

Lion Puppet

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You and a child can enjoy making these handcrafted puppets together! The following are instructions to make both of these projects.

100% cotton

Pattern Level: Easy/beginner

Finished Size: 20" tall by 12" wide

Seam Allowances: add 1/2" to all pieces except felt

Materials needed:

1/2 yard of gold colored fabric

1/2 yard of rust colored fabric

1/2 yard of multi pattern brown fabric

Rust, orange and gold colored embroidery floss

Black, white, tan and pink felt

Coordinating thread

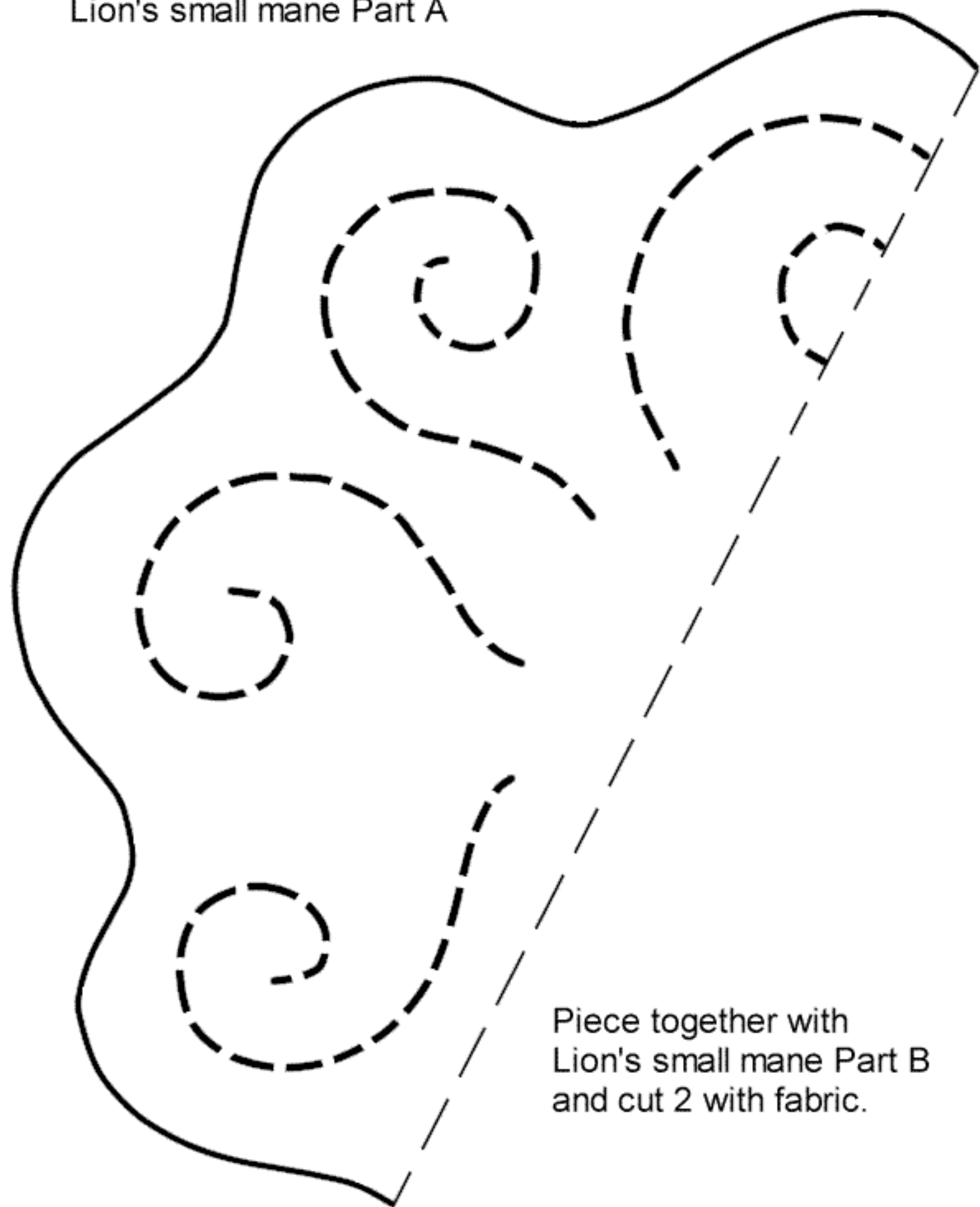
Fabric glue or glue gun

Scraps of quilt batting

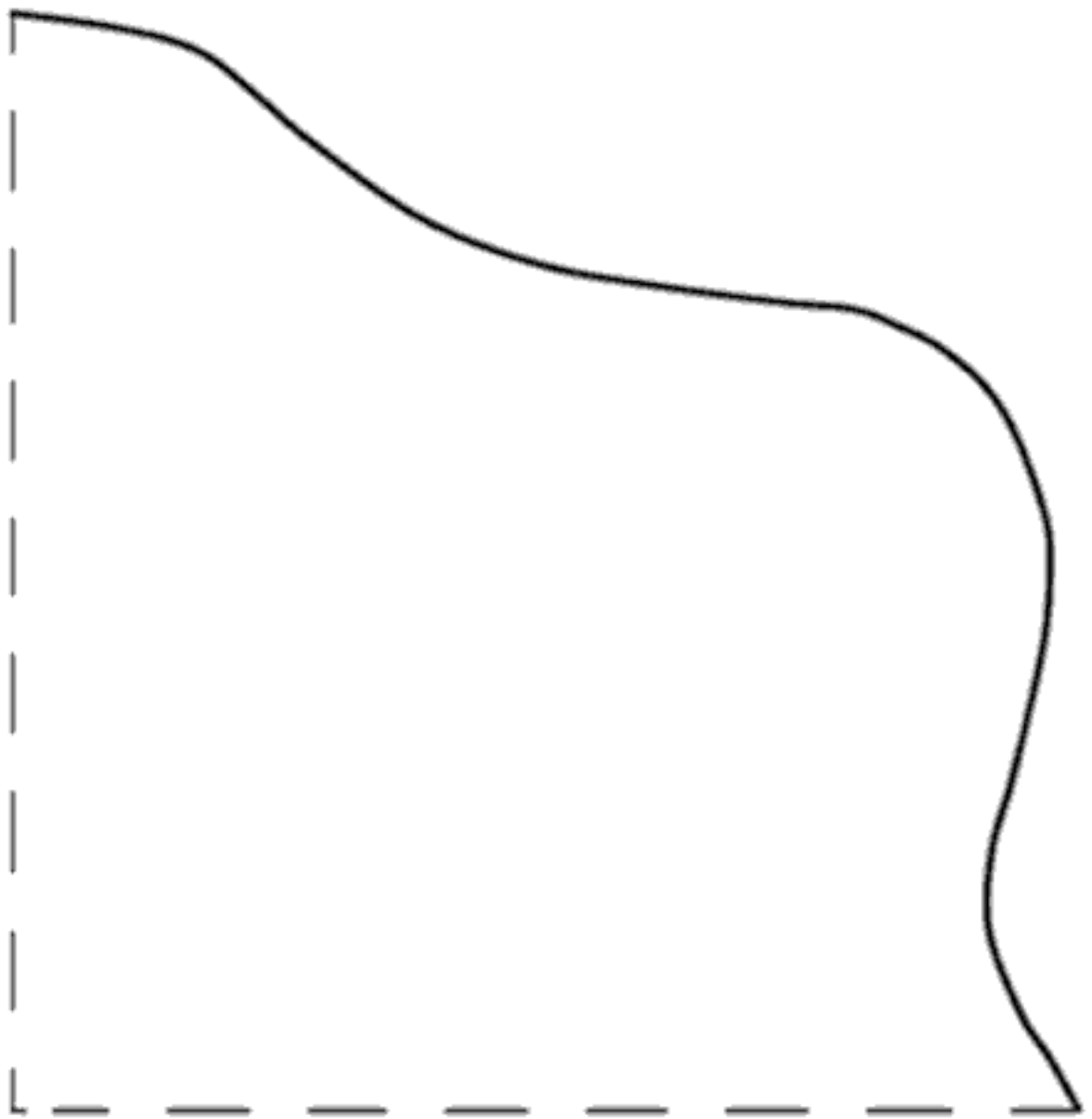


1. Cut pattern pieces from diagrams given: cut lion body and head using gold fabric (see head diagram and puppet's body diagram-note place on fold); cut large lion's mane from brown fabric (see lion's large mane diagram); and cut small lion's mane from rust fabric (see lion's small mane Part A and Part B diagrams).
2. For lion's body with right sides facing, sew front and back together. Clip curves, trim selvage and zigzag edges. Turn and press. Fold under raw edge at bottom and hem.
3. Cut ear pieces from gold fabric and quilt batting (see ear's diagram). With right sides facing and fabrics atop batting, sew around curves of ears leaving bottoms open. Clip curves, turn, press and top stitch about 1/8 inch from curved edge.
4. Cut head pieces from gold fabric and quilt batting (see head diagram). With right sides facing and fabrics atop batting and ears pinned in place, sew around edge leaving opening at chin for turning. Clip curves, turn and press. Top stitch on facial features (see dashed lines on head diagram).
5. With embroidery needle and floss, chain stitch curlicues on rust fabric (see curved, dashed lines on lion's small mane Part A and Part B diagram); press. With right sides facing, pin and stitch rust fabric together leaving opening for turning. Clip curves. Turn and press. Stitch opening closed.

Lion's small mane Part A



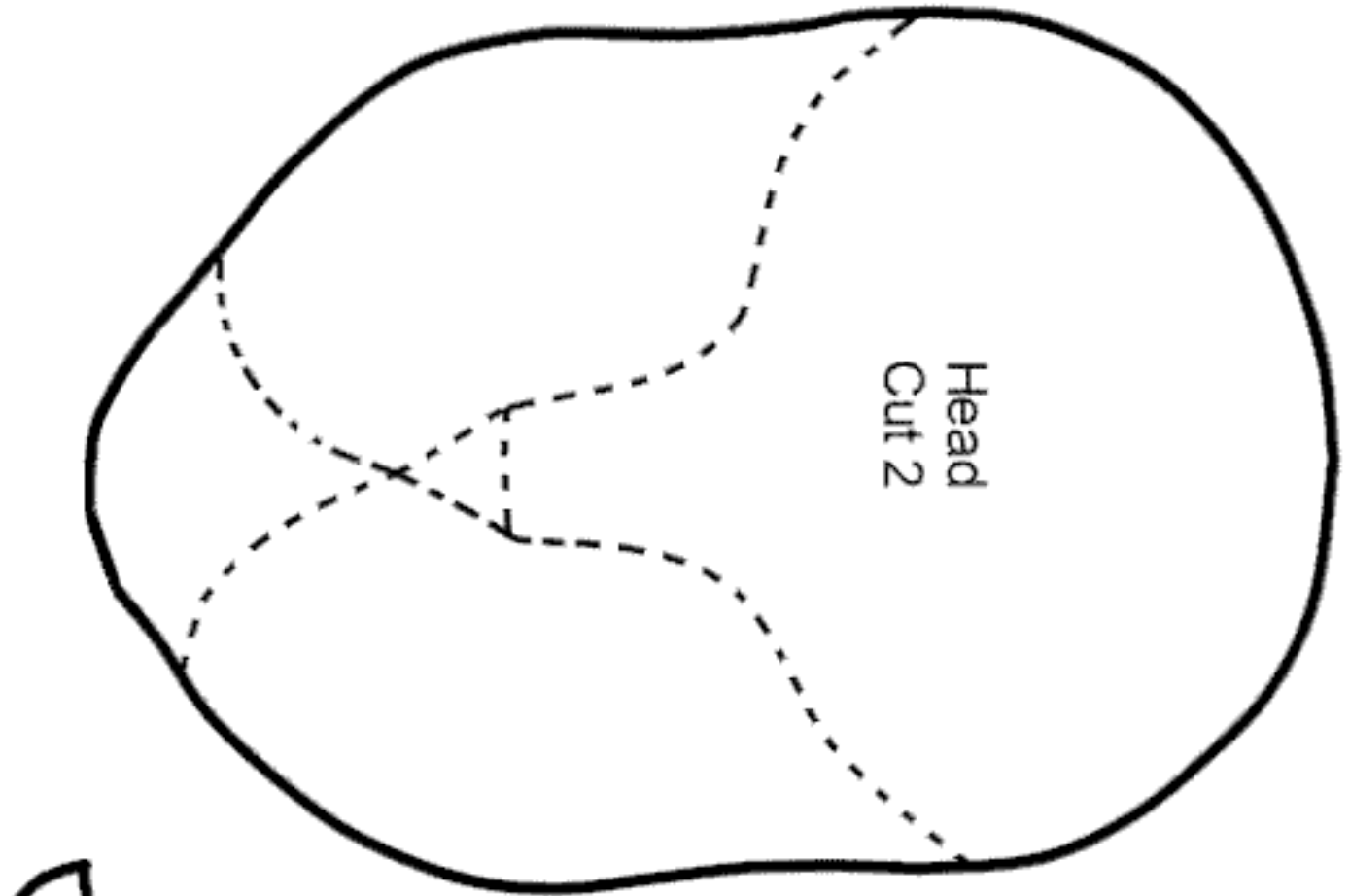
Piece together with
Lion's small mane Part B
and cut 2 with fabric.



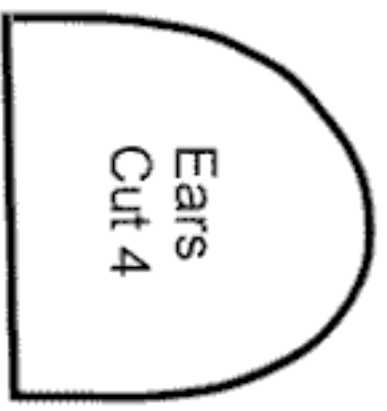
Lion's large mane

Cut 4 of diagram and piece together at dashed lines to create large mane.

When pieced together cut 2 with fabric.



Head
Cut 2



Ears
Cut 4



Lions Eye

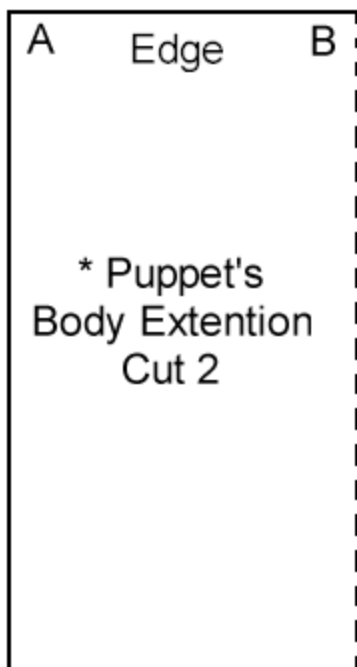


Jaguar Eye

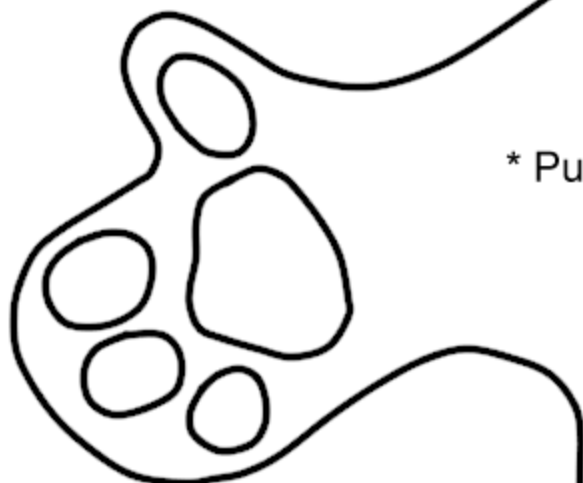


Tongues





Puppet's Body



Cut paws from felt

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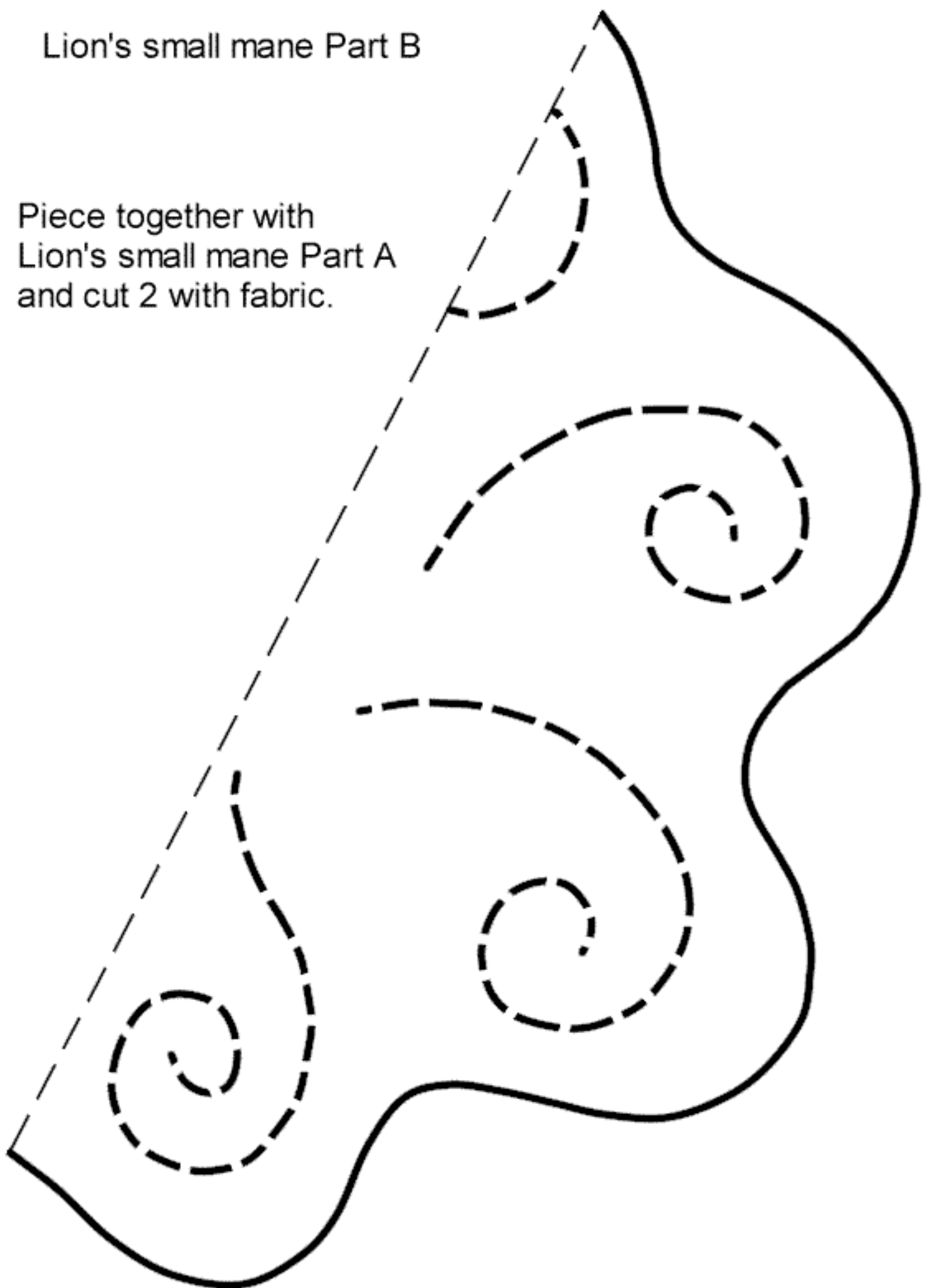
Cut-out and tape edge AB of
Puppet's body extension to
edge AB of Puppet's body.

A Edge B

Place on fold

Lion's small mane Part B

Piece together with
Lion's small mane Part A
and cut 2 with fabric.



6. With right sides facing, pin and stitch brown fabric together leaving opening for turning. Clip curves, turn and press. Stitch opening closed. Machine quilt the brown fabric with concentric lines following the shape of the large mane about 1/4" apart.
7. Layer lions head atop rust fabric, pin in place and hand stitch to fabric. With a zipper foot, stitch around head to hold layers (small and large manes) together. Hand stitch puppet neck/body to back of mane.
8. To finish, cut eye, nose, mouth and paw pieces from felt and glue in place as desired (refer to photo).

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