

Kenny Irwin Jr. Memorial Foundation and

Dare to Dream Camp

Getting Kids into the Winner's Circle™

The Official Dare to Dream Camp F.R.O.G. Mascot

Dear Friend,
Thank you for caring. Your help is greatly appreciated. The love and affection you will put into creating this F.R.O.G. will bring comfort and happiness to a special child. We hope you find the following instructions useful.

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

IMPORTANT: Before you begin, take this file to your nearest Kinko's and have them print it out page 3 at 200% for you. They will be able to get the pattern on one page which will make it much easier for you.

Read all the information and instructions first.

Place pattern on back of fabric according to cutting guide. With a marking pen, trace around template and transfer markings. Reverse templates and repeat for other side. Carefully cut out.

Pin and stitch mouth darts in front pieces and finger press open. With right sides together, stitch center fronts together between □ and □, being careful to match mouth seams. Hint: match the seams, place a pin parallel to seam line, double check the match and then place a pin at a right angle as close to the seam as possible. When stitching center front seam, remove the pin just before sewing machine needle reaches it. You can also baste area. Make a tiny clip in the fabric at eye dot. Don't make the hole too large (shank of eye should fit tightly). Do Not Insert Eye.

On frog backs, stay stitch area marked "Leave Open for Stuffing>" by

straight stitching 1/8" from edge. With right sides together, stitch center backs together between □□ and □□, leaving center section open for turning and stuffing.

Working with front section on top, pin front to back all around matching •. For best results in areas marked "ease" and "stretch", and around fingers and toes, either place pins closer together or baste first. Stitch a 1/8" to 1/4" seam from ▲ at outside edge of feet all around to opposite outside edge of foot at ▲. Don't stitch across toes. When stitching hands, you have the option of cutting fabric in a semicircle around fingers, marking and stitching fingers and then cutting out seam allowance around fingers. In either case, stitch slowly and frequently lower your needle into the fabric, lift the presser foot and pivot the fabric slightly for best results.

Pin and stitch from inside edge of foot, around crotch, to opposite inside edge of foot. To form toes, press center of top foot seam to center of bottom foot seam. (See illustration.) Pin and carefully stitch across toes. Turn frog over and check stitching all around to make sure all seams are caught in seam allowance.

Turn frog to outside. Use an 11" hemostat or a chopstick for stuffing. make sure all parts, fingers and toes, are completely turned.

Our frog is meant to be lightly stuffed. Take three loose balls of fiberfill about the size of a pecan and stuff into each toe. Repeat for other foot. Loosely stuff remainder of toe, or as an option, make a muslin bag approximately 4"x3", fill half full with plastic craft pellets and place in foot. Very lightly stuff each leg with a loose piece of fiberfill about the

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size of a small banana. Stuff an extra piece in leg haunches but leave about 1/2" free of stuffing at top of leg. Before stuffing the head, insert eyes into holes of eye position. Push shank of eye into hole from front and snap washer on back to secure. Stuff a piece of fiberfill about the size of an acorn into area behind eyes. Fill frog's nose with a loose piece of fiberfill about the size of a large orange and stuff some loose pieces into the frog's cheeks to puff out. Loosely stuff back of head. Take three small, loose pieces and stuff in fingers. Lightly stuff palm or as an option, make a small muslin bag approximately 3"x1", fill with plastic craft pellets and place in palm. Fill remainder of arm with a loose piece of fiberfill about the size of a small banana, leaving about 1/2" free of fiberfill at top of arm.

While optional, the frog will sit better if you sew a muslin bag approximately 6"x3" and fill half full with plastic craft pellets and place in rear end. Place a loose piece of fiberfill about the size of a medium grapefruit in center of back. If necessary, fill in with small loose pieces of fiberfill so back of frog is stuffed smoothly. If using just fiberfill to stuff rear end of frog, place a loose piece of fiberfill about the size of a large grapefruit in rear end. Finish stuffing according to directions above.

Hug, squeeze and play your frog. If it "ribbits", it's time to close back opening. You'll be using a lacing stitch. Double thread needle and knot. Starting at the bottom of the opening, insert needle from wrong side and bring out to right side. Cross over to opposite side of opening and repeat, as if you were lacing a shoe. Always insert needle in wrong side, bringing out to right side, tugging slightly on thread to close. When you reach the top of the opening, backstitch down seam to secure thread. Add checkered ribbon around neck and tie in bow.

MATERIALS NEEDED

One-half yard (18" high x 32" wide) Polar fleece, velour, terry cloth, Hobbs Craft Batt, plush or shaggy felt
One pair 21mm safety cats eyes
Poly-Down® fiberfill
1 yard black and white checkered ribbon for the neck
Optional: one bag of plastic craft pellets; 1/4 yard muslin for pellet bags

GENERAL INFORMATION

Transfer pattern to poster board or 20-25 mil template plastic. Transfer all markings. Punch hole at eye position. Use the template when marking pattern on fabric. Use a fine or extra fine point permanent black marker.

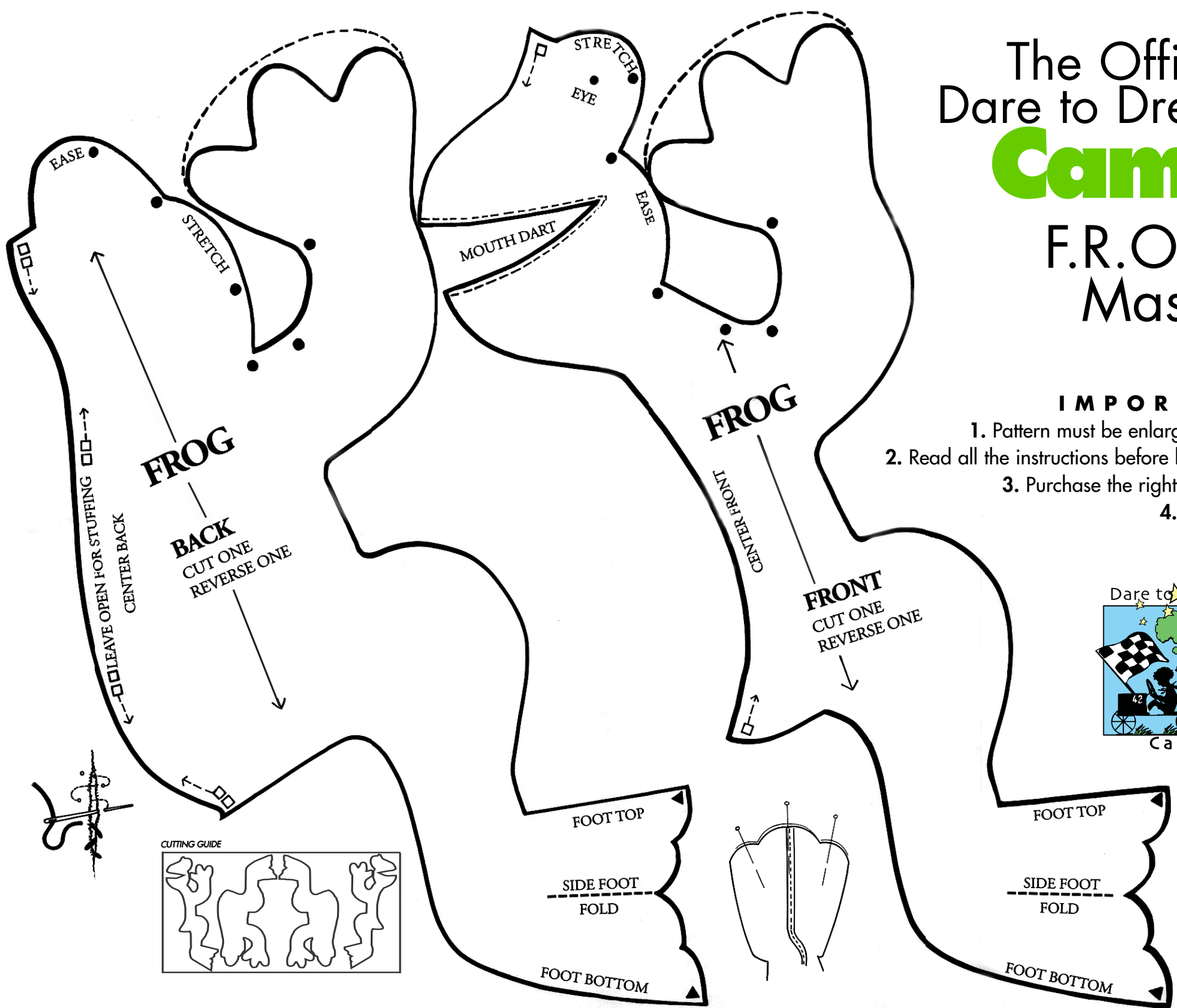
To prevent slipping, pieces must be pinned. Use 1 1/2" all-purpose pins and pin at right angle to edge of fabric at 1" intervals.

Straight stitch or zigzag all seams between 1/8" and 1/4" seam allowance (an 1/8" allowance is included in the pattern). Note: taking more than 1/4" seam will ruin the proportions of the frog. Use a larger stitch (8-10 stitches per inch) and a 12/80 needle. It might be necessary to reduce presser foot tension two layers lead evenly.

Deliver finished F.R.O.G. to:

The Dare to Dream Camp
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New Castle, IN 47362

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- IMPORTANT**
1. Pattern must be enlarged **200%**
 2. Read all the instructions before beginning
 3. Purchase the right materials
 4. Have fun

