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No-Stitch Halloween Costumes

Violet

SUPPLIES

Templates
(following pages)

Scissors

**Felt, in light
and dark purple
and green**

Fabric glue

Ribbon
(about 2 feet)

Headband

Purple top

**Safety pins or
gaffers' tape**

THE DETAILS:

Primary The Peasant top, in Grape, \$20, primary.com. **Rainbow Classic Felt craft felt**, 72", in Bright Lilac (for petals), \$7.50 per yd.; and craft felt cut, 36" by 36", in Violet Sky (for petal designs), \$8.50, fabric.com.

Toogoo Hair Hoop headband, \$2 for 2, amazon.com. **Celebrate It 360° satin double-faced ribbon**, ¾", in Lavender, \$4 for 10 yd.; and **Michael's felt**, in Olive Green (for leaves), \$7 per yd., and Bright Green (for leaves' veins), \$8 per yd., michaels.com.



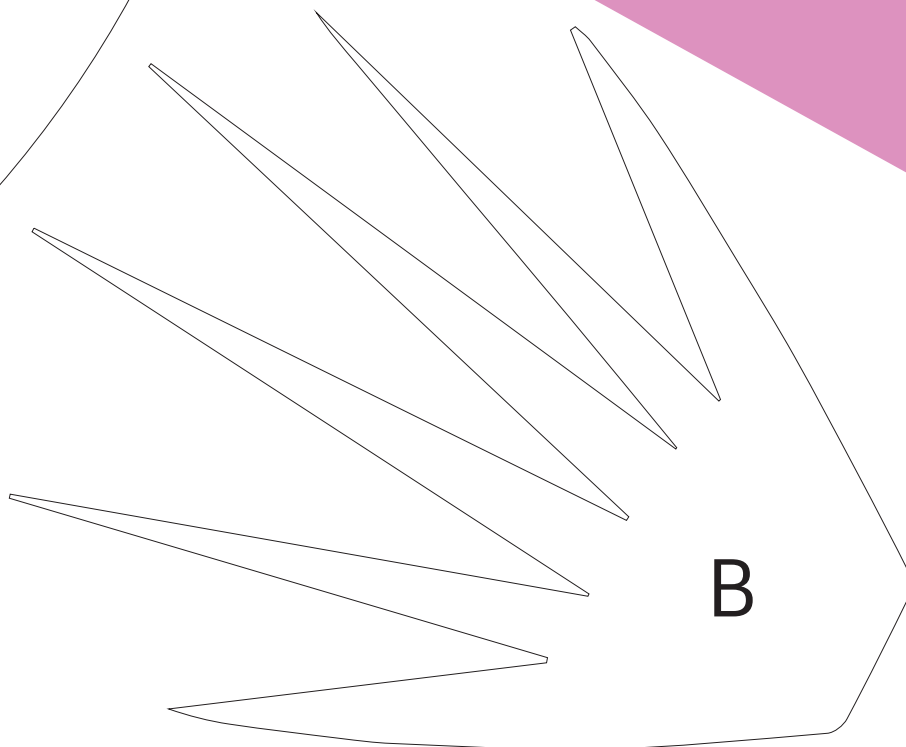
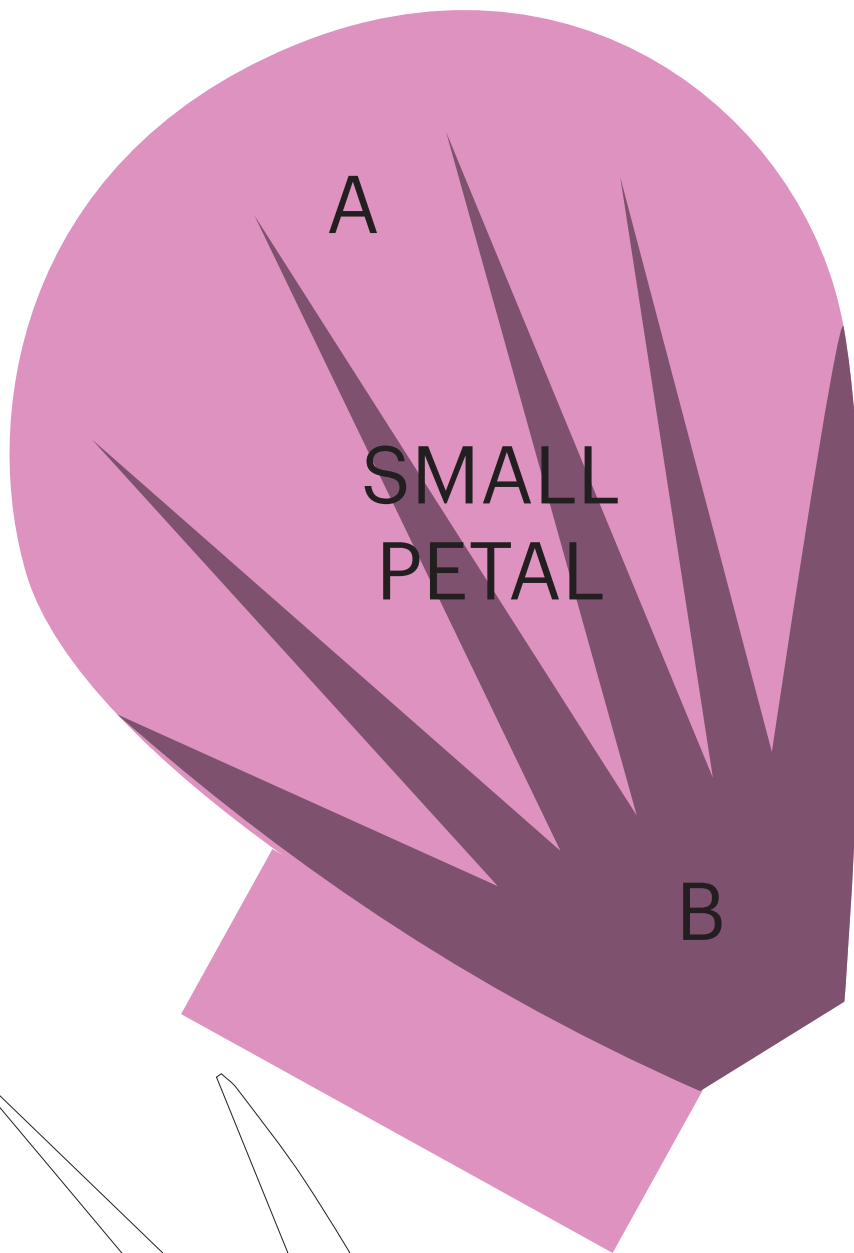
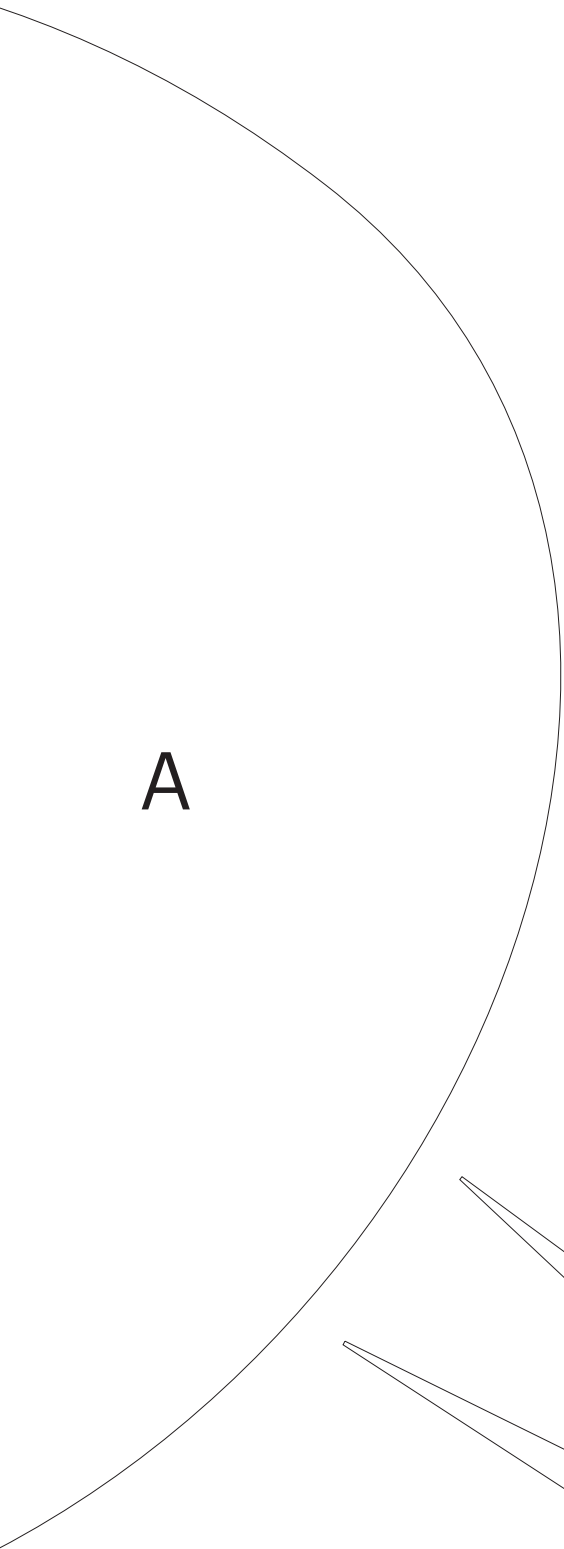
1 Make headband: Use templates to cut 6 light-purple petals (2 large, 2 medium, 2 small) and four dark-purple designs out of felt. Glue designs onto 4 smaller petals. Glue ribbon onto top third of headband, letting it trail down sides. Wrap tabs of 2 large petals around middle of headband, then glue to back of petal. Repeat with medium petals, attaching one on each side. Wrap 2 small petals' tabs around trailing ribbon, one on each side. Glue tabs to back of petal; secure by gluing top edge of small petals to back of medium petals.

2 Make leaves: Use template to cut 3 light-green leaves and dark-green veins out of felt. Glue veins onto leaves and attach to neck of top, either permanently with fabric glue or temporarily with safety pins or gaffers' tape.

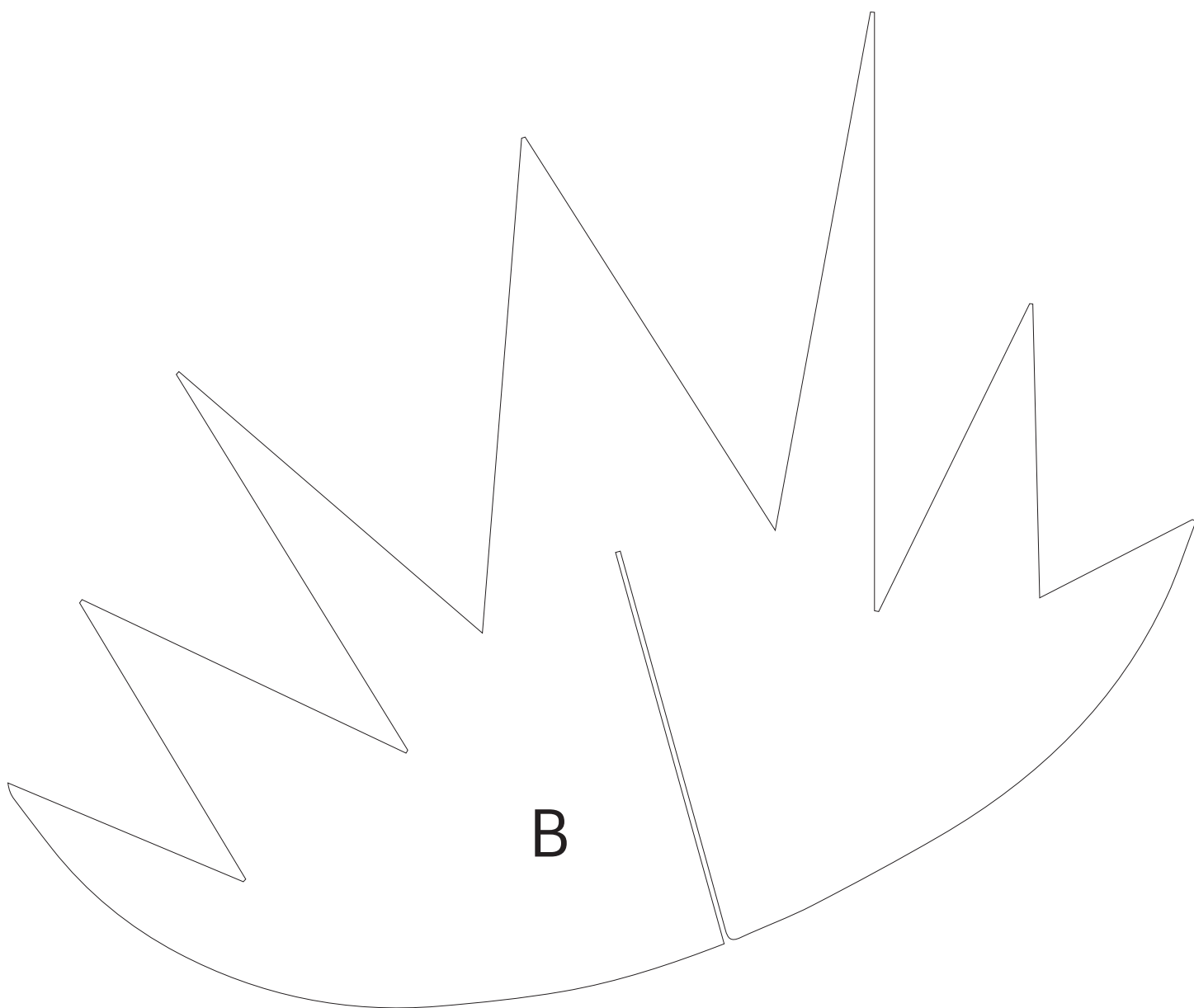


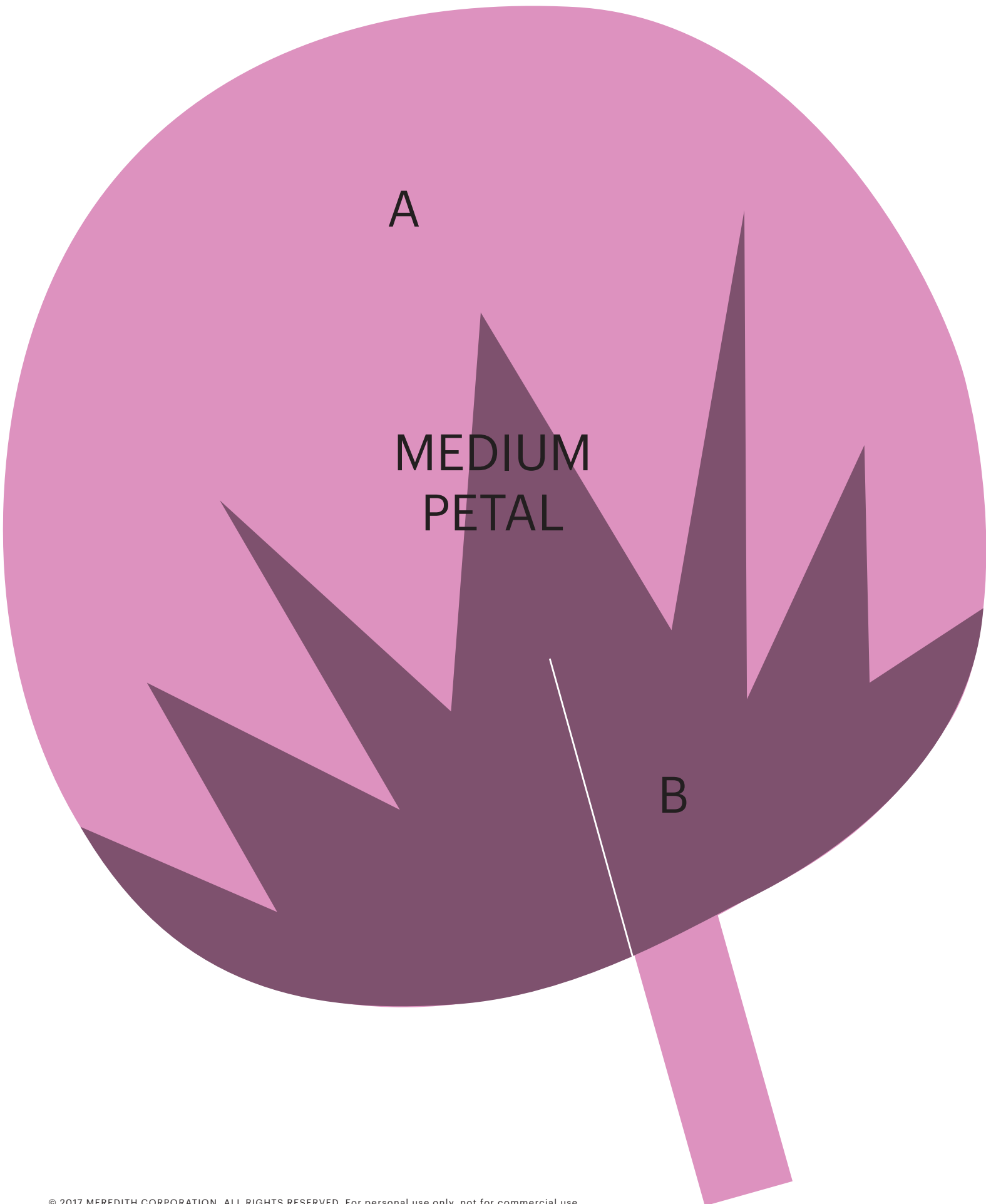
A

LARGE
PETAL



Cut out petals (A) and designs (B), then glue design onto petal, as shown. You'll need to cut out and assemble 2 small and 2 medium petals with designs (plus 2 plain large petals).

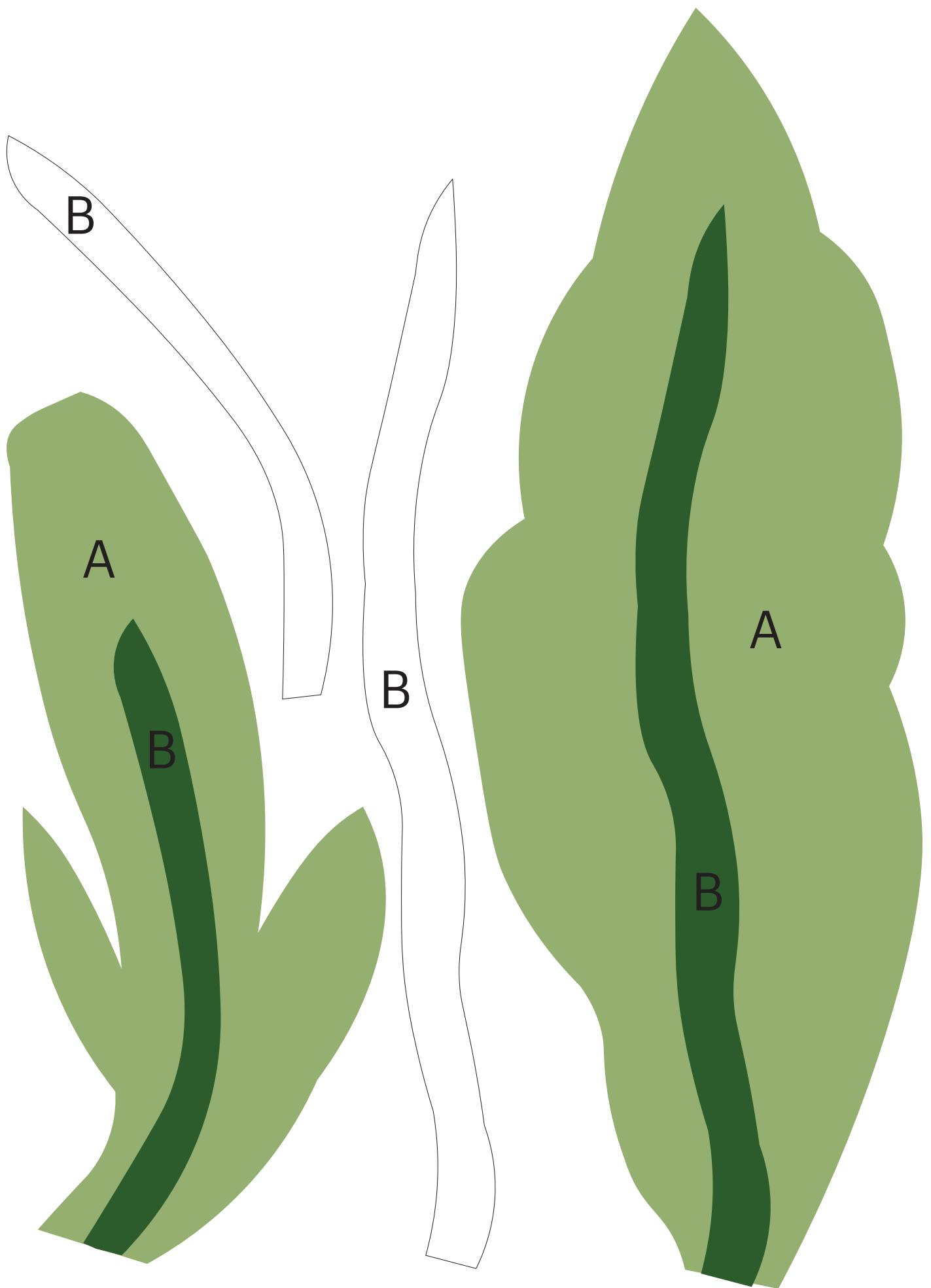


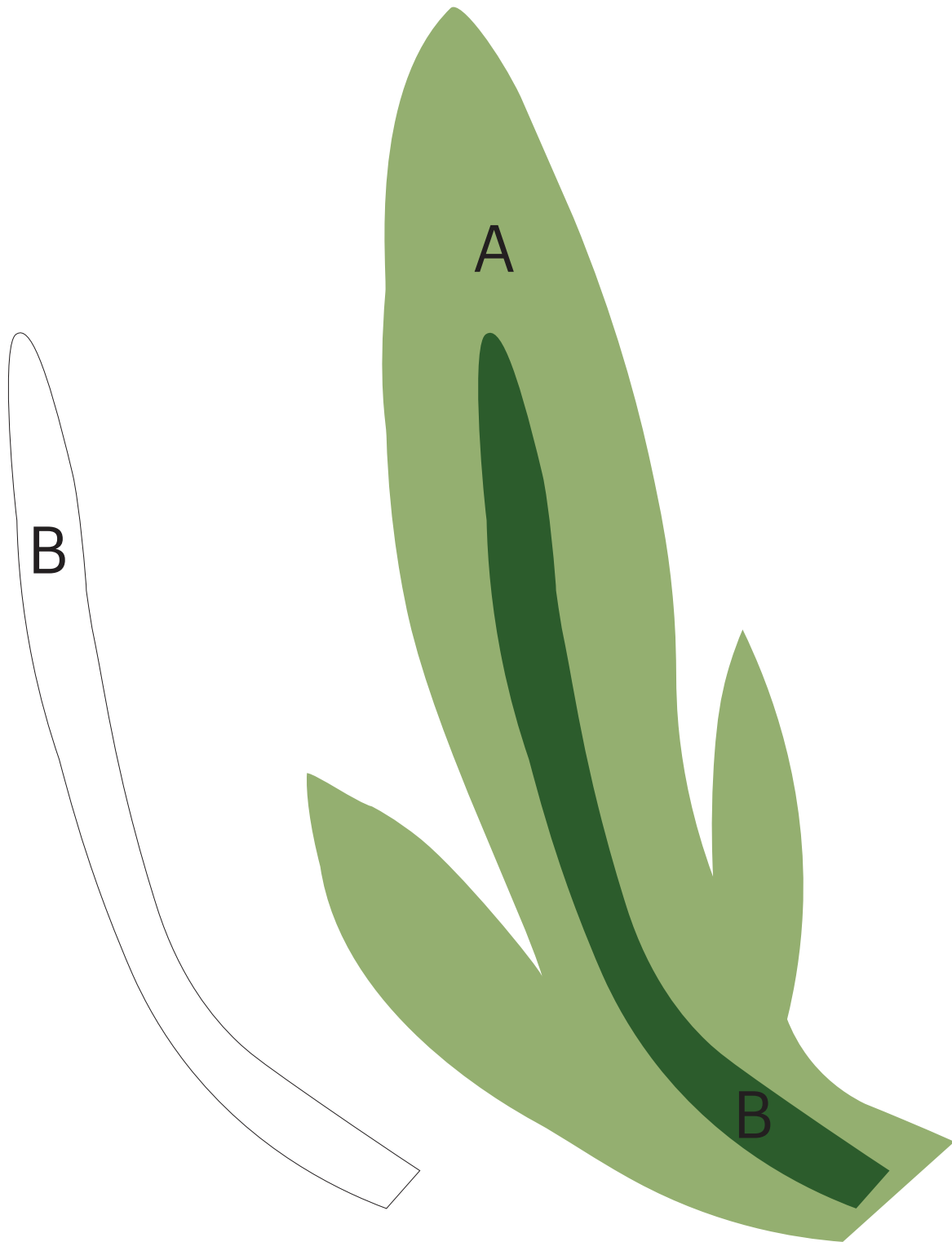


A

MEDIUM
PETAL

B





Tornado

SUPPLIES

Tomato cage

Handsaw

Gray tulle
(about 5 yards)

Stapler

Scissors

Glue gun

Dried leaves
and sticks

Assorted
farm-animal
toys and
model fence

THE DETAILS: Wide
Tulle, 54", in Charcoal,
\$1 per yd., fabric.com. Assorted model
animals and fence,
amazon.com.



1

Prep tomato cage: Cut off stakes under third ring with handsaw. Place cage over your child's head, noting where his or her face and shoulders hit, and making sure he or she can easily walk around in it.

2

Create tornado: Remove cage, twist 2 strips of tulle to create shoulder straps, and staple them across second ring of cage. Twist tulle then work your way down, wrapping and stapling as you go. Leave spaces for your child's face and arms.

3

Add finishing touches: Use glue gun to attach dried leaves and sticks and mini cows and fences to tornado. Just before you leave for trick-or-treating, help your child into cage and add tulle around his or her legs, stapling fabric to itself and making sure he or she has plenty of room to walk.

Storm Chaser

SUPPLIES

Gaffers' tape
Armature wire
Wire cutter
Paper clips
Adhesive dots
Dried leaves
Hair gel
Umbrella

THE DETAILS:
Look aluminum hobby wire, \$5.50 for 50 ft., michaels.com. RainStoppers children's umbrella, 34", \$13, amazon.com.



1

Blow the wind through her clothes: Tape strips of wire to back of scarf and inside of skirt. Twist wired fabric to look as if clothing is being pulled up and away.

2

Have your child get dressed, then add finishing touches: Unfold paper clips and weave into ends of tied shoelaces so they stick up and out. Attach dried leaves to clothing using adhesive dots. Use strong gel to make hair look windswept.

3

Add an umbrella! Push wired ends up and out.

Skunk

SUPPLIES

Armature wire

Wire cutter

Black faux fur

Fabric glue

2 white feather boas

Black hoodie and pants

Safety pins

Black felt

White faux fur

THE DETAILS: Primary The Legging, in Black, \$14; and The Hoodie, in Black, \$20, primary.com. Ook aluminum hobby wire, \$5.50 for 50 ft., michaels.com. Shannon luxury faux fur, in Monster Black, \$39 per yd.; plush felt, 45", in Jet Black (for ears), \$8 per yd.; and faux fur, in Weasel White, \$12.50 per yd., fabric.com. FeatherStore marabou feather boa, 72", in White, \$8 each, amazon.com.



1 Make tail: Cut wire to length of hoodie and form a narrow loop. Cut black fur to fit wire, fold over wire, and glue edges together. Cut a strip of boa to fit on top of tail; attach with glue. Bend tail into an S shape and pin onto hem of hoodie or waistband of pants.



2 Add stripe and ears: Double the second boa, and pin looped end onto hood at top and bottom, using fabric glue to attach in between. Let trailing ends split down the back. For the ears, cut black felt into tombstone shapes, bend into a C shape, and glue edges onto hood.



3 Make belly: Cut white faux fur into a tombstone shape, cut it in half, and glue each half onto either side of zipper.

Raccoon

SUPPLIES

Black felt

Black gloves

Safety pins

Gray faux fur

Black permanent marker

Fabric glue

Cotton batting

Gray hoodie

Mini trash bag

THE DETAILS: Primary The Legging, in Slate Gray, \$14; and The Hoodie, in Slate Gray, \$20, primary.com.

Plush felt (for mask and fingernails), 45", in Jet Black, \$8 per yd., fabric.com.

Pinksee Kids Winter Warm Stretchy Knitted Magic gloves, in Black, \$6, amazon.com.

Shannon Tissavel two-tone Volga faux fur, in Silver, \$75 per yd., fabric.com.

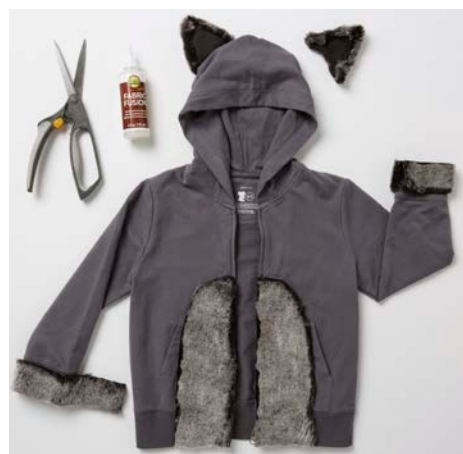
Begale small draw-string trash bags, 1.2 gallon, in Black, \$12 for 115, amazon.com.



1 Make paws and mask: Cut out claw-shape pieces of black felt, and glue them onto fingertips of gloves. Cut oval holes in a strip of felt to fit your child's face; use a safety pin to secure it in back.



2 Make tail: Cut out a large triangle of faux fur and give it thick black stripes using a permanent marker. Glue edges to each other to form a cone shape. Stuff tail with cotton batting (or a plastic bag, or newspaper) and pin onto comfy pants.



3 Make body: Cut out two 1.5-inch strips of faux fur and glue them around wrists of hoodie. Cut out a tombstone-shape piece of fur; cut it in half, and glue one piece onto each side of zipper. Cut two 2-inch-tall triangles, and glue edges onto hood as ears.