

## **Fish Drawstring Bag (approx. 14” – 15” in length)**

### Fabrics

- Scrap fabrics can be used to coordinate or mix and match. Let your stash guide your new fish personalities

### Sewing Supplies

- drawstring cord (cotton cord, twine, or rope) for the closure 2-20” pieces
- 2 decorative buttons for the eyes 🐟
- matching thread
- pins or clips
- sewing machine and serger
- scissors ✂️
- iron
- safety pin (to insert the drawstring)

*The pattern is one size: You can enlarge or reduce for other size fish bags*

### **Cutting the Pieces**

Fish Body — Cut 2

Fish Tail — Cut 2

Fish Fin — Cut 4 of smaller fin shape & cut 2 of the semi-circle fin shape

Fish Head/Pouch Top (drawstring end) — Cut 2\*

\*transfer pattern markings for drawstring casing, button eye position, fold line

**Seam allowance is ¼-1/2” as desired and will produce a fish bag 14-15” in length**

### **Stitch the Fins & Tail**

- place pieces right side together (You will have 1 Tail, 1 semi-circular fin, and 2 small fins)
- sew around the edges leaving the opening as indicated
- clip the curves
- turn right side out
- press with an iron

*Optional: add light stuffing.*

### **Prepare the Head/Pouch Top (Top Channel)**

The Top Channel piece forms the drawstring casing.

- Serge one of the long sides, turn back and press ½” on all 3 sides to form the casing, press well.
- stitch ½” from fold edge to form the casing

### **Stitching the Fish Body & Head/Pouch Top**

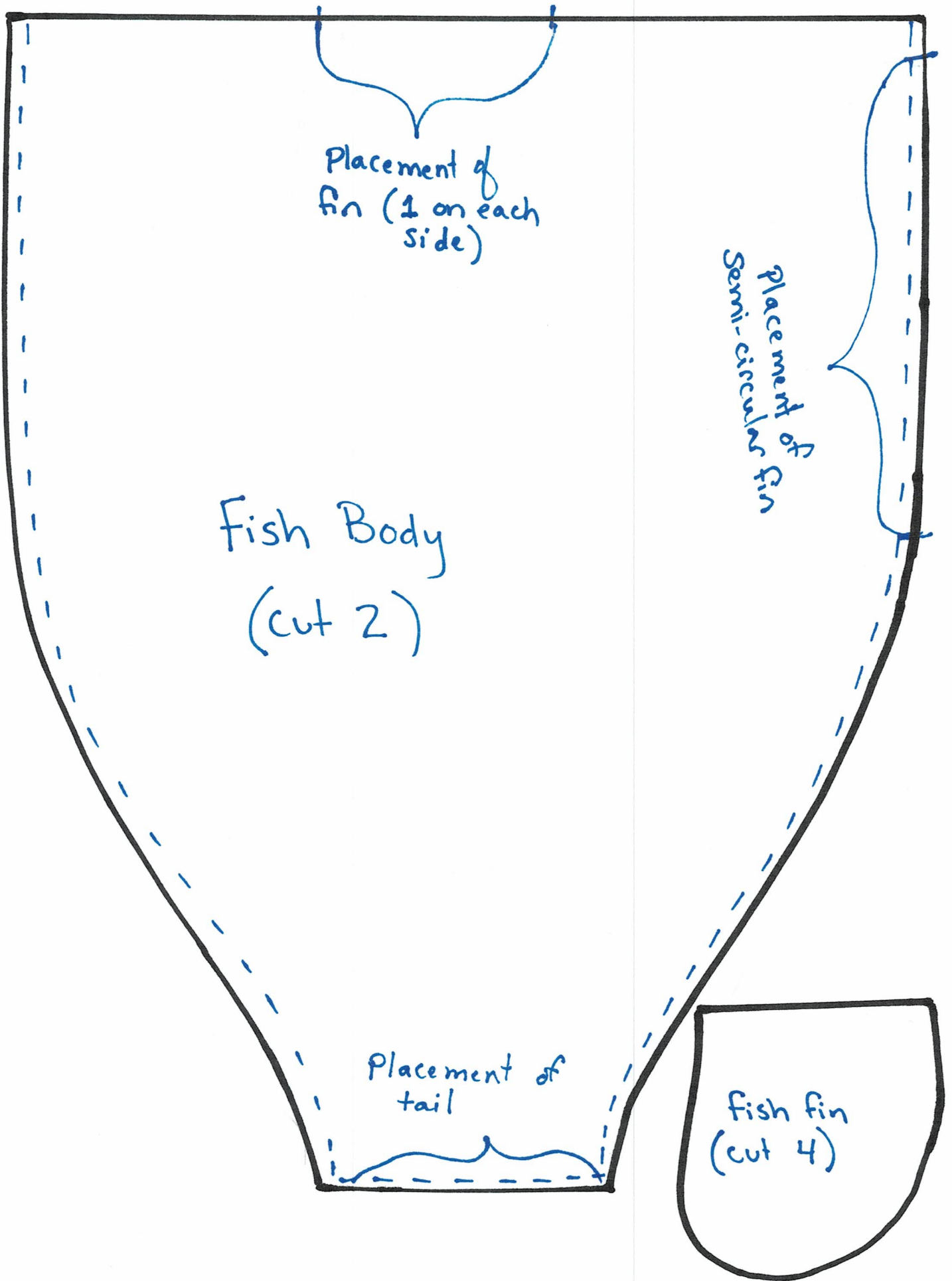
- place the smallest fins on the sides as indicated on the pattern, 1 on each side
- lay the Head/Pouch top piece aligning with this edge, stitch across and serge this seam
- place the tail at the bottom of the fish body, pin so that the fin is “up” on the body piece, pin so that the tail shape does not exceed the body fabric. You will be stitching around the body and across the tail in the next step
- place the semi-circle fin in position and pinned so it is inside the body piece when stitched
- place the two body pieces right sides together, fins and tail tucked inside, pin and stitch around all three sides leaving the top open (pouch opening)
- clip the curves. Turn right side out, press

### **Insert the Drawstring**

- Cut 2 pieces of cord 20” in length or desired length, attach the cord to a safety pin and thread it into the casing so that the ends of one cord come out one side and the ends of the second cord come out the other side, knot the ends of each cord length together
- Optional: thread a bead or two on the ends and secure the beads on either side with a knot in the cord
- give the pouch a final press
- Hand stitch on the buttons as indicated in the pattern, if this is for a child embroider an eye or make one out of felt and glue to fabric (avoid any choking risk for small children)

Your fish-shaped fabric pouch is ready — a fun, practical, and unique handmade piece 🌟





Placement of  
fin (1 on each  
side)

Fish Body  
(cut 2)

Placement of  
Semi-circular Fin

Placement of  
tail

fish fin  
(cut 4)

