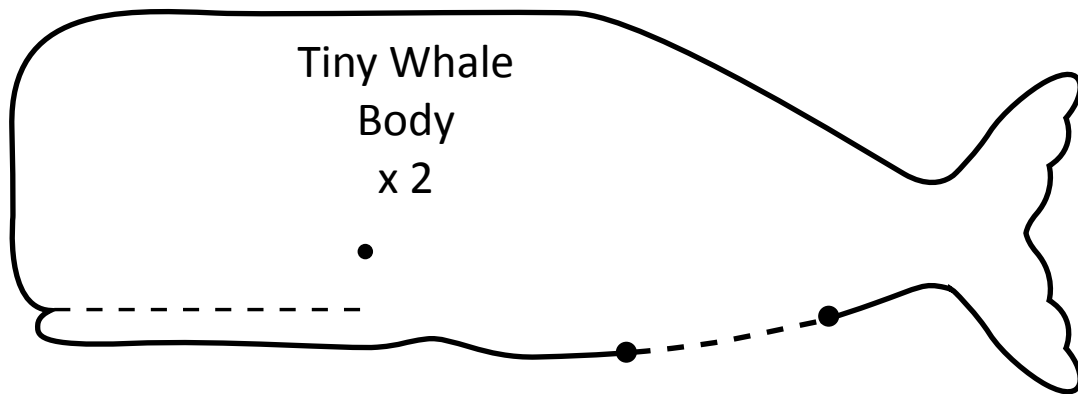
(Large Whale)

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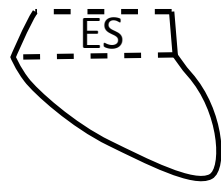
Join

B





Tiny Whale
Body
x 2



Tiny Whale
Flipper x 4

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