

# MABEL & BONNIE



## MATERIALS

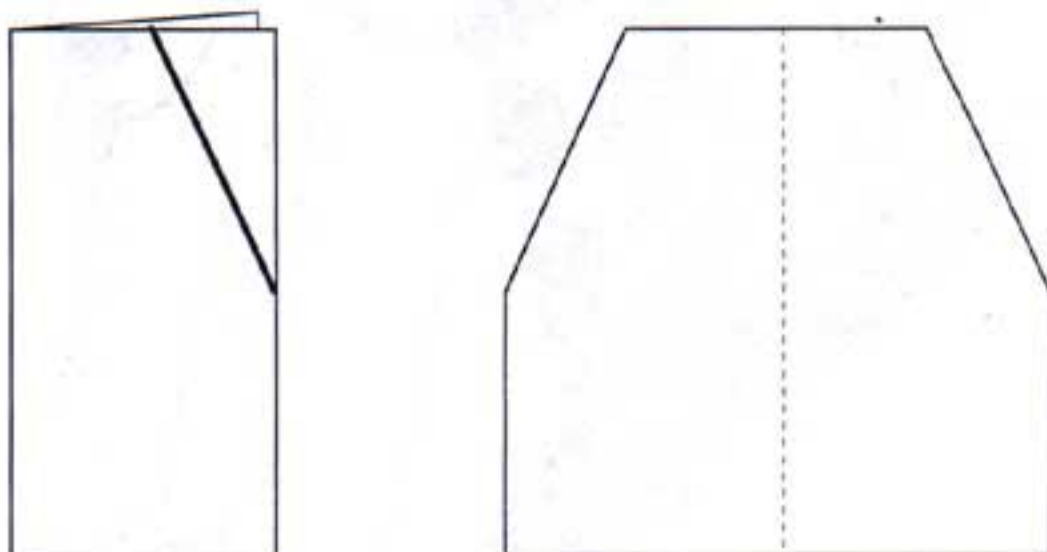
To make Mabel & Bonnie you will need -

White towelling for Mabel and golden coloured towelling for Bonnie,  
 split peas,  
 strong sewing thread,  
 black wool and black paint, (for Mabel)  
 scraps of felt or paper for nose, eyes and tongue,  
 ribbon for collars,  
 paper for patterns and paper glue such as Copydex.

You will also need a funnel which, if you haven't got one, can be made from a plastic bottle.

## HOW TO MAKE MABEL

The first thing to make is a pattern for the body. Fold an 18 centimetre square of paper in half. At one end, starting about 5 cms. from the folded edge, draw a slanting line to half way along the unfolded long side. Cut away the spare paper outside the drawn line, unfold it, and there you have your pattern.

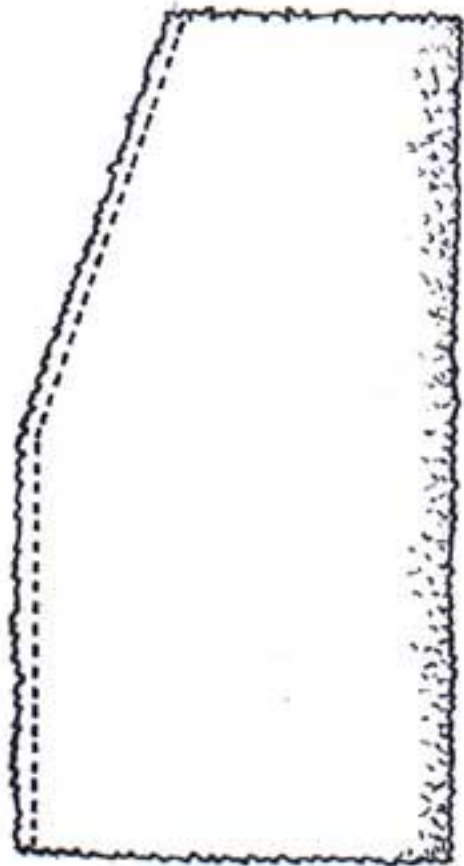


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Pin the edges of the pattern on to your piece of towelling and cut it out.

Then fold the towelling in half with the shaped sides together.

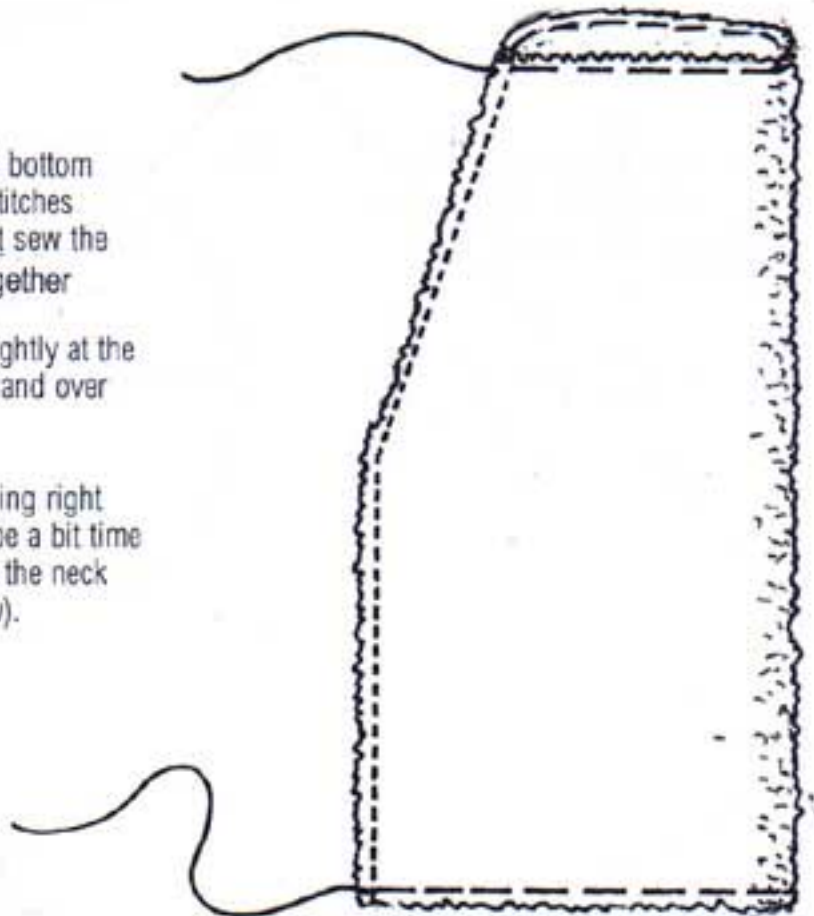
Stitch the shaped sides together using fairly small straight stitches so that the split-pea filling will not fall out later.



Then, at the top and bottom edges sew straight stitches all round, but do not sew the two thicknesses together

Pull up the thread tightly at the bottom, wider edge and over sew firmly.

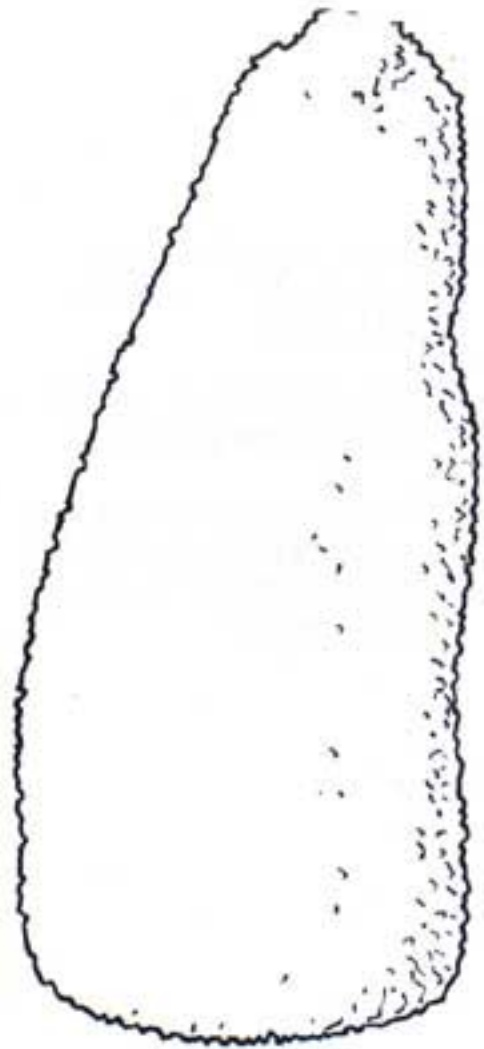
Then turn the towelling right side out. (This will be a bit time consuming because the neck end is rather narrow).



The body can now be filled with split-peas, though you could use polyester toy filling if you prefer.

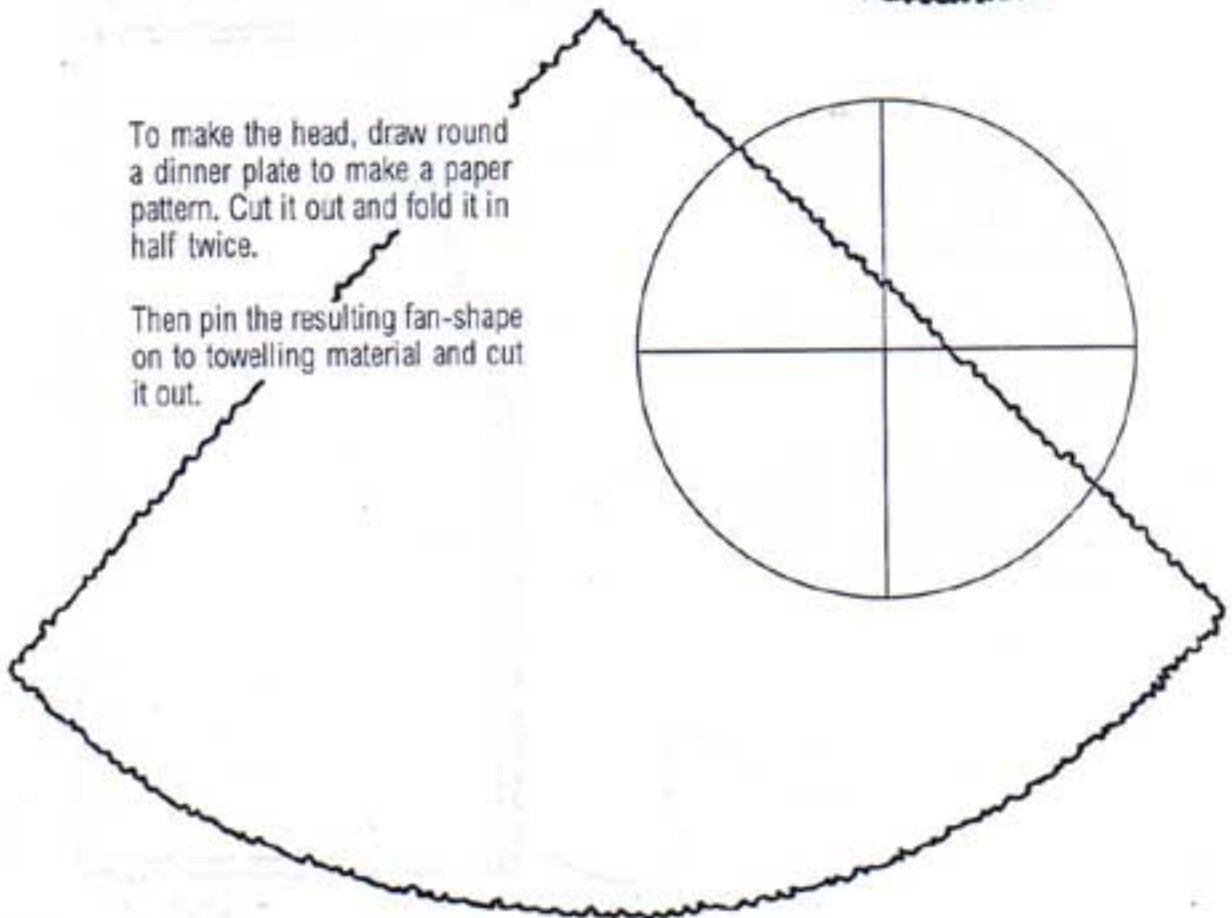
To make filling the body easier, cut off the top from a plastic drinks bottle. Push it into the neck end of the body and fill nearly to the top with the peas. The filling will settle after a while and there will be a bigger gap.

Pull up the running stitches and fasten off firmly.



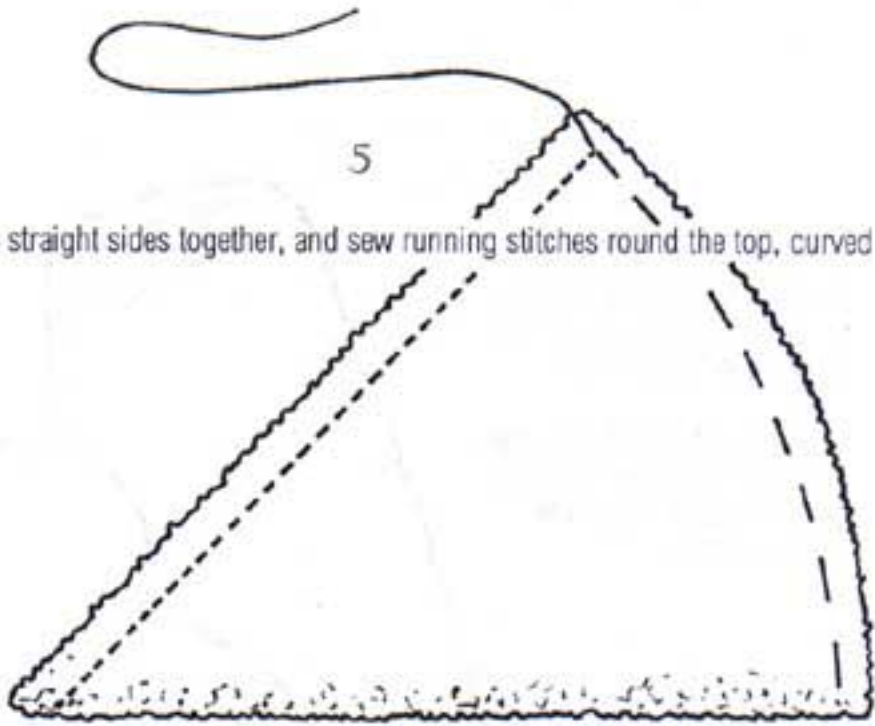
To make the head, draw round a dinner plate to make a paper pattern. Cut it out and fold it in half twice.

Then pin the resulting fan-shape on to towelling material and cut it out.

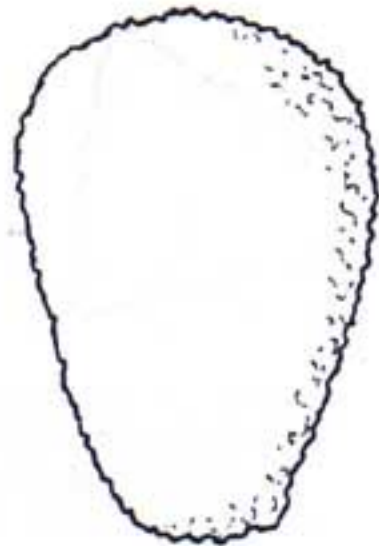
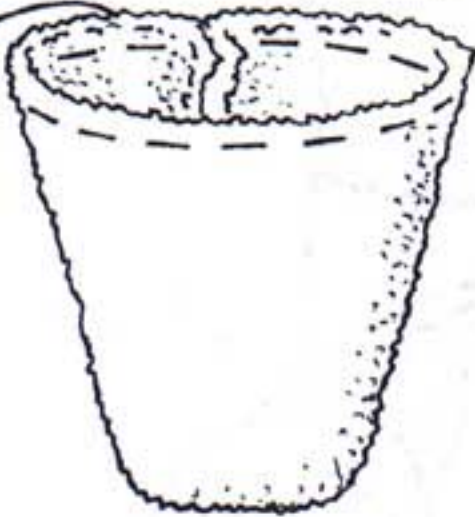


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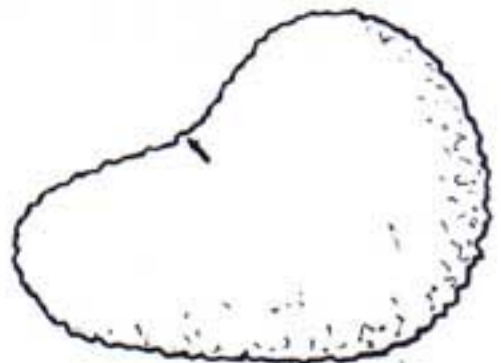
Now sew the straight sides together, and sew running stitches round the top, curved edge.



Turn right side out, leaving the tip inside to give a straight end to the muzzle. Then fill the head with split-peas and gather up the open end as you did for the body.



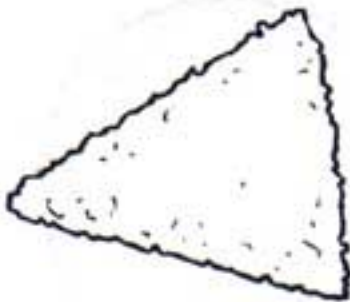
About halfway down the head sew a few stitches through from front to back, pulling up the stitches tightly to give shape to the face.



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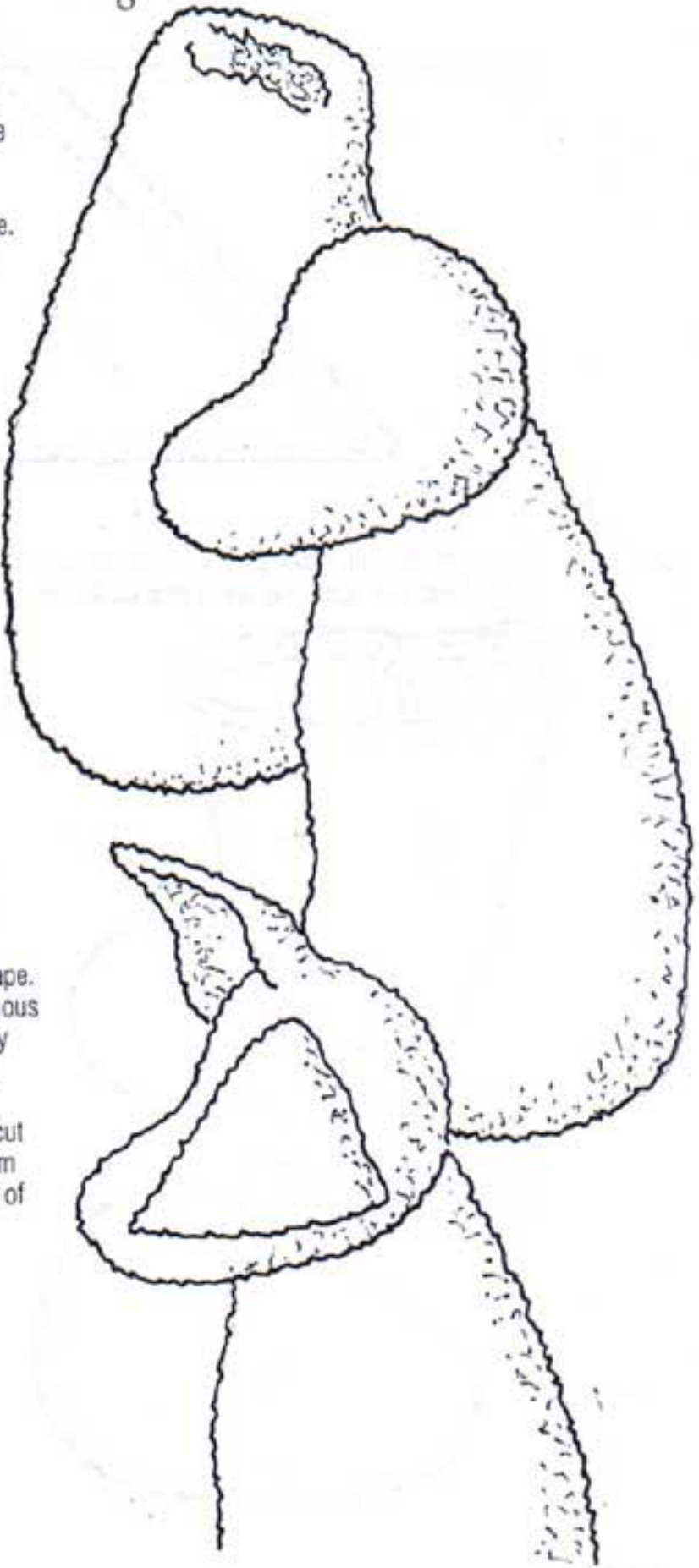
Push the top end of the body down inside itself to hide the rough edges, then spread glue around the folded edge.

Then push the head into place. The seam in the body should be at the back where the spine would be.



The ears are a triangular shape. You could try cutting out various sizes in paper before actually cutting them out in material.

Put a little glue around the cut edges of the ears to stop them fraying. Then glue one edge of each ear to the head.



The nose is a small triangular shape with the corners rounded off, this time cut out of felt or paper. Simply glue in place.

The eyes are split peas painted black and glued on to circles of paper. In Mabel's case, one blue and one brown.

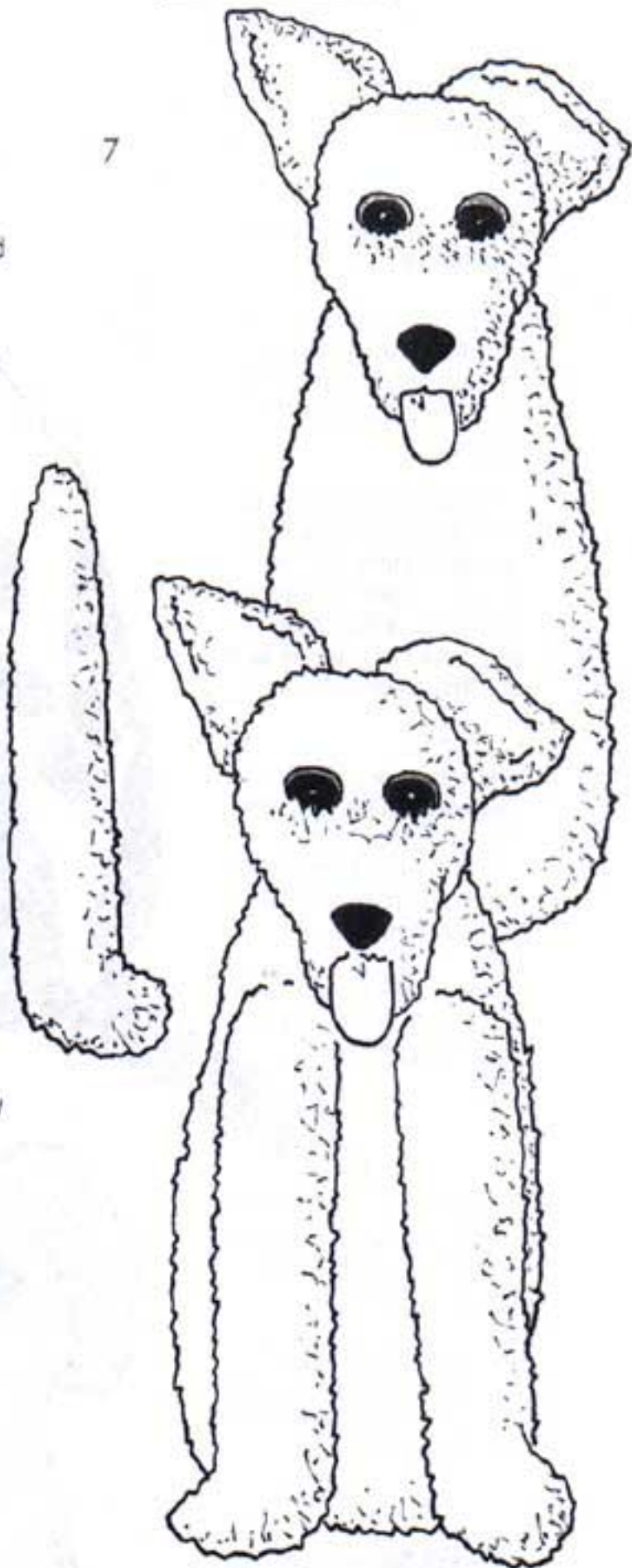
Glue the eyes in place.

For the tongue, cut out a filled in U-shape from pink felt or paper and glue the straight end inside the muzzle.

The legs are made from oblongs of material, about 5 x 10 centimetres in size.

Fold one long side over the other and glue or stitch down. Gather up one end for the paw with a few stitches and either sew or glue the paw so that it stays at right-angles to the leg.

Then glue the tops of the legs to the front of the body with a gap between them.



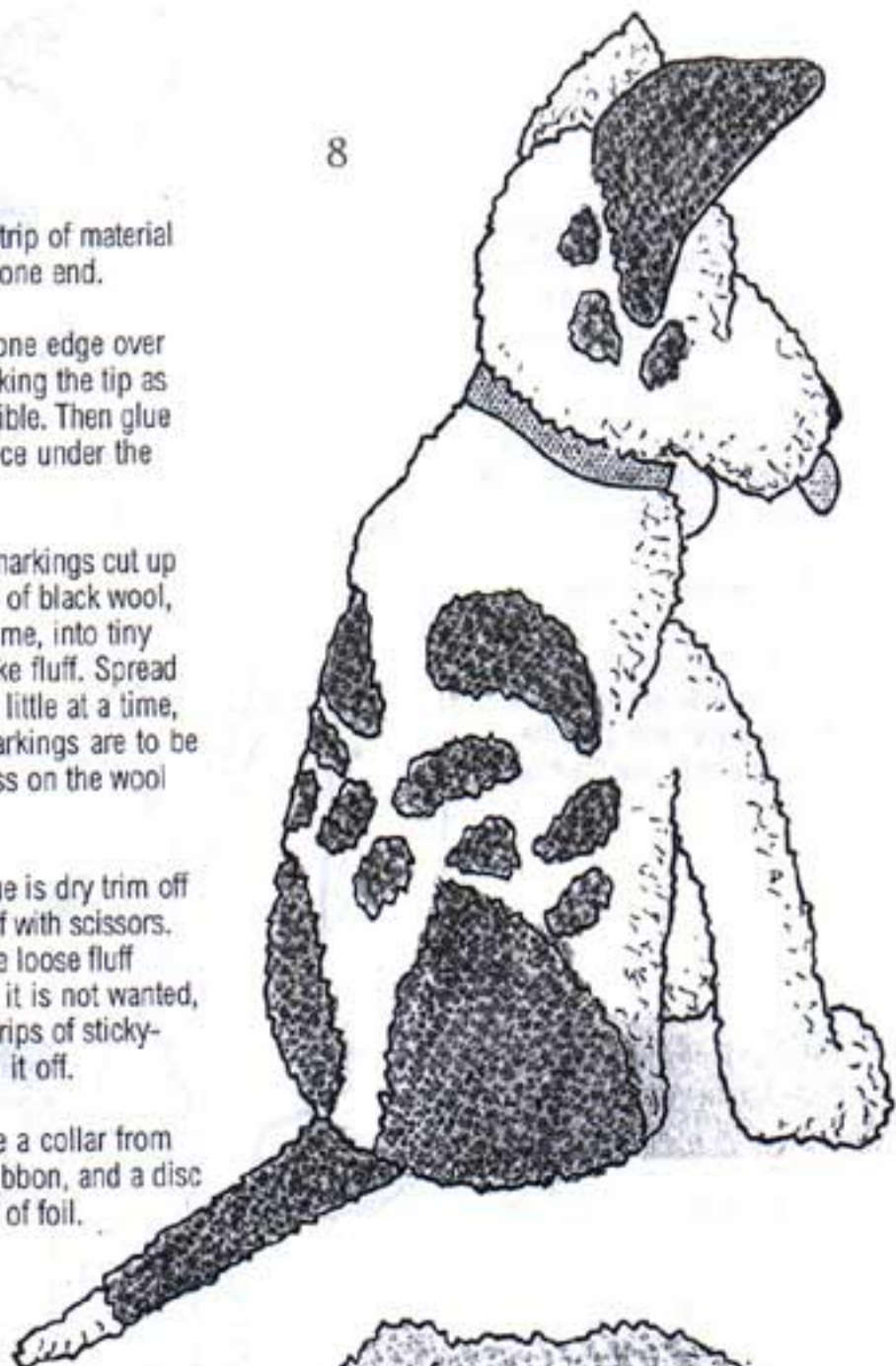
The tail is a strip of material narrowing at one end.

Glue or sew one edge over the other, making the tip as small as possible. Then glue the tail in place under the body.

For Mabel's markings cut up some strands of black wool, several at a time, into tiny pieces to make fluff. Spread some glue, a little at a time, where the markings are to be and then press on the wool fluff.

When the glue is dry trim off any loose fluff with scissors. If you find the loose fluff clings where it is not wanted, dab it with strips of sticky-tape to clean it off.

Finally, make a collar from a length of ribbon, and a disc from a scrap of foil.



Bonnie is made in much the same way as Mabel but using golden coloured towelling instead of white.

Make her muzzle slightly broader and shorter, and make her ears hang down and have rounded ends.

