

Annie Blue Eyes & Lil Sis

Approx. 28 inches and 15 inches tall

You Will Be A Needin':

Material: Tea-dyed muslin, material for big and little Annie dresses, red cotton for Annie's hair, scraps of black (shoe straps)
Little Annie hair - chunky red 4-ply yarn (Lion Brand at Wal-Mart, Hometown Usa)
Acrylic Paint: Whicker white, black, barn red
Embroidery Floss: Dark brown, red, to match dresses
Candle Wick Yarn - red
Watercolor Pencils: White, blue, black, dark brown, dark green
Doll needle (3 or 5 inches long)
Stuffing
Mechanical pencil
Card stock
Black matte buttons 1/4 inch (for doll)
Hot glue gun and glue sticks
Two small white buttons (shoes)
Two 1/2 inch black matte buttons
Large-eye needle
Instant coffee, vanilla extract, fragrance oil (optional)

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Annie Blue Eyes approximately 28 inches tall

Lil Sis approximately 15 inches tall

Read through all directions before beginning.

For illustrations of the different steps and techniques as well as the stitches visit my "Stitch 'n' Stuff" page on my website at <http://www.lilliemaescrafts.com>

Note: Tea-dyed muslin was purchased and used for the dolls pictured. If you are going to stain your own muslin, please use the recipe and instructions give below at the end of these directions....and stain everything before beginning on the dolls.

Big Annie

Head/Body:

1. Print and cut out head and body/neck patterns. Trace all on double muslin. Sew on traced lines being sure to leave open where indicated on patterns. Cut out about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch away from sewn lines. Cut a small slit in back of head about 1 inch up from bottom for turning. Clip curves and turn all.
2. Stuff head and body firmly (being sure the neck especially is stuffed firmly) and sew opening on body closed; leave opening in back of head open.
3. Stuff the top of the body (tab) into the hole used for turning in back of head; glue with hot glue gun.
4. Print and cut out arm and leg patterns. Trace on double muslin being sure to trace 2 arms and 2 legs. Sew on traced lines being sure to leave open where indicated on patterns. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines. Clip curves and turn.
5. Stuff all firmly to the stuffing lines indicated on patterns; sew openings shut.
6. Attach arms where indicated on pattern. (Do not attach legs yet as the shoes and socks need to be painted first.

Legs & Feet, Shoes & Socks:

1. Attach a small piece of thread to the top of both legs (to hang for drying).
2. Using a cloth or plastic measuring tape, put the beginning of the measuring tape on the bottom of the foot (where the seam line is) and bring the measuring tape up the foot. Mark a line at 4-1/2 inches; with a sharp pencil or mechanical pencil as this will be the top line of her socks. Trace a line evenly and completely around the leg to represent the top of her sock.

3. Print out on card stock the shoe template (in the pattern section). Fold the template in half on the dotted line. Place this folded line on the bottom of each foot on the same line; pin in place with straight pins. With a sharp pencil or mechanical pencil, lightly trace the lines for the shoes and socks.
4. Paint the socks white; hang each leg up to dry. (NOTE: I use wire hangers and hang the legs on them to dry. If need be and I have several legs needing to dry, I will bend the sides of a wire hanger up so that I can use that area also. Be sure to hang where possible drippings from the paint will not cause harm. I usually hang mine in my garage. Let dry thoroughly. Paint a second coat if desired.
5. Paint the shoe black (do not try to paint a strap for the shoes). Let dry thoroughly. Paint a second coat if desired.
6. When shoes and socks are completely dry, print and cut out the shoe strap pattern. Trace this on double black material and cut out. Looking at the picture and pattern and using a hot glue gun, glue the strap in place. Glue a white button in place on each foot (see the picture).

Face

- **Eyes** - Follow the instructions given in the pattern section labeled "Annie Blue Eyes - Tracing Eye Templates" and then follow with the instructions given in the pattern section labeled "Annie Blue Eyes - Coloring Eye Templates."
- **Mouth - 2 strands of dark brown embroidery thread**
#2. Mouth: Thread your 3-inch doll needle with a double strand of your dark brown embroidery thread. Going in at the very top of her head (this will be covered up with her hair) take the needle down and embroider her mouth using small simple backstitches. Take the embroidery floss back out the top of her head, tie in a knot and trim thread.
- **Nose - four strands of red candle wicking thread**
#3. Nose: Print and cut out nose pattern. Position on face and pin using straight pins. Very lightly trace around this with a mechanical pencil. Thread a doll needle with all four strands of the candle wicking thread. As before, go in from the top of the head, use satin stitch for the nose. If unsure of the satin stitch, visit my "Stitch 'n' Stuff" page for an illustration. Tip - I usually unthread my doll needle here and rethread on a smaller, sharper needle.
- **Cheeks - Barn Red**
#4. Cheeks: Dip some barn red acrylic paint onto a paper plate. Dip your brush lightly into the paint and pounce off most of it onto paper towels. Unless you want her cheeks very bright, be sure to pounce off MOST of the paint. If her cheeks are not colorful enough for you, you can always add more...but begin by applying only a small amount. With your brush and checking picture on pattern for placement of cheeks, in a circling motion, paint on cheeks.

Hair:

Annie's hair is made from red cotton material torn in strips 1/2 inch wide and approximately 11 inches long. How full you make her hair is strictly up to you.

1. Lay out in front of you your red cotton material. Lay across this a flexible measuring tape. About every 1/2 inch make a small snip with your scissors into the material.



2. Making a hair bundle - holding two pieces together, tie them together at one end with a knot.



3. Sew each individual hair bundle to her head beginning in the center of her head and working out and down the sides of her head as indicated on the pattern.

TIP: The small amount of fabric left in front of the knotted strips will serve as her bangs as such



4. To sew them on, place the knot right on the seam at the top of her head. Sew on using a doll needle and matching thread.

5. When you have her hair as full as you want, pull up both sides into pigtails and tie with a matching piece of material.

6. Wrap a piece of material around each pigtail that matches her dress and tie in a bow.

7. Trim her hair.

Dress:

1. Print and cut out bodice pattern. Place on double layer material, being sure to place the fold where indicated on the pattern, trace with a mechanical pencil and cut out; need 2..
2. You will need 4 pieces of 8.5 x 11 pieces of card stock to use as the skirt patterns (see pattern section). Cut out 2 skirt pieces.
3. Sew a gathering stitch (setting your machine on long stitches) along the top of the skirt (where indicated on pattern) being sure to leave long ends on both ends of skirt to pull and gather. Pull on strings and pull and gather the skirt until it matches the width of the bodice. Pin to bottom part of bodice and sew.
4. Matching right sides together, sew shoulder and side seams.
5. Turn hem up about 1/4 inch and sew hem.
6. Put dress on doll. If the neck is too tight, make a cut down the back (from the neck down).
Optional: Sew a few buttons here to resemble closed buttons.

Little Annie (Lil Sis)

Head/Body:

1. Print and cut out head and body/neck patterns. Trace all on double muslin. Sew on traced lines being sure to leave open where indicated on patterns. Cut out about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch away from sewn lines.
2. Stuff head and body firmly (being sure the neck especially is stuffed firmly) and sew opening on body closed.
3. Print and cut out arm and leg patterns. Trace on double muslin being sure to trace 2 arms and 2 legs. Sew on traced lines being sure to leave open where indicated on patterns. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines. Clip curves and turn.
4. Stuff all firmly to the stuffing lines indicated on patterns; sew openings shut.
5. Attach arms where indicated on pattern. (Do not attach legs yet as the shoes and socks need to be painted first.

Legs & Feet:

1. Attach a small piece of thread to the top of both legs (to hang for drying).
2. Using a small paintbrush, lightly dip it into acrylic barn red paint and blot, blot, blot off most of the paint onto paper towels.
3. Slowly and with a light hand, paint the red lines on her socks (see picture). Hang to dry. Sand lightly if desired.
4. When completely dry, sew in place.

Face:

- **Eyes** - Follow the instructions given in the pattern section labeled "Little Annie - Tracing Eye Templates" and then follow with the instructions given in the pattern section labeled "Annie Blue Eyes - Coloring Eye Templates."
- **Mouth** - 2 strands of dark brown embroidery thread

#2. Mouth: Print Little Annie mouth template off on card stock. Thread your doll needle with a double strand of dark brown embroidery thread. Going in at the very top of her head (this will be covered up with her hair) take the needle down and embroider her mouth using small simple backstitches. Take the embroidery floss back out the top of her head, tie in a knot and trim thread.

- **Nose - four strands of red candle wicking thread**

#3. Nose: Print and cut out nose pattern. Position on face where desired and pin using straight pins. Very lightly trace around this with a mechanical pencil. Thread a doll needle with all four strands of the red candle wicking thread. As before, go in from the top of the head, use satin stitch for the nose. If unsure of the satin stitch, visit my "Stitch 'n' Stuff" page for an illustration. Tip - I usually unthread my doll needle here and rethread on a smaller, sharper needle.

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Hair:

1. Print and cut out the hair card (in pattern section).
2. Cut #11 pieces of yarn each approximately 8 inches long. With these you will make "slip knots" to "tie" her hair on.
3. Thread one of these pieces of yarn onto a large-eyed needle. Looking at where the "x's" are on the pattern, take the thread completely through her head; (do NOT unthread the needle) ... bring the needle back around to the front of the doll ad take the needle back through the very same hole.
4. Making a hair bundle: Wrap your red chunky yarn around hair card (in direction of arrow) 5 times; clip yarn and slide off of hair card.
5. Holding this "hair bundle" together, slide it through one of the slip knots. When it looks as if it is centered fairly well, pull the front thread and the back thread and tie this "hair bundle" onto the head tightly. Clip the thread and tie in a knot.
6. Do this for every "x" marked on her head pattern.
7. The yarn you used for Lil Sis is 4-ply. Carefully separate each strand. Do this for all of her hair.
8. Clip two pieces of the red chunky yarn approximately 8 inches long. These will be used to tie her pigtails.
9. Separate her hair into very high pigtails. Wrap the 8 inch long piece of yarn around and around the pigtails, tie and clip off.
10. Trim.

DRESS:

1. Print and cut out bodice pattern. Place on double layer material, being sure to place the fold where indicated on the pattern, trace with a mechanical pencil and cut out; need 2..
2. Print and cut out the skirt pattern. Place on double layer material, being sure to place the fold where indicated on the pattern, trace with a mechanical pencil and cut out; need 2..
3. Sew a gathering stitch (setting your machine on long stitches) along the top of the skirt (where indicated on pattern) being sure to leave long ends on both ends of skirt to pull and gather. Pull on strings and pull and gather the skirt until it matches the width of the bodice. Pin to bottom part of bodice and sew.
4. Matching right sides together, sew shoulder and side seams.
5. Turn hem up about 1/4 inch and sew hem.
6. Put dress on doll. Hand sew a gathering stitch completely around neck; pull to gather, clip and knot thread

Staining Recipe and Instructions:

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Supplies Needed:

- Instant coffee
- Vanilla extract
- Fragrance oil (optional, Cinnabun is one of my favorites)
- Old cookie sheet
- Small spray bottle or sponge brush
- Funnel (if using a spray bottle)
- Wax paper or parchment paper
- Rags (this is messy)

Mix Stain:

1. Mix together in glass jar with lid - $\frac{1}{4}$ cup instant coffee, 2 cups hot water and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup vanilla extract. Add fragrance oil to your taste. (HINT: You may want to add just a little at first and add more if you desire. If you add too much to begin with it may be stronger than you prefer.)
2. Pour stain into spray bottle or apply with sponge brush.
3. Spray the item you are staining front and back thoroughly or apply stain with sponge brush. Be sure to cover item completely with stain.

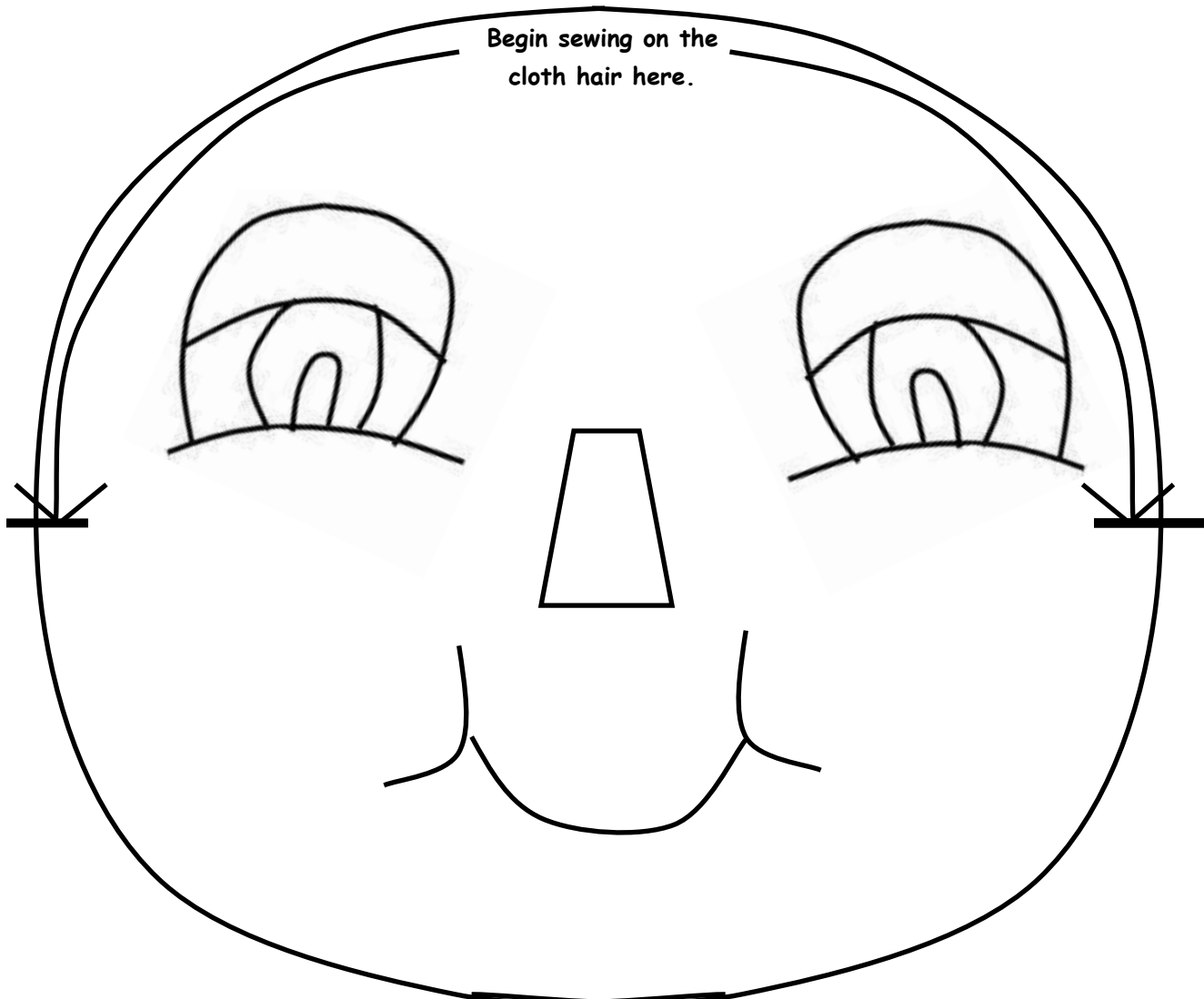
To Dry:

1. Lay on an old cookie sheet lined with wax paper or parchment paper. Bake in oven at 200 degrees for 10 minutes. If you need to bake longer, only bake at 5 minute increments. NEVER LEAVE THIS UNATTENDED. THIS CAN CATCH ON FIRE. KEEP CHILDREN AND PETS AWAY. WATCH CLOSELY.
2. Attach a piece of thread to one end of your item to be stained and hang up (hours or overnight depending on the item) to dry. Be sure to hang where possible drippings from your stain mix will not cause damage. (I hang mine in my garage.)
3. Throw in the dryer. This method is great for small items. NOTE: Be sure to clean your dryer thoroughly before attempting to dry clean clothes in it again.

You're done with Annie Blue Eyes & Lil Sis. I hope you enjoyed making them as much as I enjoyed designing them. If you have any problems or questions at all, please don't hesitate to email me or visit my "Stitch 'n' Stuff" page at <http://www.lilliemaescrafts.com>

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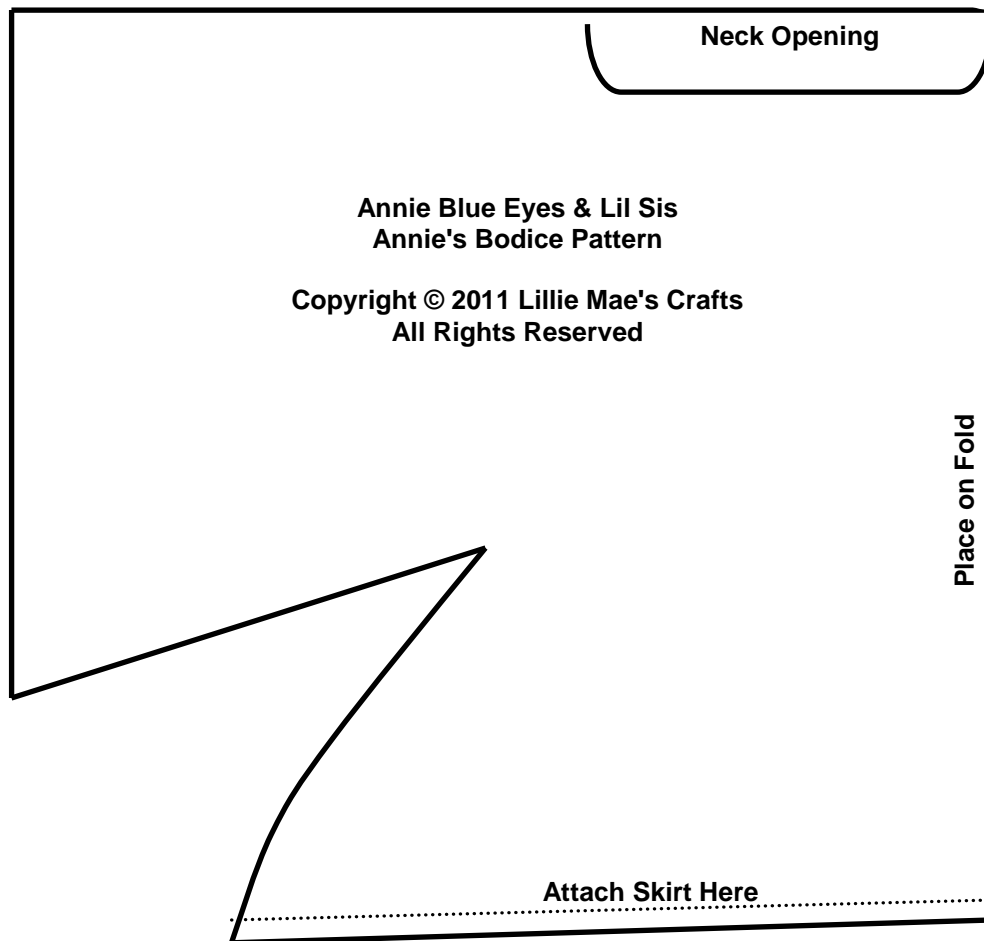
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Using Card Stock for Skirt Patterns

<p>8-1/2 x 11 piece of card stock</p>	<p>8-1/2 x 11 piece of card stock</p>
<p>Place two pieces of 8-1/2 x 11 inch card stock side by side (as such) and tape together.</p> <p>Place on double material being sure to place the fold where</p>	
	

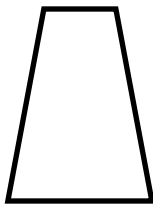
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Big Annie - Nose & Mouth Facial Templates

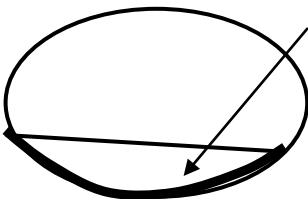
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Nose

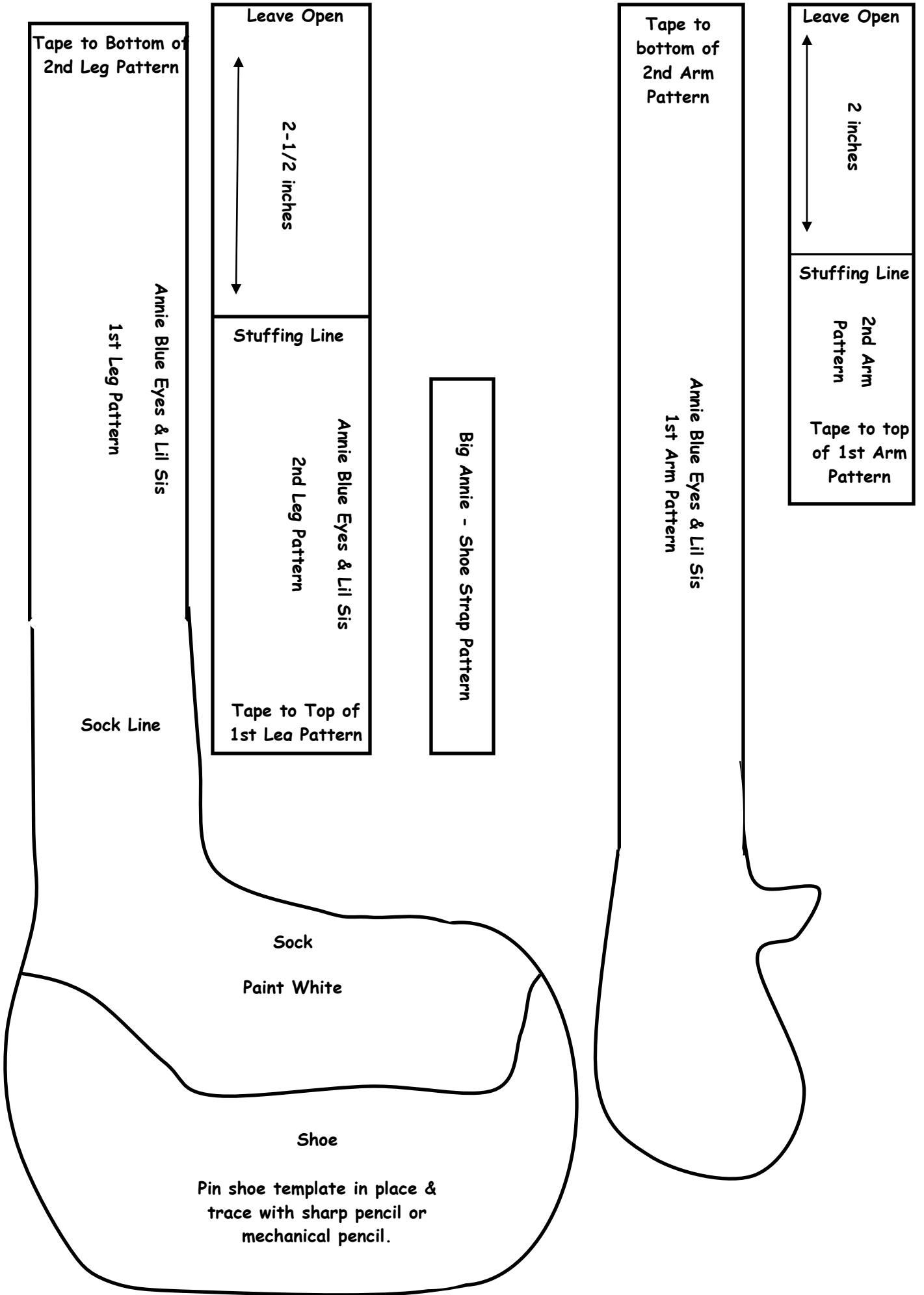


Nose - Print out on card stock and cut out. Place where desired on face and pin there with straight pins. Trace lightly either with a very sharp pencil or a mechanical pencil. Follow the rest of the instructions for the nose (above).

Mouth



Mouth - Print out on card stock and cut out. Place where desired on face and pin there with straight pins. Trace only the curve at the very bottom of the template with either a very sharp pencil or a mechanical pencil. Follow the rest of the instructions for the mouth (above).



Tape to Bottom of 2nd Leg Pattern

Annie Blue Eyes & Lil Sis
1st Leg Pattern

Leave Open
2-1/2 inches

Stuffing Line
Annie Blue Eyes & Lil Sis
2nd Leg Pattern
Tape to Top of 1st Leg Pattern

Big Annie - Shoe Strap Pattern

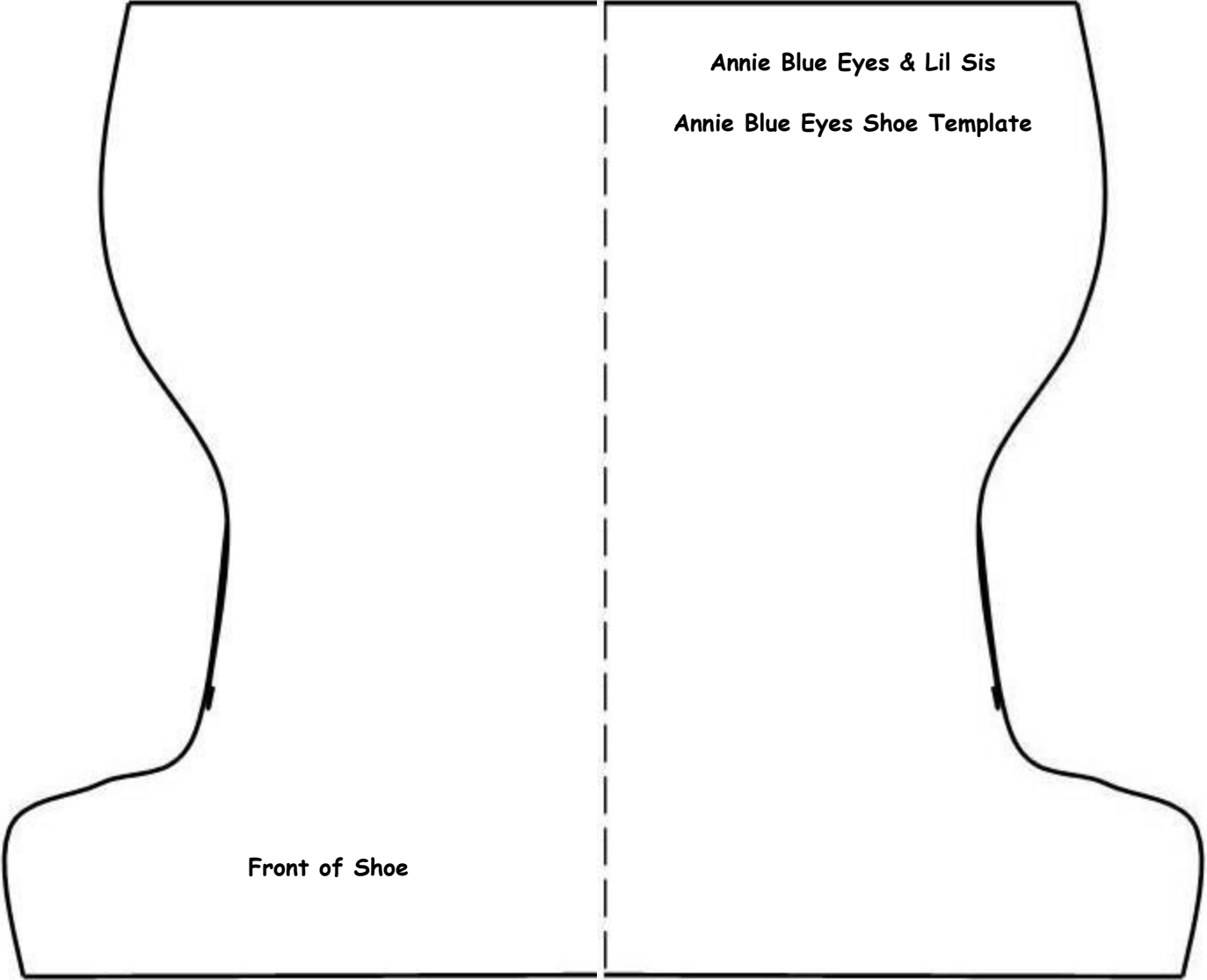
Tape to bottom of 2nd Arm Pattern
Annie Blue Eyes & Lil Sis
1st Arm Pattern

Leave Open
2 inches
Stuffing Line
2nd Arm Pattern
Tape to top of 1st Arm Pattern

Sock Line

Sock
Paint White

Shoe
Pin shoe template in place & trace with sharp pencil or mechanical pencil.



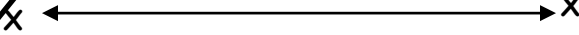
Annie Blue Eyes & Lil Sis
Annie Blue Eyes Shoe Template

Front of Shoe

Tab

Insert tab into
hole in back of
head.

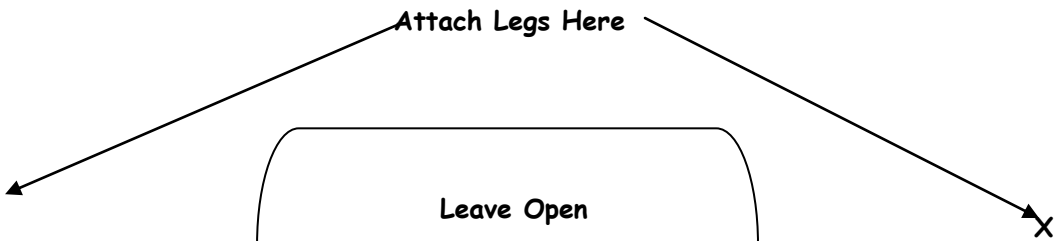
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Annie Blue Eyes & Lil Sis
Big Annie Neck/Body Pattern

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Attach Legs Here



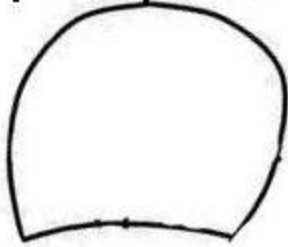
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Annie Blue Eyes& Lil Sis Pattern - Eye Templates

Annie Blue Eyes - Big Annie

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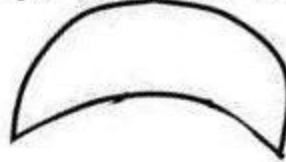
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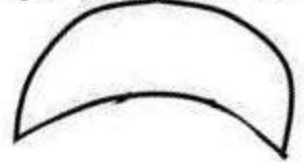
Eye Template #1



Eye Template #2



Eye Template #2



Eye Template #3



Eye Template #3



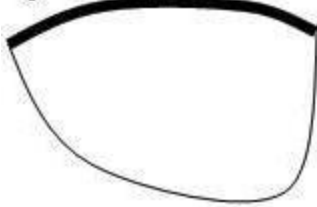
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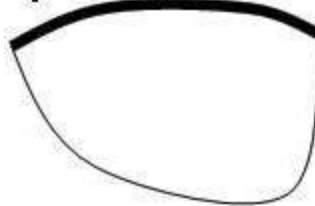
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Eye Template #5



Eye Template #5



Annie Blue Eyes& Lil Sis Pattern - Eye Templates

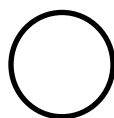
Lil Sis - Little Annie

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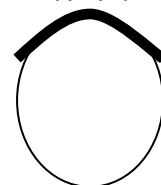
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Eye Template #3x



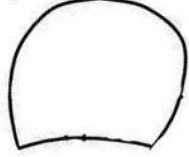
Eye Template #4x



Annie Blue Eyes - Tracing Eye Templates

1. Print on card stock and cut out all Big Annie (blue eyes) eye templates.
2. Place template #1 on Annie's face where you desire her eyes to be and pin in place with straight pins, do the same for the second eye.

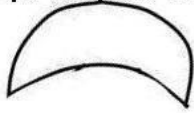
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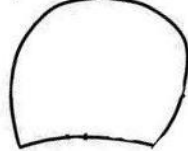
TIP: Place straight pins everywhere on template to ensure that the template does not move at all while you are tracing around it.

3. With a very sharp pencil or a mechanical pencil, lightly trace around both templates. Unpin and remove these templates.
4. Place template #2 inside the template #1 you just traced as such - - -

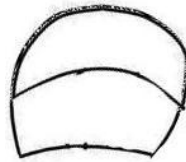
Eye Template #2



Eye Template #1



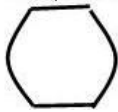
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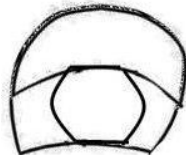
in place for both eyes and pin in place with several straight pins being sure that the template will not move while you are tracing around them.

- #5. Place template #3 inside the eye, pin in place with several straight pins and carefully trace.

Eye Template #3



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TIP: Be sure eye template #3 touches the top and the bottom of the eye as in the example above.

- #6. Place template #4 (pupil)

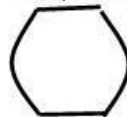
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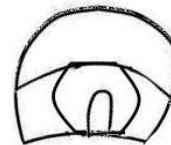


inside eye template #3 (iris)

Eye Template #3



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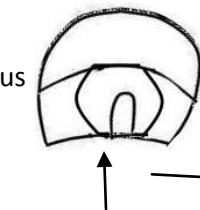
pin in place with several straight pins and carefully trace around it.

- #7. Line template #5 up with the bottom of the eye as such

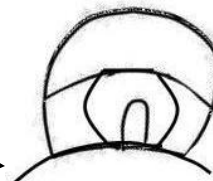
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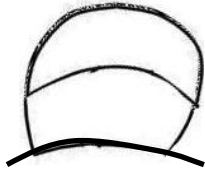


Annie Blue Eyes - Coloring Eye Templates

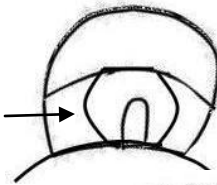
You will need the following watercolor pencil colors:

Dark Brown
Dark Blue
White
Black

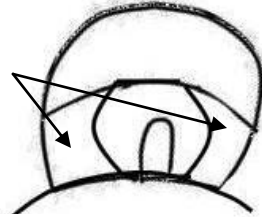
1. Trace the following lines in Dark Brown - the lines around the entire eye, the line dividing the eyelid and the bottom line of the eye. In other words you are tracing around everything except the iris and the pupil.



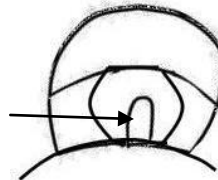
2. With your dark blue watercolor pencil, trace around the iris and color it in.



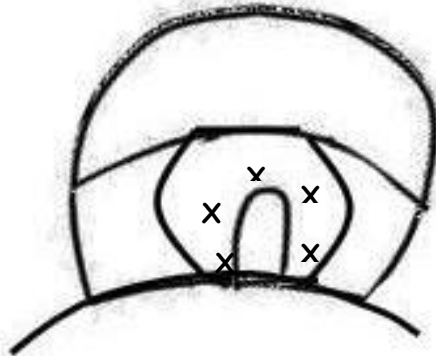
3. With your white watercolor pencil, color in both sides of the iris.



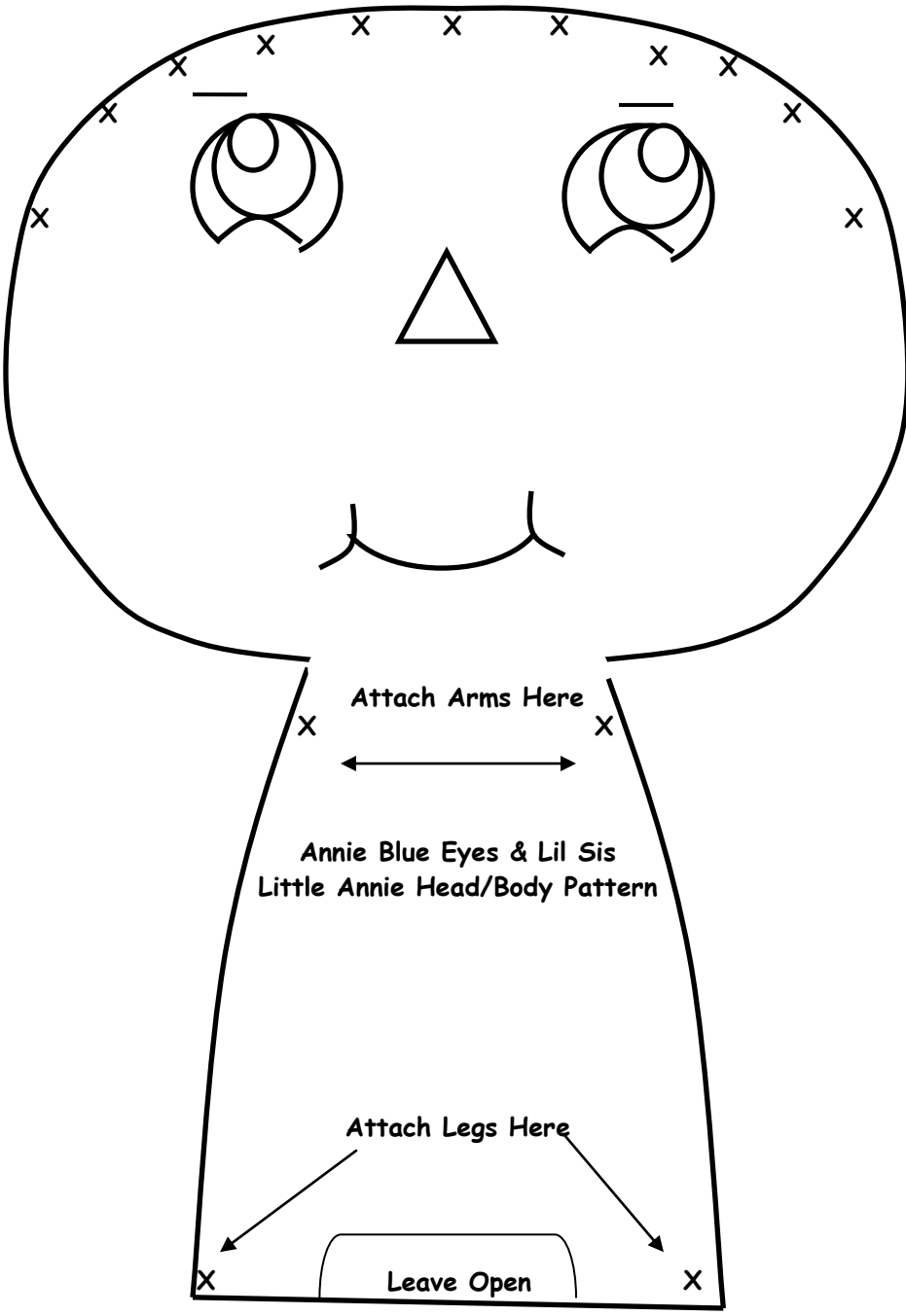
4. With your black watercolor pencil, color in the pupil.



5. Creating the highlights in the iris. You will need a small amount of water and a towel or paper towels for this next and final step. Dip the tip of your white watercolor pencil in the water and blot and blot and blot on the towel or paper towels. You need to make 5 small white dots around the pupil in the areas marked below with an "x."



6. Dip your white watercolor pencil in the water again and blot, blot, blot. Put the tip of your white watercolor pencil on each dot you previously made and pull out towards the edge of the iris. What you want is just a smidgen of white color here. These will create white highlights and will bring the eyes to life.



Attach Arms Here

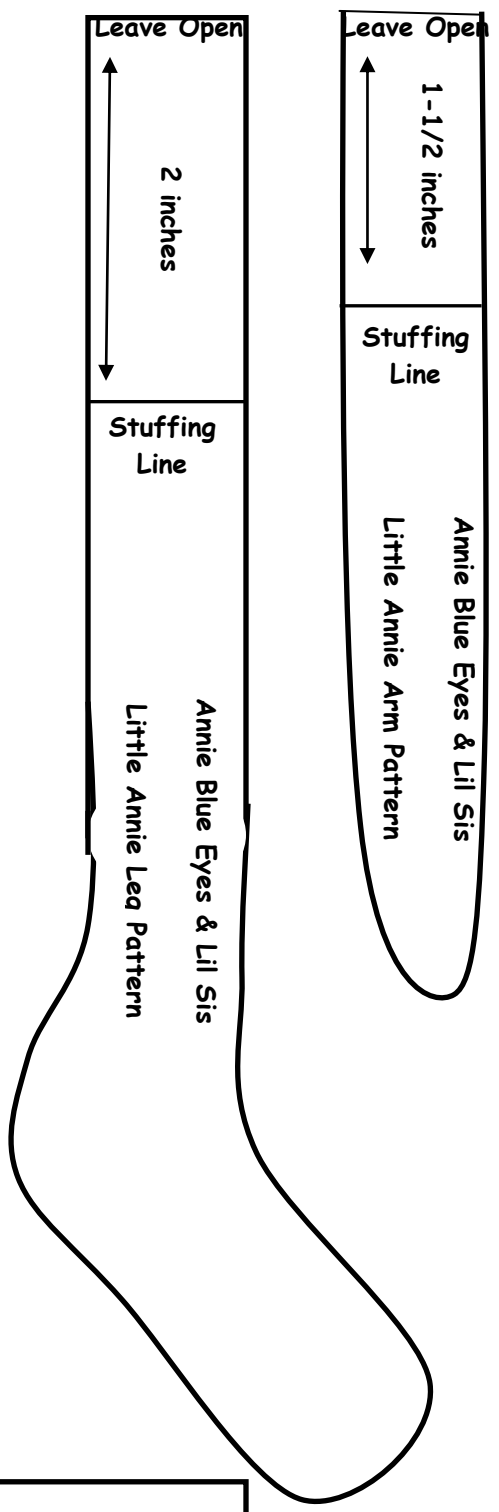
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Annie Blue Eyes & Lil Sis
Little Annie Head/Body Pattern

Attach Legs Here

← →

Leave Open



Leave Open

← →

2 inches

Stuffing Line

Annie Blue Eyes & Lil Sis
Little Annie Leg Pattern

Leave Open

← →

1-1/2 inches

Stuffing Line

Annie Blue Eyes & Lil Sis
Little Annie Arm Pattern

← →

Instructions:

Making a "Hair Bundle."

Wrap yarn around hair card in direction of arrow 5 times. Cut yarn and slide off hair card. This is a "Hair Bundle." You will need 11 Hair Bundles in all, but make one at a time.

Follow rest of directions as given in "instruction" part of pattern.

Little Annie - Nose & Mouth Facial Templates

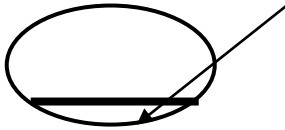
Instructions:

Nose



Nose - Print out on card stock and cut out. Place where desired on face and pin there with straight pins. Trace lightly either with a very sharp pencil or a mechanical pencil. Follow the rest of the instructions for the nose (above).

Mouth



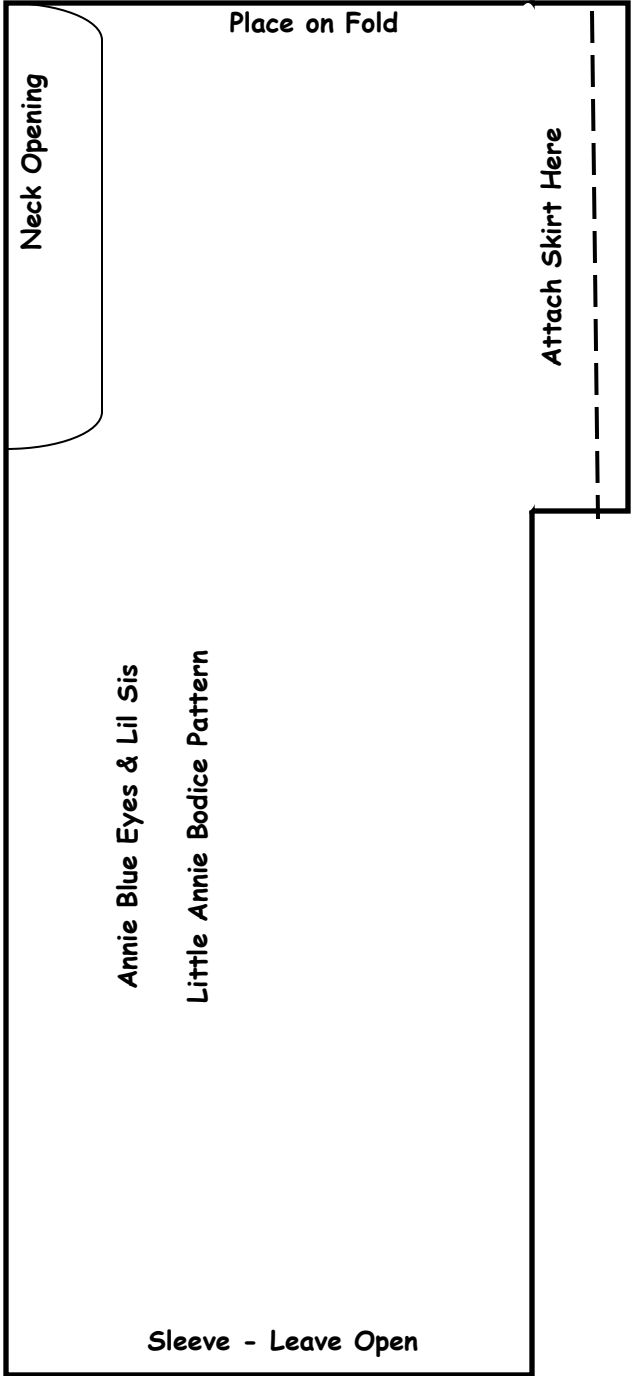
Mouth - Print out on card stock and cut out. Place where desired on face and pin there with straight pins. Trace only the curve at the very bottom of the template with either a very sharp pencil or a mechanical pencil. Follow the rest of the instructions for the mouth (above).

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Sew a gathering stitch

Annie Blue Eyes & Lil Sis

Little Annie Skirt Pattern

Place on Fold



Little Annie - Tracing Eye Templates

1. Print on card stock and cut out all Little Annie eye templates.
2. Place template #1 on Annie's face where you desire her eyes to be and pin in place with straight pins, do the same for the second eye.

Eye Template

#1x

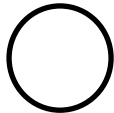


TIP: Place straight pins everywhere on template to ensure that the template does not move at all while you are tracing around it.

3. Place eye template #2x inside eye template #1x and lightly trace around this with a mechanical pencil.

Eye Template

#2x



equal



4. Eye template #3x is the pupil. You will trace this in the upper corners of the eyes being sure to place the correct one for each eye.

Eye Template

#3x



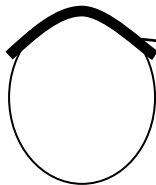
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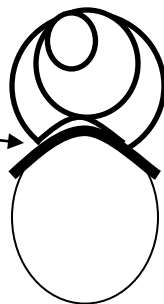
5. The final eye template for Little Annie is Eye Template #4x which you will need to line up with the bottom portion of the eye as such . . .

Eye Template

#4x



equal



Annie Blue Eyes - Coloring Eye Templates

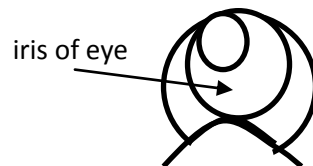
You will need the following watercolor pencil colors:

Dark Brown
Dark Green
White
Black

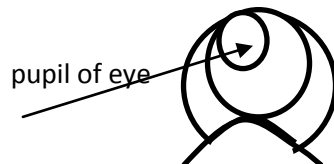
1. With your dark brown watercolor pencil, trace completely around eye template #1x and eye template #4x.
2. With your white watercolor pencil, color in the whites of the eyes as such . . .



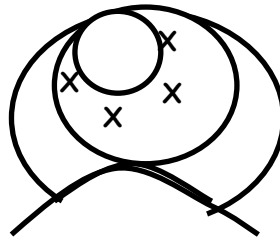
3. With your dark green watercolor pencil, color in the iris as such . . .



4. With your black watercolor pencil, color in the pupils on both eyes as such . . .



5. Creating the highlights in the iris. You will need a small amount of water and a towel or paper towels for this next and final step. Dip the tip of your white watercolor pencil in the water and blot and blot on the towel or paper towels. You need to make 4 small white dots around the pupil in the areas marked below with an "x."



6. Dip your white watercolor pencil in the water again and blot, blot, blot. Put the tip of your white watercolor pencil on each dot you previously made and pull out towards the edge of the iris. What you want is just a smidgen of white color here. These will create white highlights and will bring the eyes to life.