Christmas Hanging Kitchen Towel



Santa | Snowman | Reindeer

3 coordinated designs | printable 1:1 pattern sheet included

Make a festive, useful hanging towel with a softly quilted character, a secure button-over strap and a gathered cotton skirt. This original tutorial follows the overall silhouette in your reference, with revised cutting allowances for dependable sewing.

Skill: confident beginner	Approx. 50 cm / 19.7 in long	Applique + sewing

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Fabric, Tools & Cutting

Materials for ONE towel

- 100% cotton: 2 hanger pieces, each about 18 x 34 cm, to cut from the template.
- Cotton for gathered skirt: 32 x 38 cm (12.6 x 15 in).
- Fusible batting or thin cotton batting: 1 hanger shape.
- Small applique scraps: cream, peach, black, brown, orange, red and green.
- Paper-backed fusible web, optional embroidery floss and stabilizer.
- One button, 2.5-3.5 cm diameter; thread to match.
- Machine, iron, scissors, pins/clips, erasable fabric marker and ruler.

Seam and stitch notes

- Use a 7 mm (1/4 in) seam allowance for hanger and 1 cm (3/8 in) for skirt sides.
- Use a 2.5 mm straight stitch; applique with a narrow zigzag or blanket stitch.
- Pattern sheet at the end is designed at 100% true size on A1 paper.

Finished dimensions

- Hanger: about 32 cm (12.6 in) high
- Hanger body: about 16 cm (6.3 in) wide
- Strap: about 8 cm (3.1 in) wide
- Visible skirt: about 18 cm (7.1 in) long
- Lower hem: about 30 cm (11.8 in) wide



Cutting accuracy: why the fabric rectangle is larger

The drawn finished silhouette is approximately 30 cm wide x 18 cm high at the skirt. Cut the skirt rectangle 32 x 38 cm; after folding the 38 cm side in half, using two 1 cm side seams and inserting the upper edge approximately 1 cm, the finished skirt is about 30 cm wide x 18 cm high. The overall assembled length is approximately 50 cm.

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Santa Applique

Complete all fabric applique on the front hanger piece before sewing front to back. Work from the deepest background layer to the topmost detail so the face remains smooth.



1. Prepare the face

Fuse the 11 x 7 cm peach oval in the center of the broad hanger body.



2. Place the beard

Position the scalloped 14 x 11 cm cream beard slightly below the face.



3. Layer the moustache

Apply the 8 x 4 cm moustache; allow it to overlap the upper beard.



4. Build the hat

Layer the red curved cap, cream brim and round pom-pom at the left.



5. Stitch facial lines

Add eyebrows, closed eyes, cheek tint and a small peach nose.



6. Finish the motif

Sew along every applique edge, then embellish with holly and berries.

A neater, softly quilted finish

Fuse a lightweight stabilizer behind the hanger front before stitching. Sew around the beard with a close blanket stitch, then add a few curved quilting lines to imitate soft curls. Avoid adding thick padding under the button area. Press on the wrong side over a folded towel to protect dimensional details.

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Snowman & Reindeer



SNOWMAN

- White face oval: about 11 x 7 cm.
- Black top hat: about 14 x 8 cm.
- Plaid scarf: about 13 x 5 cm.
- Add black eyes, pink cheeks and a 4 x 2 cm carrot nose.
- Applique the hat over the upper face and tuck the scarf beneath the chin.



REINDEER

- Tan face: about 11 x 7 cm; lighter muzzle 9 x 5 cm.
- Two brown antlers: about 7 x 6.5 cm each.
- Two outer ears: 5 x 3.5 cm; inner ears 3 x 2 cm.
- Add red nose, black eyes and a plaid scarf 13 x 5 cm.
- Place antlers and ears behind face before topstitching.

Important applique order

Snowman: face, hat, nose and eyes, scarf, then final stitching. Reindeer: antlers and ears first, followed by head, inner ears, muzzle, nose, eyes and scarf. Secure each layer with fusible web, then sew with narrow zigzag or blanket stitches. Make both versions with the same basic hanger and skirt template.

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Sew the Quilted Hanger



1. Cut the hanger

Trace the full-size 32 x 16 cm outline twice; cut one batting layer.



2. Layer + stitch

Put front and back right sides together; batting behind back. Sew side/top edges.



3. Turn + press

Clip curved seams, turn right side out and press. Leave the bottom open.



4. Topstitch

Sew a neat topstitch 2-3 mm from outer edges, stopping at bottom opening.

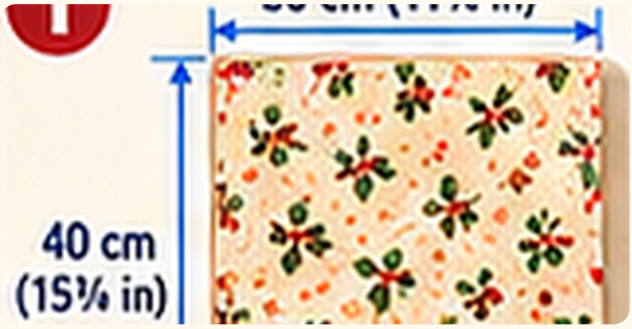
Make a secure button-over loop

Wrap the narrow strap around your oven rail to test the fit. Fold the free tip to the front by roughly 3-4 cm, then mark where a button and matching buttonhole meet. Sew the button firmly through a small reinforcement patch. Make a buttonhole sized to the button, or sew a short fabric loop if preferred. Keep the hot oven door area in mind: never allow fabric to touch a burner or heating element.

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Gather & Attach the Skirt



1. Cut + fold

Cut 32 x 38 cm. Fold across the 38 cm length, right sides together, to make a 32 x 19 cm double layer.



2. Make the lower hem

Stitch the two sides at 1 cm, turn right side out; the folded edge is a clean lower hem.



3. Stitch gathering rows

At the raw upper edge, sew two long-stitch rows 5 mm and 10 mm from the edge. Do not backstitch.



4. Gather + connect

Pull bobbin threads evenly until the top is about 15 cm wide. Insert 1 cm into hanger opening and sew securely.

Strong seam at the attachment

Use clips to spread the gathers evenly across the 16 cm wide hanger base. Slide the gathered raw edge about 1 cm between the front and back hanger layers; pin through all layers. Stitch across the full opening, then add a second reinforcement line. Remove temporary gathering threads and press the seam gently.

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Finishing & Printing



Last steps

- Fasten the strap over the handle and test the button closure.
- Check seams, remove loose thread tails and secure the applique edges.
- Lightly press the skirt; avoid flattening the quilted character.
- For a washable kitchen towel, prewash cotton and use colorfast thread.
- Wash gently and air dry, especially with layered applique and trim.

Pattern-print instructions

- The last page is a single A1 professional template at 1:1 scale.
- Print that page at Actual Size / 100% on A1, or use Poster / Tile mode on A4/Letter paper.
- Measure the 10 cm test square before cutting; do not use Fit to Page.
- Solid lines are CUT outlines; dashed inset lines indicate approximate stitch lines.

Troubleshooting and useful adjustments

If the skirt looks too flat: increase the fabric width to 42-48 cm before gathering (the hem will look fuller). If your button does not align: mark both fastener positions while the strap is wrapped around the actual handle. If a corner puckers: trim seam allowance and clip curves before turning. If applique feels stiff: use a lighter fusible web and avoid dense satin stitching.

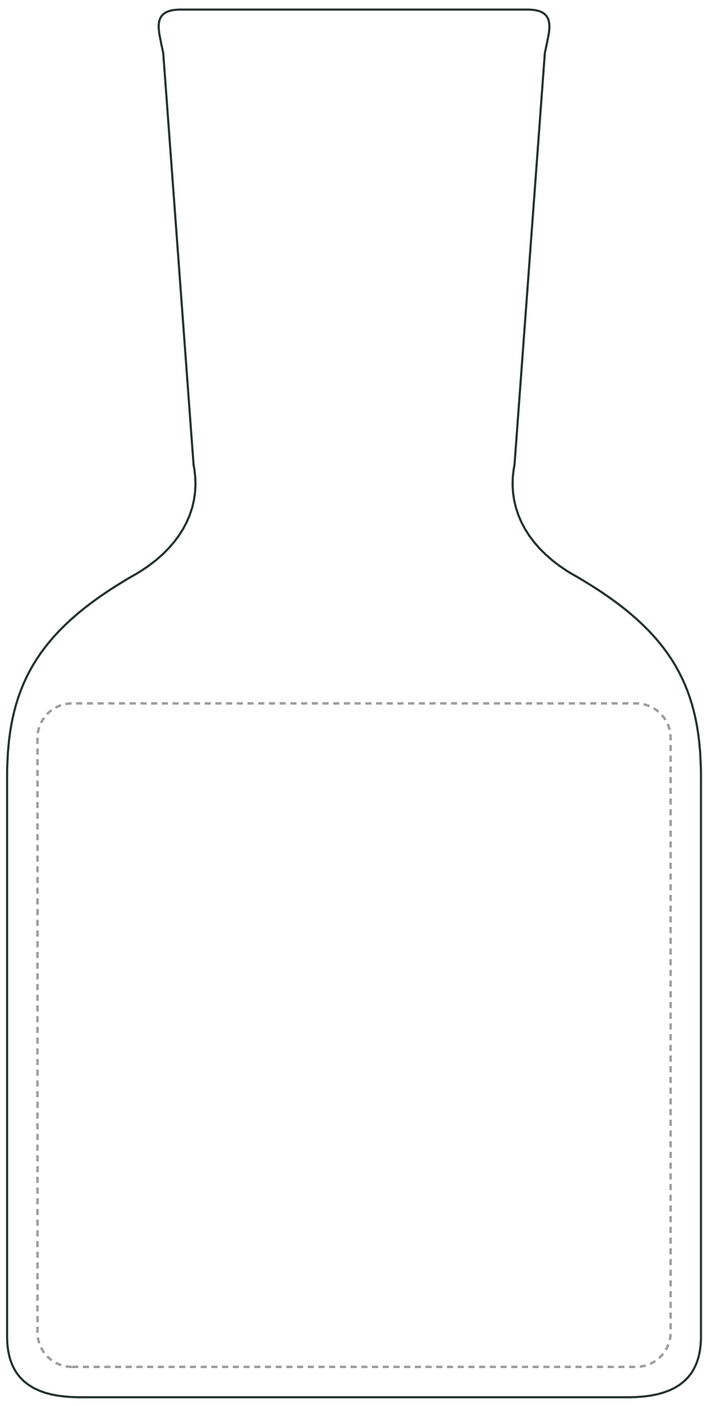
Pattern note: the measurements here are a newly drafted, sewable interpretation of the supplied reference photos, not an extracted manufacturer pattern. Minor shape and placement adjustments may be needed for your chosen fabrics and oven handle.

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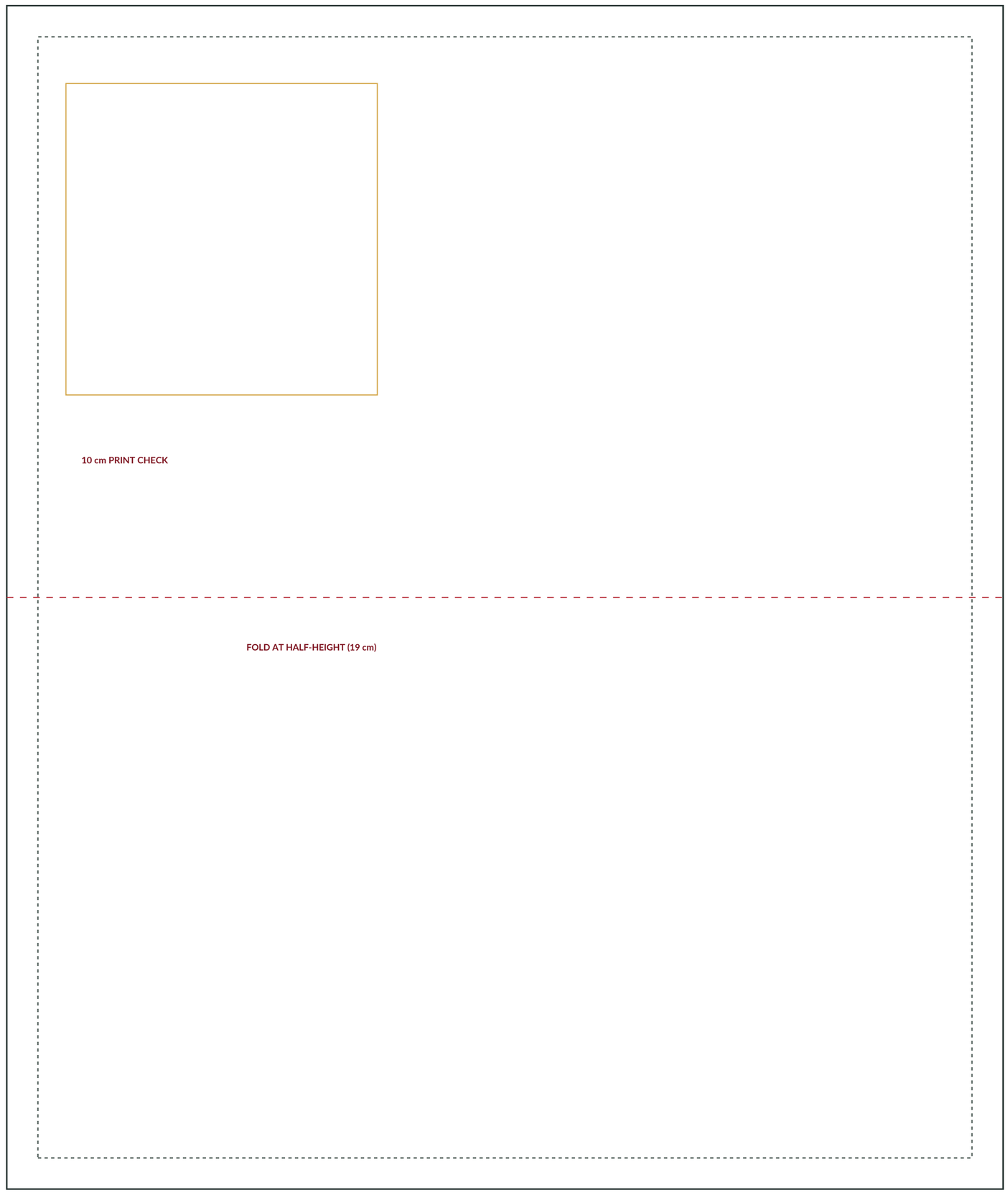
CHRISTMAS HANGING KITCHEN TOWEL - FULL SIZE PATTERN

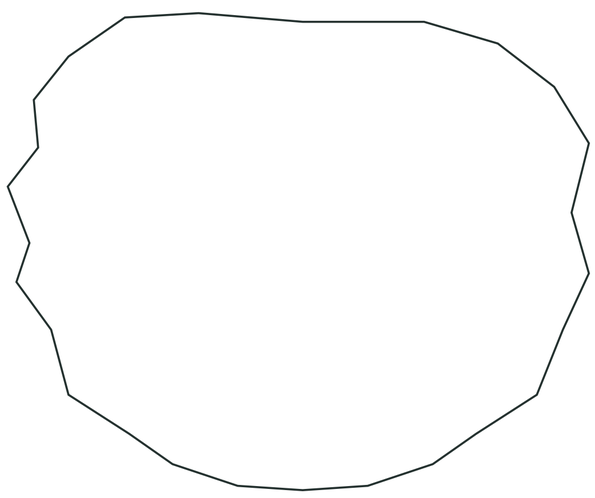
A1 | 100% scale | Cut on solid lines | Approximate stitch line shown dashed | All sizes in cm



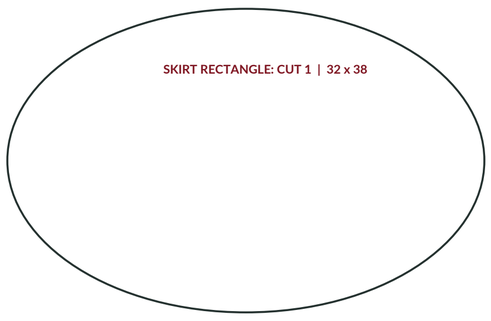
HANGER FRONT & BACK: CUT 2 | 16 x 32

Cut batting: 1 from same outer template



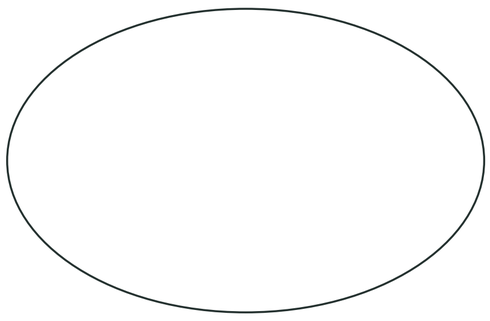


SANTA BEARD 14 x 11

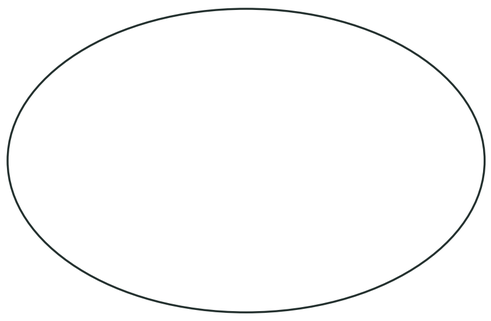


SKIRT RECTANGLE: CUT 1 | 32 x 38

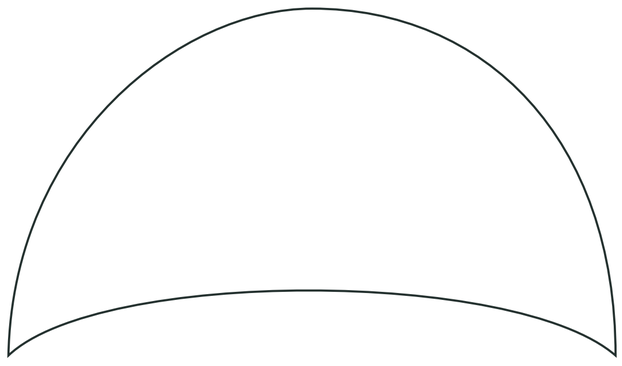
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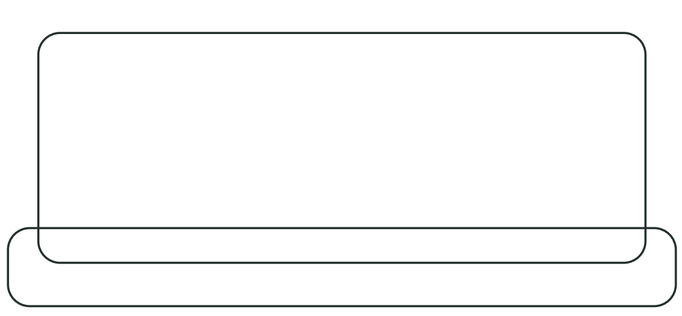
SNOWMAN FACE 11 x 7



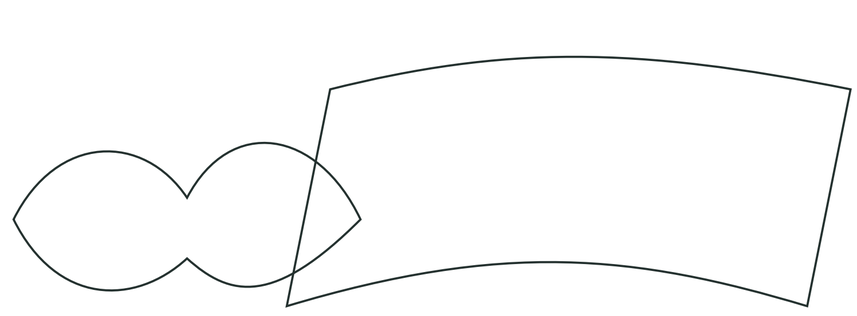
REINDEER FACE 11 x 7



SANTA CAP 14 x 8

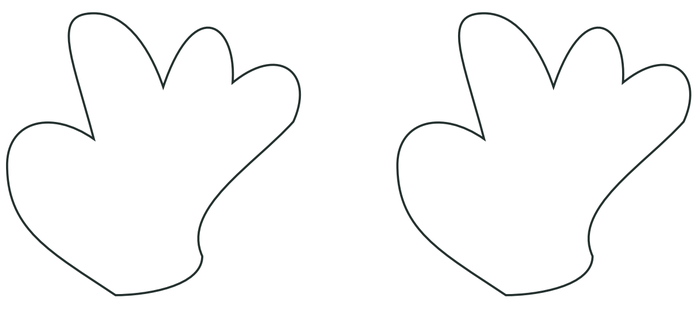


SNOWMAN HAT 14 x 8

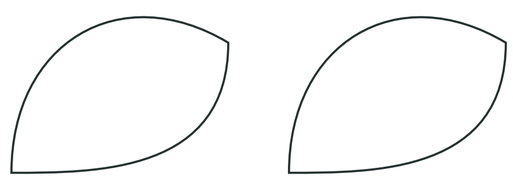


MOUSTACHE 8 x 4

SCARF 13 x 5



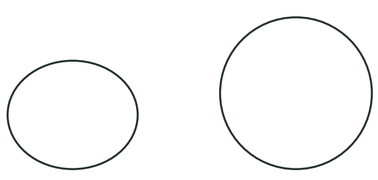
ANTLERS: CUT 2 | 7 x 6.5



OUTER EARS: CUT 2



INNER EARS: CUT 2



RED NOSE 3 x 2.5

BUTTON 3.5 DIA

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