



Guardsman George Moppet Doll

The first of a brand-new collection of moppet dolls from Bustle & Sew, Guardsman George was created to mark the birth of the first child of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge - after all every little prince or princess needs a handsome soldier of their very own!

George measures approximately 15" tall



You will need:

- ¼ yard flesh-coloured felt
- 9" x 18" piece red felt
- 9" x 18" piece of black felt
- 6" x 1 ½" brown tweedy fabric
- Scraps of yellow, white and blue felt
- Black and pink stranded cotton floss
- Toy stuffing

Body:

Seam allowance is ¼". The templates are given actual size. You can back stitch by hand or machine stitch the body pieces. They are sewn with seams outwards - no need to reverse them as they will be completely covered by the sewn-on clothes.

- Cut out all pieces as shown on templates
- Place the limbs together in pairs and stitch down both sides and along centre line E to E.

- Place the two body pieces together and join at shoulders from A to M on both sides.
- Stuff the top section of the arms and then insert into body matching A and C. Stitch down sides of body, so attaching the arms.
- Repeat with the legs along the bottom edge of the body.
- Stuff the bottoms of the limbs, then run a gathering thread around the bases B to D - pull tightly and secure. The doll will now have limbs that bend at knees and elbows.



- Join the darts on the two head pieces on both sides, then join the front and back together, leaving a gap between M and M. Turn the right way round and stuff firmly.



- Stuff the body and then stitch the head to the body, inserting more stuffing at the neck if needed to stop it from being too floppy.

- Place the felt hands together in pairs and back or machine stitch around edges. Turn the right side out, stuff firmly, then attach to the ends of the arms.

Dress your soldier:

- Place the two trouser pieces together and on the wrong side with back stitch or machine stitch, join side seams J - K and the inner leg seams L - M - L. Turn trousers the right way round. Cut a strip of yellow felt ¼” wide and stitch over seams at sides of trousers.
- Put trousers onto your soldier and stitch in place all around waist. Roll up to expose ends of legs.

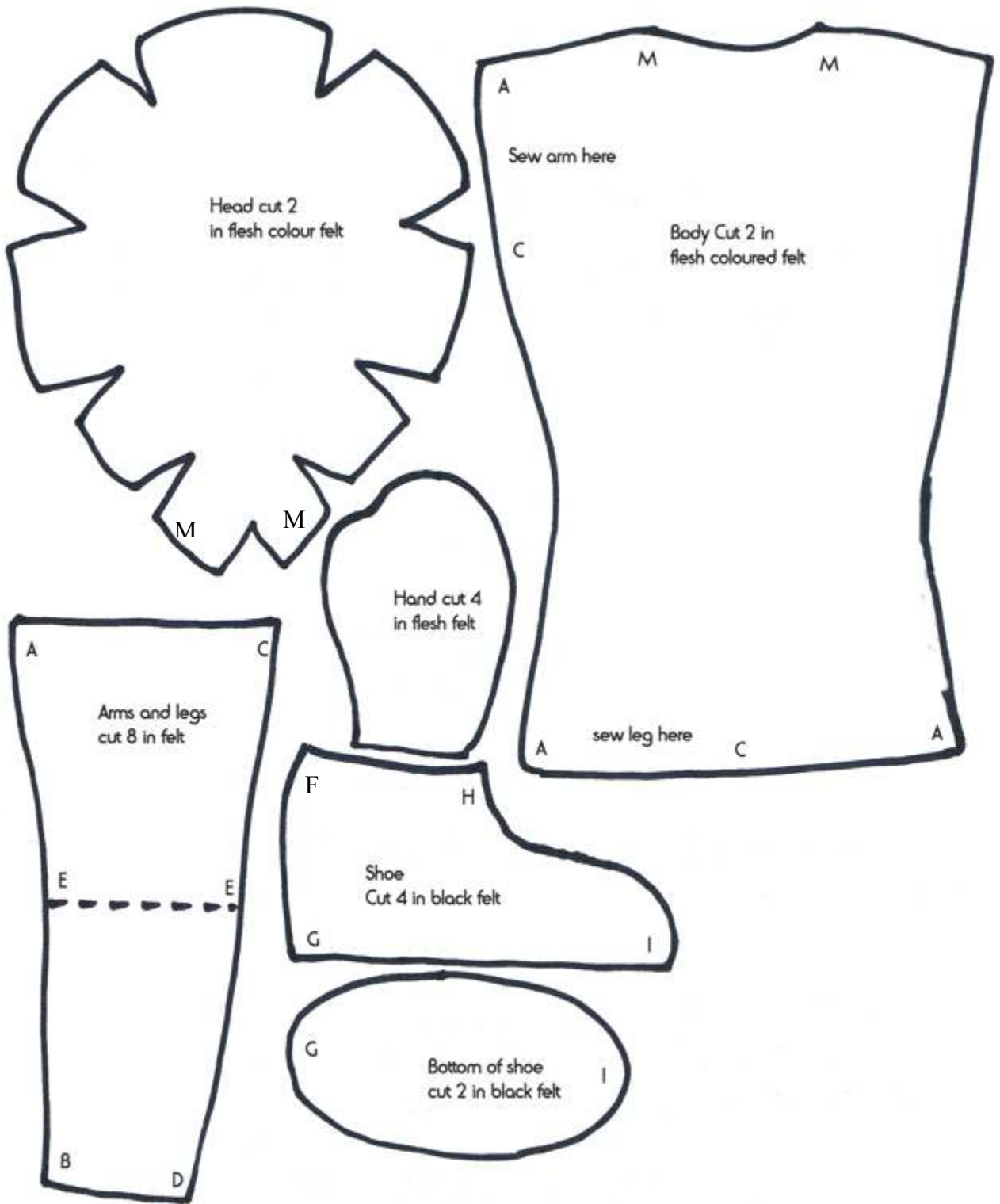


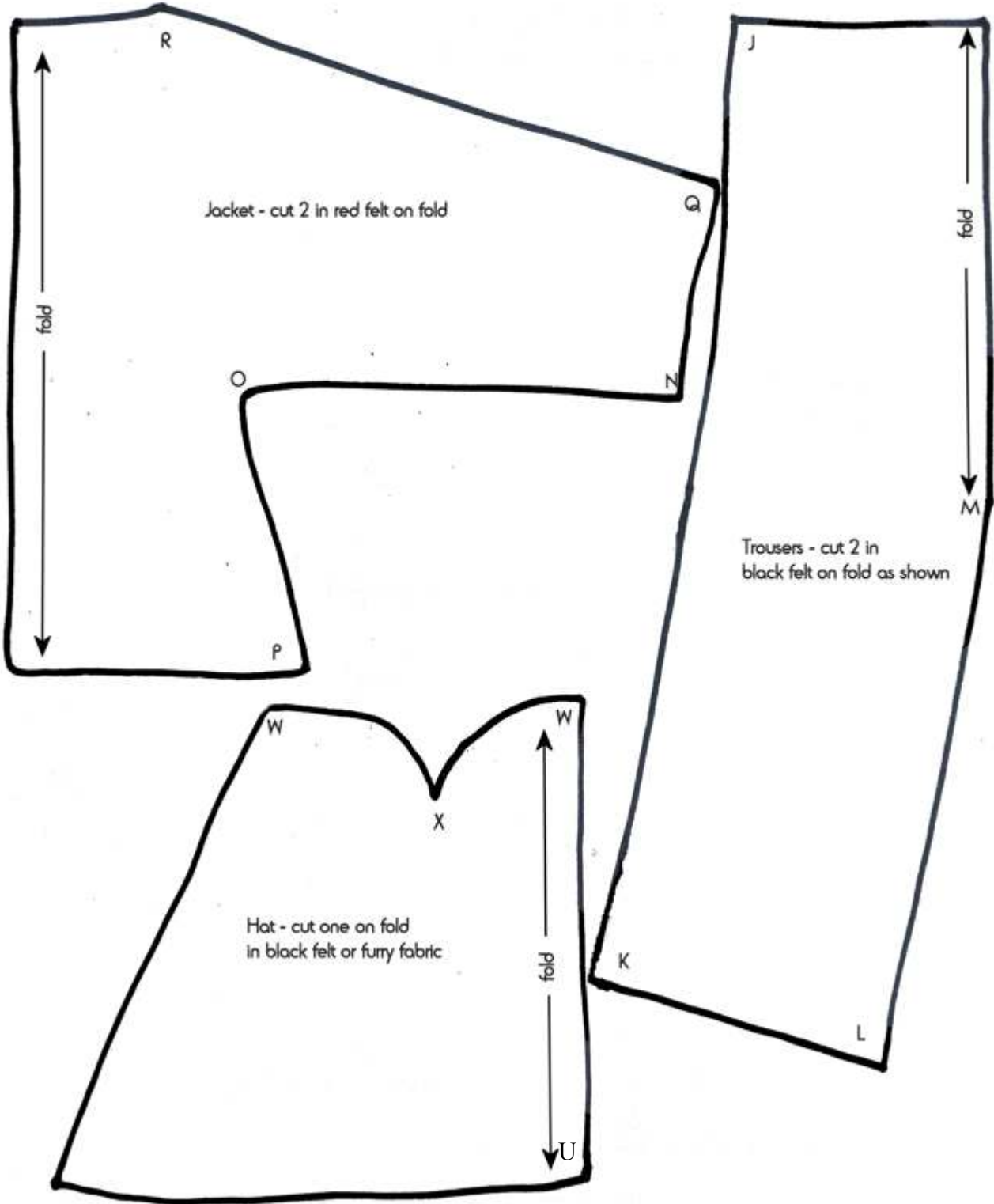
- With wrong sides together join the shoe seams F - G and H - I, then insert the soles. Use blanket or half cross stitch for this.
- Stuff the shoe firmly, then push the open end F - H over the end of the leg and stitch into place.
- Repeat with the other shoe.
- Roll down trousers and stitch to tops of shoes.
- Place the two jacket pieces together and cut one of them up the centre fold line. With right sides outwards and using blanket or half cross stitch in two directions, join the fronts to the backs along the underarms and down side seams N-O-P and along top of sleeves Q-R.

- Put onto your soldier and stitch one side of tunic to his body. Pull the other side of the tunic so it slightly overlaps and then stitch that into place too.
- Sew yellow felt buttons into place as shown in photos.
- Cut a strip of white felt ½” wide for his belt, stitch in place all around waistline and either embroider or use a tiny piece of grey felt to represent his buckle.
- Stitch a strip of black felt ½” wide all around his neck for a collar. Repeat for jacket cuffs.
- Cut medal from yellow felt and ribbon from blue felt - embroider letter onto medal if liked and stitch to the front of his tunic.

Head:

- Wrap brown tweedy fabric around head to represent hair - make sure it comes down to his collar at the back so it will peep out from under his hat. Stitch into place.
- Embroider eyes with tiny stitches using black floss. Embroider nose and mouth with a single strand of black floss and back stitch.
- Cheeks are a few stitches of pink floss (use two strands).
- Fold his hat in half and on the wrong side join centre back seam W to U. Now fold it flat matching at W and sew around the top X - W - X.
- Reverse, stuff and stitch to head using the photo as a guide for positioning.
- Cut a tiny strip of black felt and stitch into place under his chin for strap.
- Guardsman George is now FINISHED!!







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