

Nina & Neptune Fish Tutorial



Riley Blake Basics by RBD Designers





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*Jellyfish on Cover Image not included in this tutorial.

*All seam allowances are $\frac{1}{2}$ " unless otherwise stated.

Supplies:

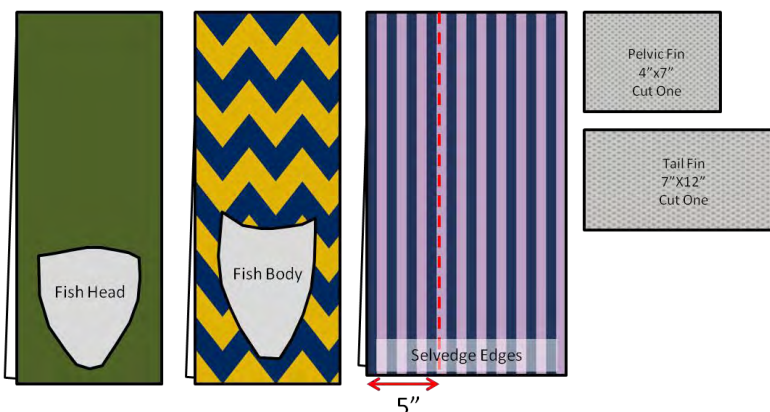
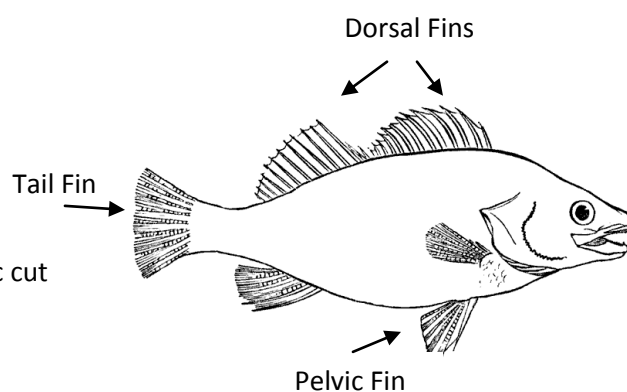
Fish Head - $\frac{1}{4}$ yard Riley Blake Solid or Shade fabric.

Fish Body - $\frac{1}{4}$ yard Riley Blake fabric.

Dorsal & Pectoral Fins – One or Two 5-Inch Strips fabric cut WOF.

Tail – One 7"x12" piece of fabric.

Pelvic Fin – One 4" x 7" piece of fabric.



Directions

1. Print and cut out pattern. Match dotted lines on fish body and fish tail. Secure with tape.
2. Pin to fabric and cut.



Dorsal & Pectoral Fins

1. Fold your 5" strip in half, lengthwise, so that you end up with a long strip measuring 2.5"x43/44". Press.
2. With raw edges together, sew a gathering stitch along entire length of strip. You can also use a ruffle foot attachment.

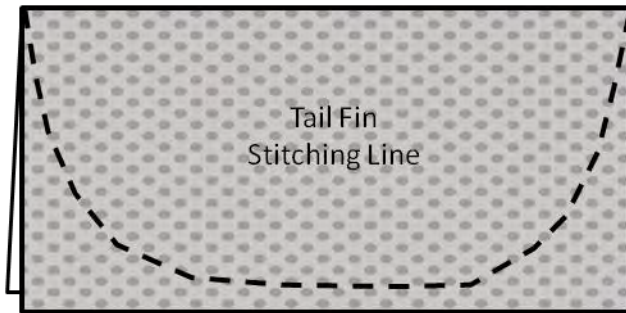


3. The finished length of the strip will vary, depending on whether you gathered your fabric or used your ruffler attachment. If one strip isn't long enough, repeat the same

steps with a second strip of fabric. From your gathered strip of fabric, cut two 5" pieces for the side/pectoral fins and one 7" piece for the dorsal fin.

Tail

1. Take the 7"x12" piece of fabric and fold in half lengthwise. You will end up with a piece measuring 3.5"x12".
2. Sew a wide basting stitch in a U-shape beginning at the corner of one folded edge, and ending at the corner of the opposite folded edge as shown in diagram below.



3. Trim around outside stitching line, leaving about ½".
4. Pull thread tails to gather raw edges. Set aside.

Pelvic Fin

1. Fold 4"x7" piece of fabric in half, lengthwise, so you end up with a 2"x7" piece of fabric. Press.
2. Take one corner at the folded edge, and fold it diagonally, matching the folded edge corner to the middle of the long raw edge of fabric.
3. Now repeat with the opposite corner, this time lining up the raw edge corners with each other.



4. Pin in place and trim excess fabric even with the straight raw edges.



5. When attaching this Pelvic Fin to the fish, you can choose to attach it flat, as in step #4, or you can bunch it up a little to give it a more dimensional look.



Assembling the Fish

1. Pin a 6.5" ruffled strip to Side A of the fish body, matching up raw edges, and curving the ruffle so the short ends of the ruffle go past the edge of the fish. If you are making a "pretty fish," you can add a layer of lace here as well.
2. Stitch in place, leaving a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.



3. Trim excess.



4. Clip the curved edges of Side A Fish Body and Side A Fish Head $\frac{1}{4}$ " deep and about $\frac{1}{2}$ " apart.



5. With the nose of the fish facing toward the fish tail, pin right sides together, starting at outer edges and working your way toward the center. Stitch.



6. Press seam toward fish head. Top stitch. Repeat Assembling Fish Steps 1-6 for other side.



7. Pin Fins





8. Stitch Body & Turn.





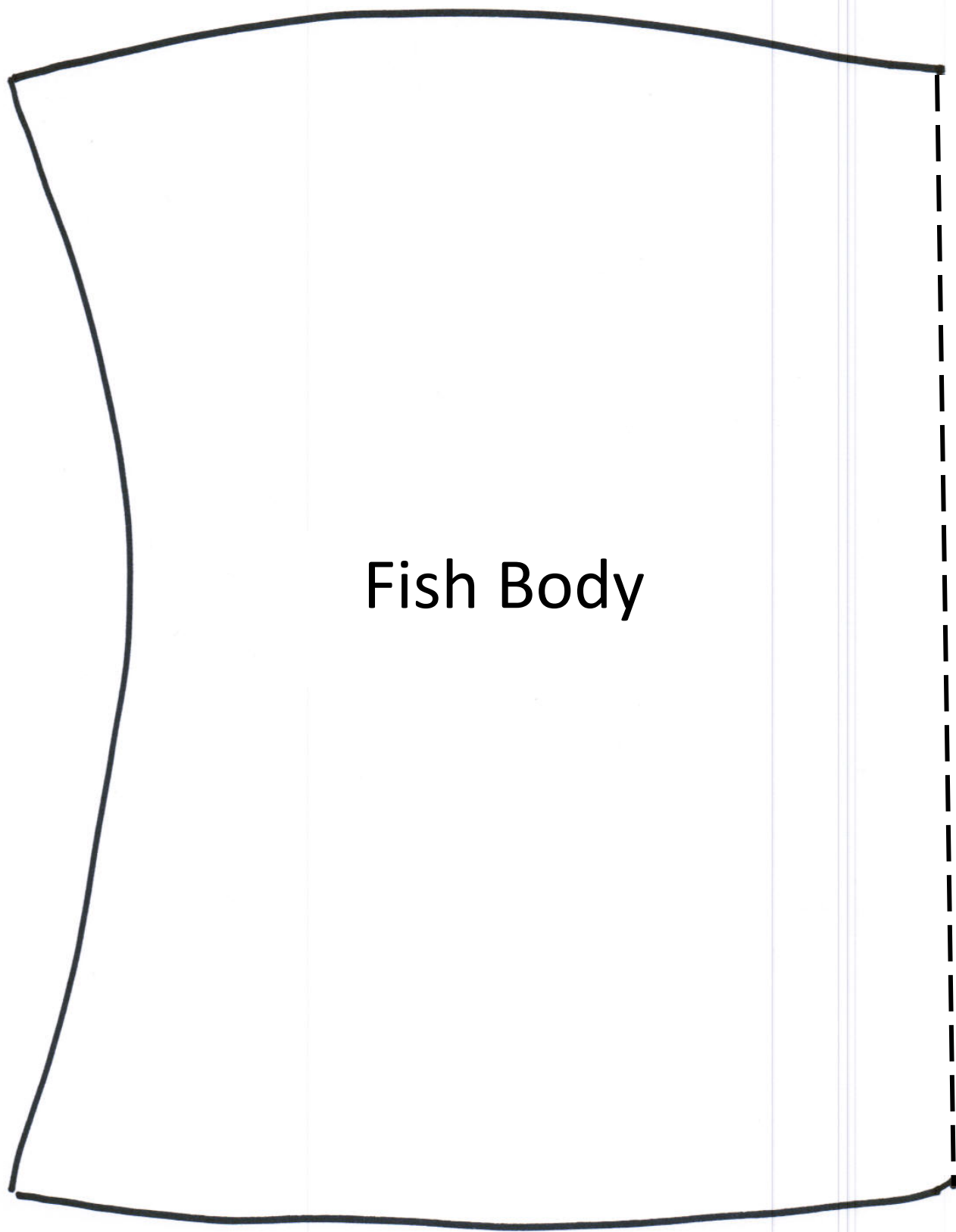
9. Stitch the opening Closed using a ladder stitch or blind stitch.
10. Attach button eyes using a long doll-making needle. Position eye on one side. As you sew button in place, push needle completely through to opposite side of fish head, attaching opposite button. Go back and forth several times in this manner until eyes feel secure. Tie off.



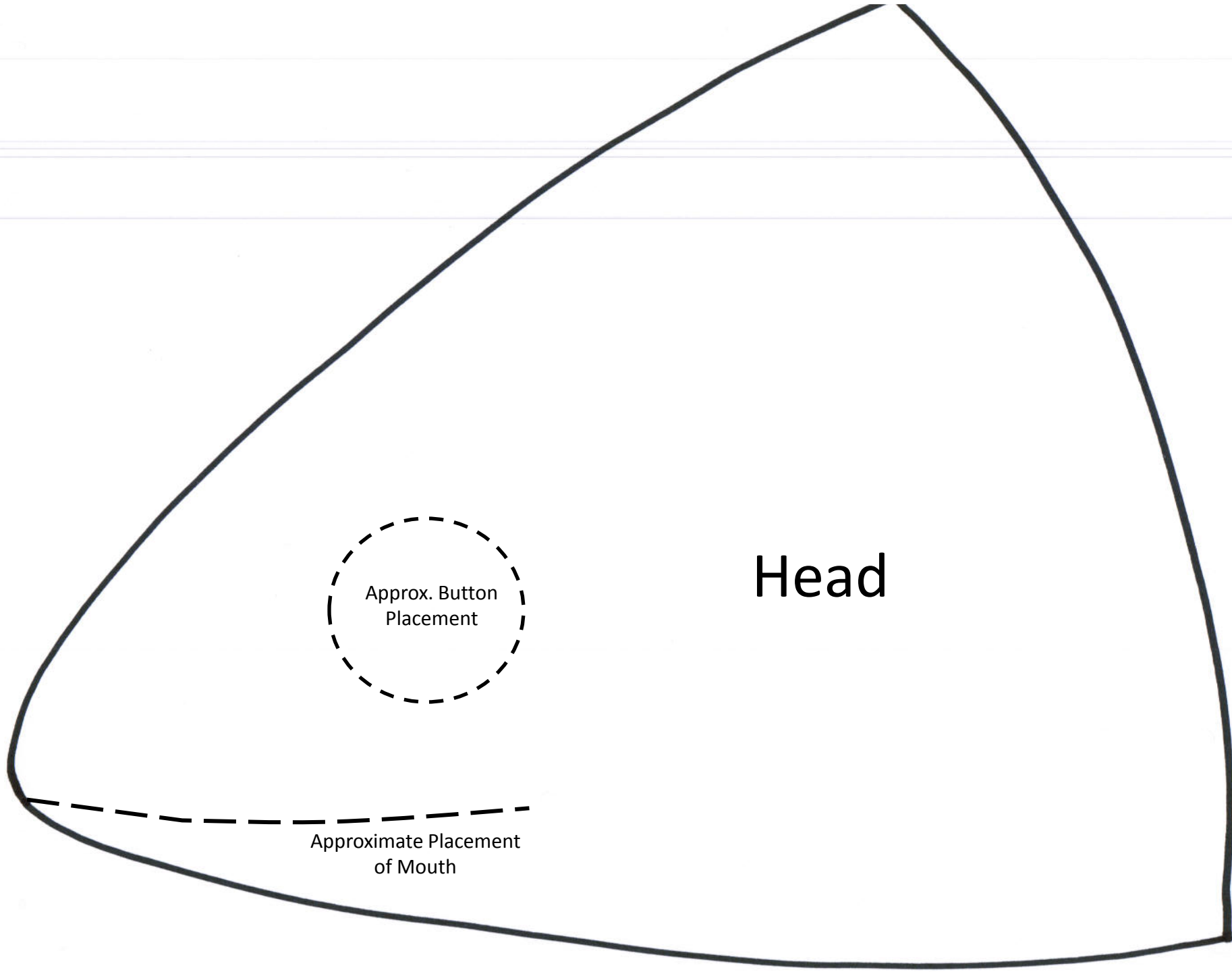


A diagram of a fish tail shape, oriented horizontally. The left side is a vertical dashed line. The top and bottom edges are curved, meeting at a point on the right. The text "Fish Tail" is centered within the shape.

Fish Tail



Fish Body



Head

Approx. Button
Placement

Approximate Placement
of Mouth