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Holiday Reindeer
Felt Hand Puppet Pattern

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Material List for Holiday Reindeer

- Felt

- one 9" by 12" **red** felt sheet or scraps
- one 9" by 12" **black** felt sheet or scraps
- one 9" by 12" **cream** felt sheet or scraps
- one 9" by 12" **white** felt sheet or scraps
- one 9" by 12" **dark brown** felt sheet
- two 9" by 12" **tan** felt sheets

Tool List

- Scissors
- Pins
- Crayons
- Glue (Hot glue, Fabric Tac or any glue that works with felt)

“Gingerbread Man” Body

Most of our felt puppet patterns are designed with the same “gingerbread man” body shape. This way you can make blank body puppets in multiple colors and all that needs to be added are the features.

Ears - All our ear patterns are designed to be added to the gingerbread man body. There’s two reasons for this. The first reason is creating a blank puppet that can become anything as mentioned above. The second is the size of pre-cut felt is often too small to fit the body and ears together.

If you prefer the look of ears as part of the body, then you can add the ears to the body pattern before cutting the felt. Just make sure you have a larger sheet of felt or felt by the yard, so your pattern fits.

The Holiday Reindeer body has ears that can be added before cutting out felt body.

Sewing Option - Body

Our instructions have you glue the two felt body pieces together with glue. You can also sew the body together with a sewing machine. This is extremely useful if you’re making a lot of puppets and end up buying felt by the yard instead of by the sheet. You can trace multiple body patterns onto the larger felt and sew them all at once before cutting them out.

Step 1: Pin together two felt sheets in the body color of your puppet.

Step 2: Trace the body pattern in crayon on the top layer of felt. Remember to leave the bottom open for your hand.

Step 3: Machine sew on the traced line. Double stitch the top shoulder curve, since it gets more pressure from your fingers in the puppet and might pop the stitch with use.

Step 4: Cut out near the seam leaving about 1/8” seam allowance, but be careful not to cut the stitches. Don’t turn the puppet inside out, because that will make the puppet smaller than the designed features.

Step 5: The blank body is done and ready for the features to be glued onto the puppet.

Making the Holiday Reindeer Puppet



Making the Body

Step 1: Print and cut out pattern pieces.

Step 2: Trace the body pattern on top tan felt sheet using crayons.

Note: Crayons work great for marking felt and the lighter colors show up on dark felt better than most pens. The crayon will eventually rub off.



Step 3: Pin the top tan felt sheet to bottom tan felt sheet so they stay together when you cut.



Step 4: Cut the felt along the traced body line. Be sure to cut both the top and bottom layers.



Step 5: Fold back the top layer of felt from the edge. Add a dab of glue to the bottom felt. Press and bond the top layer to the bottom. Continue around the edges of the body until the two layers are glued together. Remember to keep the bottom open for your hand.



Cut Out and Glue Felt Features

Step 1: Trace and cut out the felt features.

Tan Felt - Ears

White Felt - Eyes and Gleams

Black Felt - Pupils and Mouth

Cream Felt - Muzzle and Inner Ears

Dark Brown Felt - Antlers

Red Felt - Nose



Step 2: Glue the muzzle to the body.

Step 3: Glue the eyes into place.



Step 4: Glue the pupils into place.



Step 5: Glue the nose and mouth into place.



Step 6: Arrange the ears and antlers on the head.

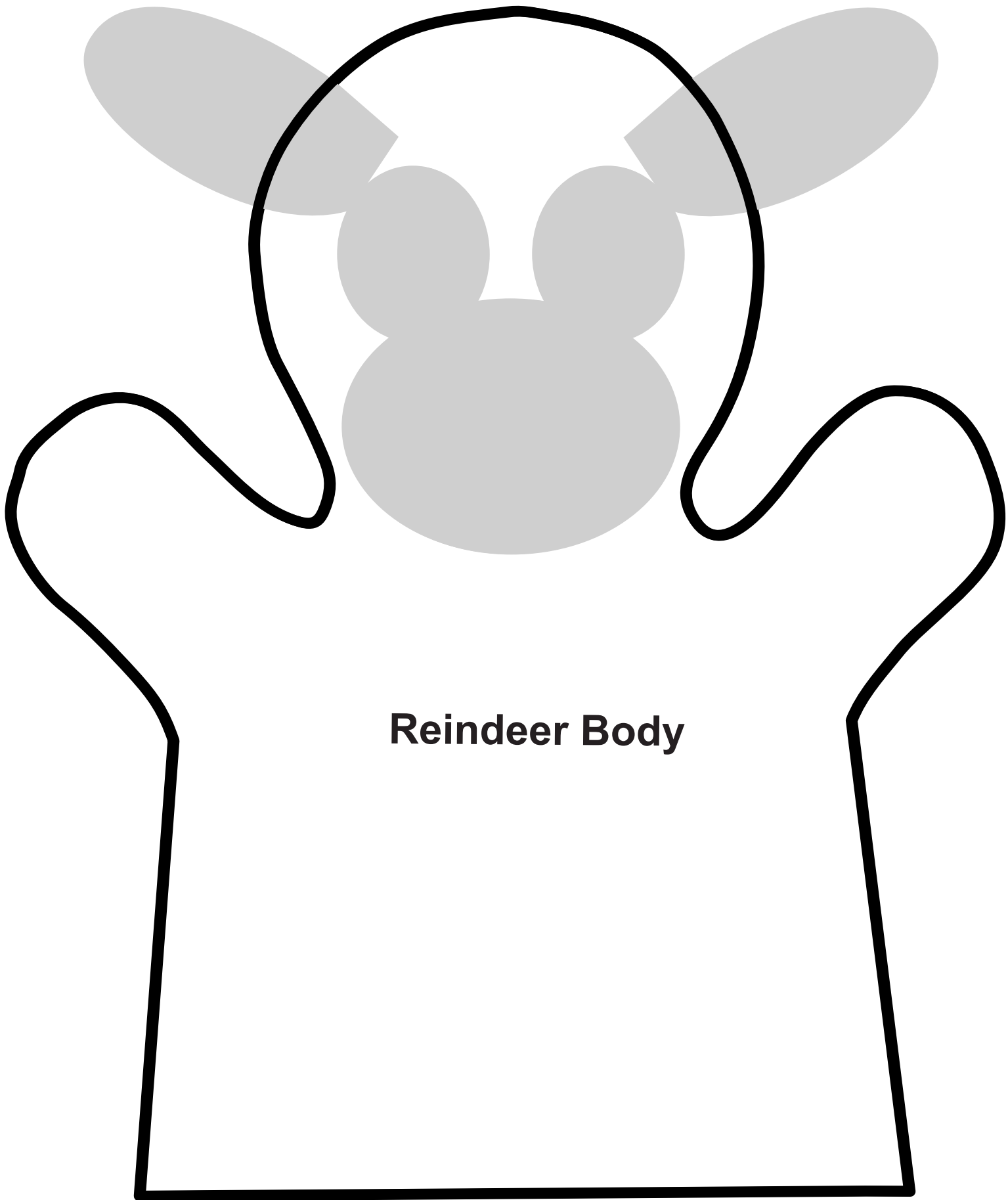
Step 7: Glue the inner ears into place.



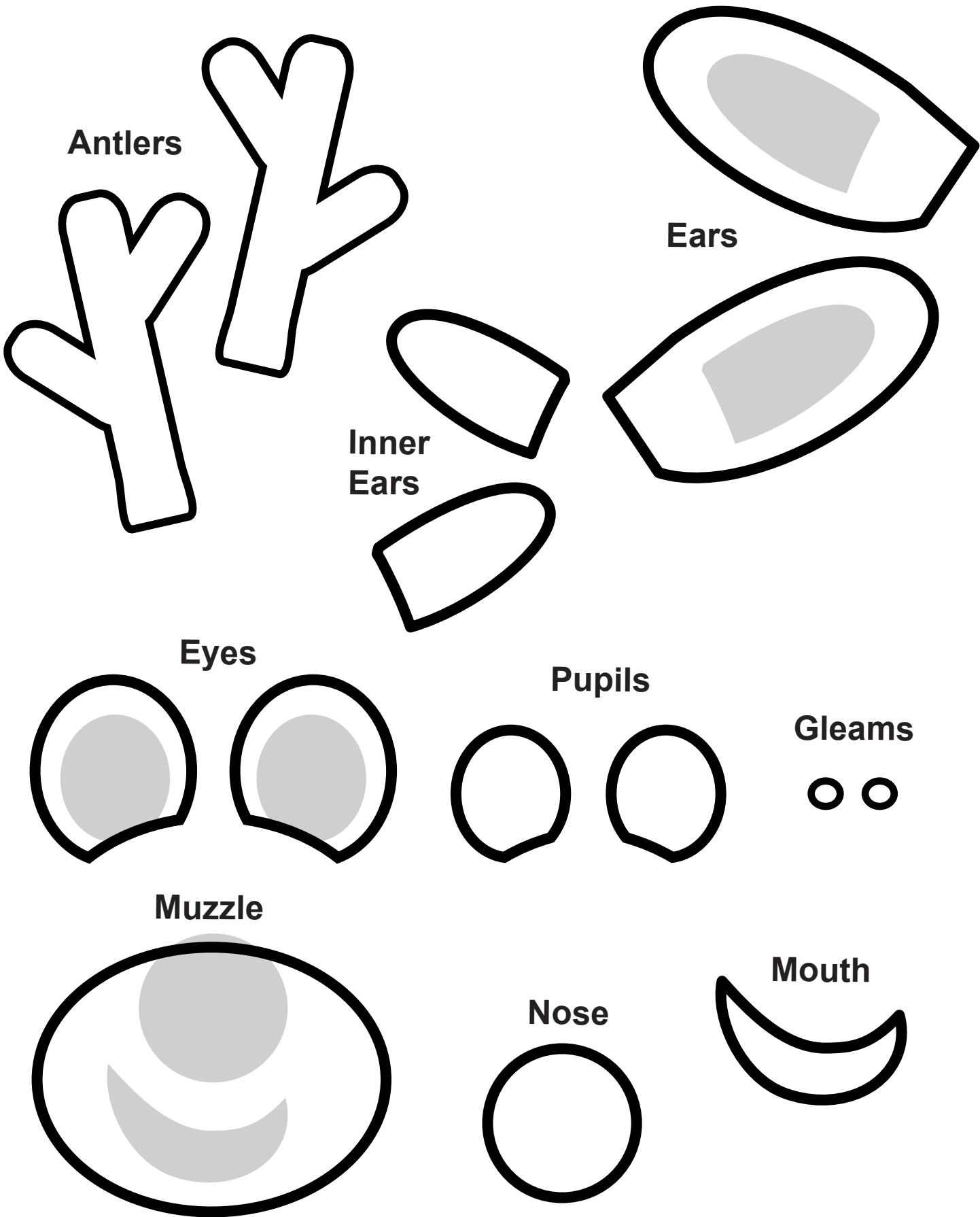
Step 8: Glue the ears and antlers into place on the back side of the puppet.



Step 9: Glue the gleams into place.



Reindeer Body



Antlers

Ears

Inner
Ears

Eyes

Pupils

Gleams

Muzzle

Nose

Mouth