

# Gerry the Giraffe

Sew this colourful character as a fun birthday gift

Giraffes are one of the most **fun creatures** in the animal kingdom, with their long legs and necks. Corinne Bradd's **cute** toy version is so easy to make, **stitched** from bright yellow and green patterned fabrics, but you could choose other **colours** and prints to suit whoever you are making him for.



## YOU WILL NEED...

Printed cottons, two fat quarters  
Toy stuffing  
Quilt wadding  
Felt  
Small black buttons, two

## Gerry the Giraffe

**1** Draw around the template pieces onto the reverse of your fabrics as indicated and cut out, adding a 5mm seam allowance to each. Pair up the ossicone pieces right sides together and sew around the edges, leaving the bottom open. Clip the curves, turn right side out and stuff fairly firmly to 1cm from the raw edge. Tack across the ossicone to hold the stuffing in place.

**2** Secure two different patterned ear pieces right sides together and pin onto a scrap of wadding. Sew around the edges, leaving the flat end open. Clip the curves and turn right sides out. Pleat the lower edge of the ear and tack to hold.

**3** Pin the nose pieces right sides together along the straight edges of both the front head and front body, then stitch in place. Pair up the curved edges of the nose right sides together and stitch. Clip curves and turn the nose out.

**4** Pin and tack the ossicones and ears face down onto the front head, matching up the raw edges with the outline of the head. Pin the back body over everything and sew around the edges, leaving at least a 6cm gap along a straight section.



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**5** Clip the curves and check that all pieces are held securely within the seam before turning right sides out. Firmly stuff the nose and body before folding in the raw edges of the gap and slip stitching closed. Remove the tacking stitches from the ossicones and manipulate the stuffing down to the seam so they stand up.

**6** Cut two tiny circles of felt and stitch to the end of the nose as nostrils. Trim two larger circles of felt and oversew to the head, just above the nose. Stitch buttons in the centre of each larger felt disc for eyes. **CB**

## Fabric Love



### SUNNY SIDE UP

This pretty yellow fabric from Washington Street Studio's Vintage 1930s Florals collection makes for a cute giraffe. Visit [eqsuk.com](http://eqsuk.com) for stockists



### ON THE DOT

Create a zingy contrast on your toy with this White Spots on Kiwi Green fabric from Makower. £11 per metre, [new-threads.com](http://new-threads.com)



## Did you know?

Ossicones are the horn-like protuberances on top of a giraffe's head – both the males and females have them



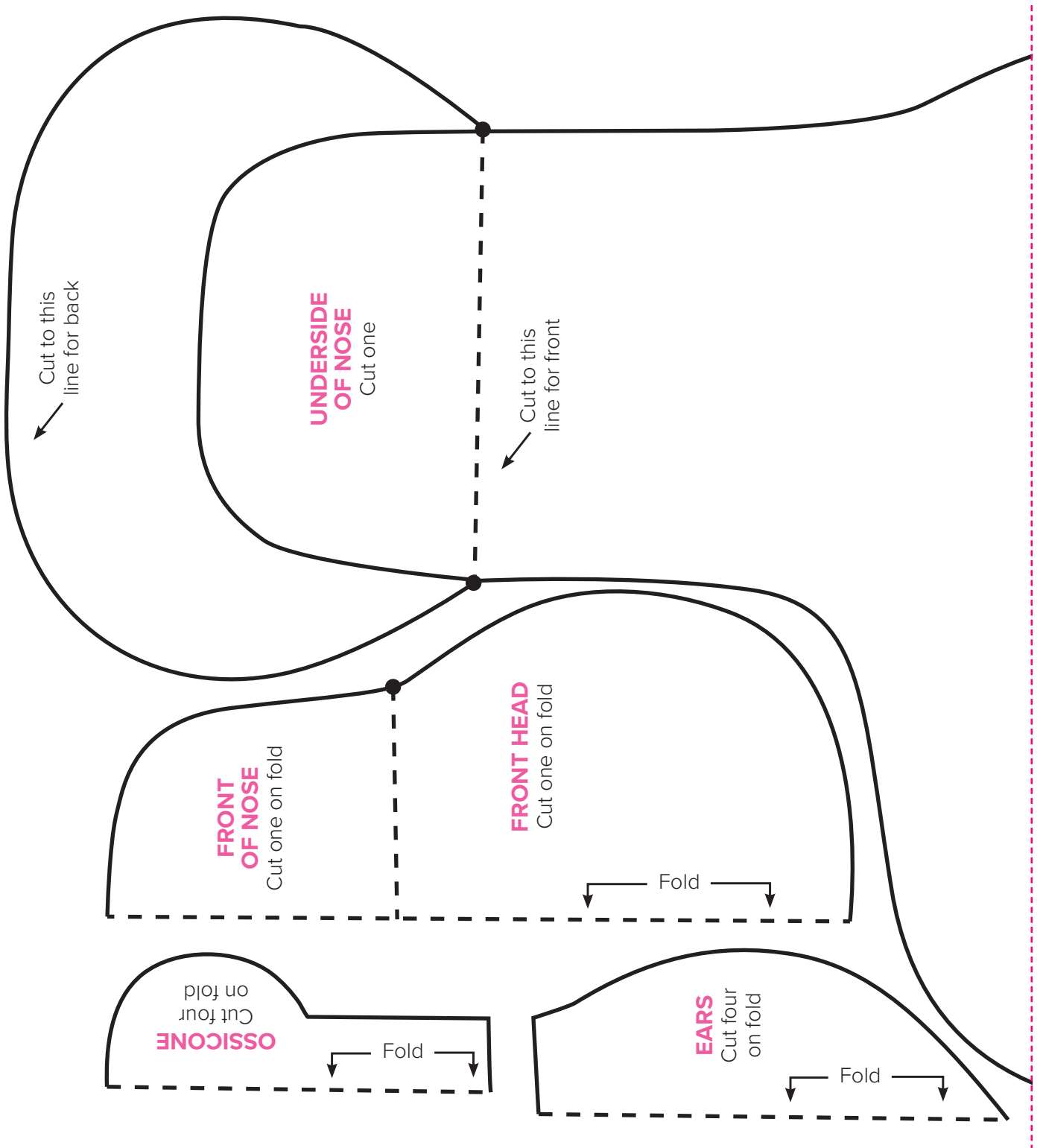
*"If you're making this giraffe for a very young child, replace the button eyes with black felt circles and make sure to stitch these and the nostrils on very securely"*

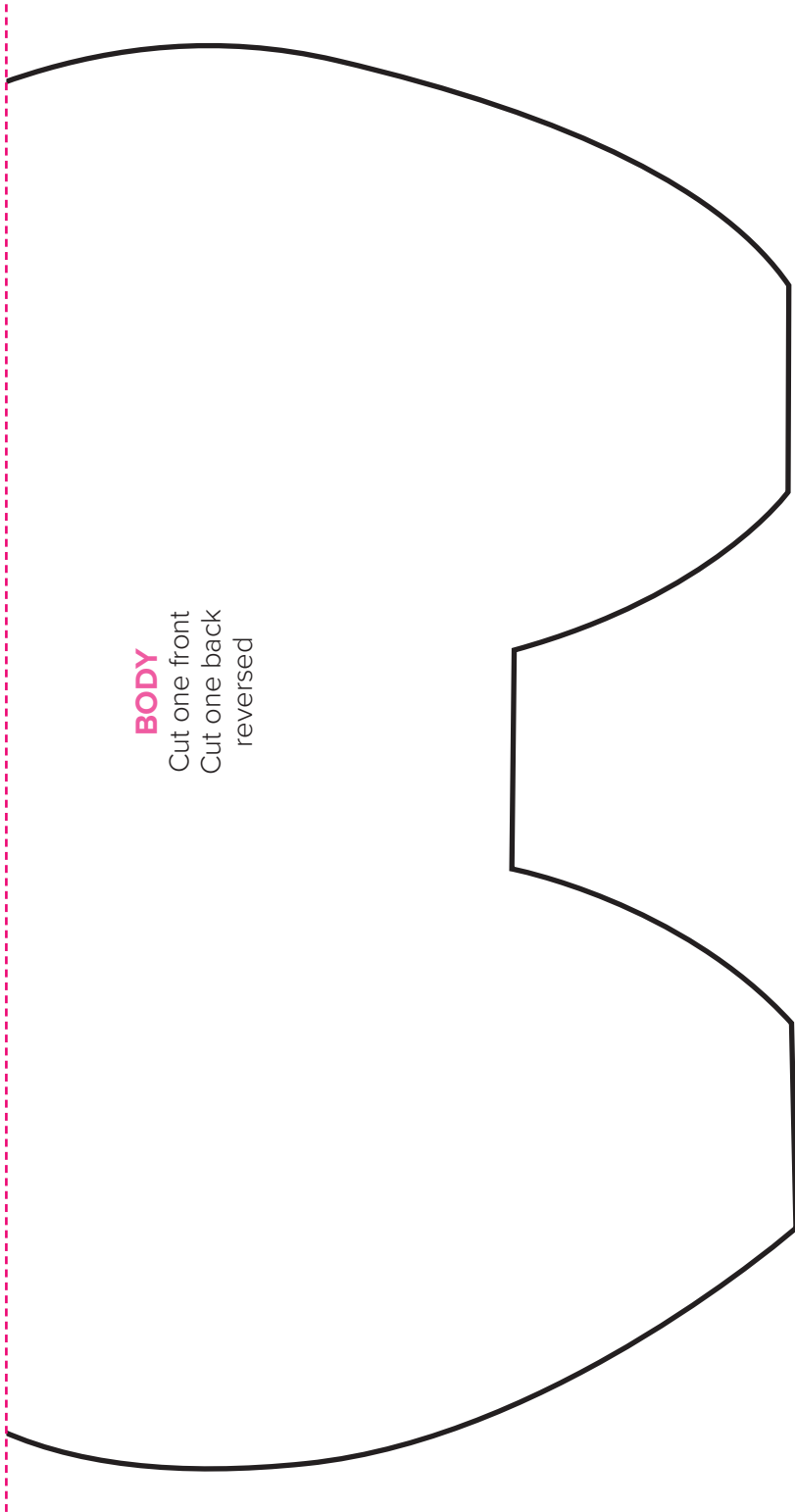
Corinne Bradd,  
Designer



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**BODY**

Cut one front  
Cut one back  
reversed