

Freckles & Flopsy

Approx. 18 inches tall, Flopsy approx. 7 inches

You Will Be A Needlin':

Material: Muslin, material for blouse, bloomers, brown material for Flopsy
Stuffing
Scrap of quilt batting (Flopsy's ears)
Doll needle (3 or 5 inches long)
Embroidery floss: Dark brown, black, contrasting floss for blouse & bloomers, country red
Hair: Sensations Sumptuous super soft and bulky acrylic yarn in Sumptuous Brown color
Paint: White and barn red
Brushes: Small paintbrushes, medium size stencil brush
Card stock
Two 1/2 inch black matte buttons (Annie eyes)
Four 1/4 inch black matte buttons (Flopsy's joints)
Two 6mm black beads (Flopsy's eyes)
Beading needle
Small matching ribbon for pigtails
Black colored pencil
Wood or plastic ruler
Mechanical pencil
For Staining:
Instant coffee, vanilla extract, fragrance oil (optional)

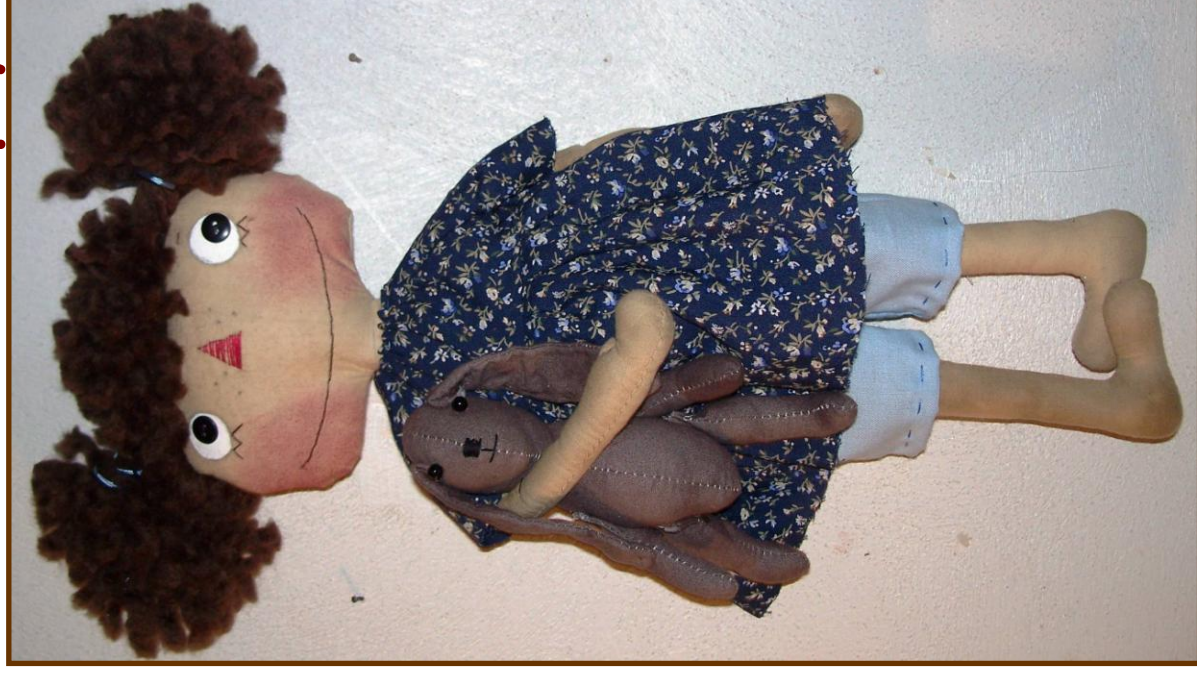
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(Freckles approximately 18 inches tall & Flopsy approximately 7 inches tall when finished.)
Read through all directions before beginning.

NOTE: Anything you want stained should be stained at this time...before actually beginning the pattern. The recipe and instructions for staining are given at the end of these directions.

Doll:

1. Stain muslin with recipe and instructions given at the end of these directions.
2. Print & cut out all doll patterns, head, body, arm, and leg. Trace all 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch away from sewn lines. Clip curves and turn all.
3. Stuff all firmly and sew openings closed.
4. Attach arms and legs where indicated on pattern.

Facial Features: (Print & cut out all templates in the facial feature template box which is located in the pattern section):

1. Eyes: Pin the "whites of the eyes" template on head where desired and lightly trace around both with a mechanical pencil. Dip a small paintbrush in white acrylic paint and paint along the template edges, then fill in the whites of the eyes. With a black colored pencil, trace all around whites of the eyes. Do both this way. Let dry thoroughly. When dry, position and sew on 1/2 inch black matte buttons.
2. Eyebrows & Eyelashes: Using a wooden or plastic ruler, pencil in (with mechanical pencil) her eyebrows and eyelashes. Thread doll needle with a double strand of dark brown embroidery thread and going in from the top of her head (this will be covered with her hair) go down and embroider these using a simple backstitch. Take the thread back out the top of her head and tie off.
3. Mouth: Pin mouth template where desired on face. With a mechanical pencil, trace from the "*" on one side of the mouth, down under, and up the other side to the other "*." Thread a doll needle with a double strand of dark brown embroidery thread and going in from the top of her head (this will be covered with her hair) go down and embroider the mouth using a simple backstitch. Take the thread back out the top of her head and tie off.
4. Nose: Print out nose pattern on card stock and pin in place where desired on head. Trace around this with mechanical pencil. Thread doll needle with double strand of red embroidery thread. Going in from the top of her head (this will be covered with her hair), go down and beginning at the bottom of her nose, embroider the nose using a satin stitch. Take the thread back out the top of her head and tie off. With a black colored pencil, and looking at the pattern, dot on her freckles.

5. Cheeks: Dip a medium size stencil brush lightly into barn red paint and pounce off most of it on paper towels. Lightly swirl on her cheeks.

Hair:

1. Cut 11 pieces of yarn a couple of inches long. Insert these in the places on her head as indicated on her pattern. Take the needle through the very top of her head, front to back and then take your needle back through the same hole (front to back). This should create sort of a loop. Be sure to leave enough yarn on both ends to pull to tighten the loop.
2. Wrap yarn around hair card twice and slide off; this is a "hair bundle."
3. Thread each "hair bundle" in a loop, tighten, and trim yarn. Do this for all #11 loops.
4. This yarn is 3-ply so twist the yarn, which will help you to see all 3 plies, and pull each one apart.
5. Cut 2 more pieces of yarn (to tie up pigtails). Working with the hair bundles in the 2 loops on sides of head, pull these up and tie with yarn piece for pigtails.
6. Trim all. Tie a matching piece of ribbon around each and tie in a bow; trim.

Blouse:

1. Print & cut out top & bottom blouse patterns.
2. Trace 2 of each on double material being sure to place on fold where indicated on patterns; cut out.
3. Sew a gathering stitch along the top of blouse bottom, (approximately 1/4 inch down), where indicated on pattern being sure to leave enough on both ends to pull to gather.
4. Pull to gather until this is about the same size as the area where it will be attached on the blouse top (see pattern).
5. Pin in place and sew together with about a 1/4 inch seam allowance. Do this for both front and back.
6. Pin right sides together and sew sides and underarms using $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance.
7. Place dress on doll and turn neck under $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. Hand stitch a gathering stitch all the way around, pull to gather and tie off.

Bloomers:

1. Print out bloomers pattern. Trace on double material being sure to place on fold where indicated on pattern; cut out.
2. With right sides together, sew side seams as indicated by dashed lines on pattern.
3. Turn leg openings up $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and hand sew with a small running stitch.
4. With white embroidery floss, hand sew a gathering stitch completely around the waist of the bloomers; pull to gather and tie in a bow in front.

Flopsy:

1. Print & cut out Flopsy body, arm and leg patterns for Flopsy.
2. Trace body, arms and legs on double material being sure to trace 2 arms and 2 legs; pin. Sew on traced lines being sure to leave open where indicated on patterns. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines. Turn.
3. Stuff the body firmly and sew opening shut.
4. Stuff the legs and arms fairly full; sew openings shut.

5. Print & cut out the box which has the ear pattern (Ear Pattern Box) in it (in pattern section). Lay this on top of quilt batting, pin and cut out the box. Print and cut out the ear pattern and trace 2 of them on the material; pin going through both layers (front and back) of material and one layer of quilt batting. (When you "turn" this, the batting will be on the inside of the ears.) Sew on traced lines being sure to leave open where indicated on pattern. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines; turn.
6. Looking at the pattern and the picture for placement; attach both arms and legs being sure to place the tiny buttons in place for the joints. TIP: This is easier if you follow this method. Thread a doll needle with matching thread, preferably quilting thread as it's stronger, and sew arms and legs on by going back and forth; back and forth from one leg to the other and from one arm to the other...try to keep the stitches close together so they will be hidden when you sew on the buttons. Now...sew the tiny buttons on...on top of where you've sewn them on.
7. Do NOT stuff the ears, just turn and sew the opening shut. With matching thread, sew a running stitch completely around each ear for a "quilting" effect. Turn the open end (top end) of each ear down (see picture) and sew ears on in place.
8. Looking at the picture and the pattern, sew the black beads on for eyes.
9. Looking at the picture and the pattern, thread a doll needle with a double strand of black embroidery thread and sew the nose on using a satin stitch, then take one small stitch with your embroidery thread, on the seam line, down and then out a bit on both sides to form a mouth.
10. Print out the Flopsy tail pattern. Trace on single layer of material; cut out. Hand sew a gathering stitch all around the outside of the tail. Stuff the tail and pull the gathering stitches until closed; sew shut. Looking at the pattern, sew the tail in place.

Staining Instructions:

Supplies Needed:

Instant coffee
 Vanilla extract
 Fragrance oil (optional)
 Old cookie sheet, wax paper, paper towels, old rags
 Small spray bottle
 Funnel

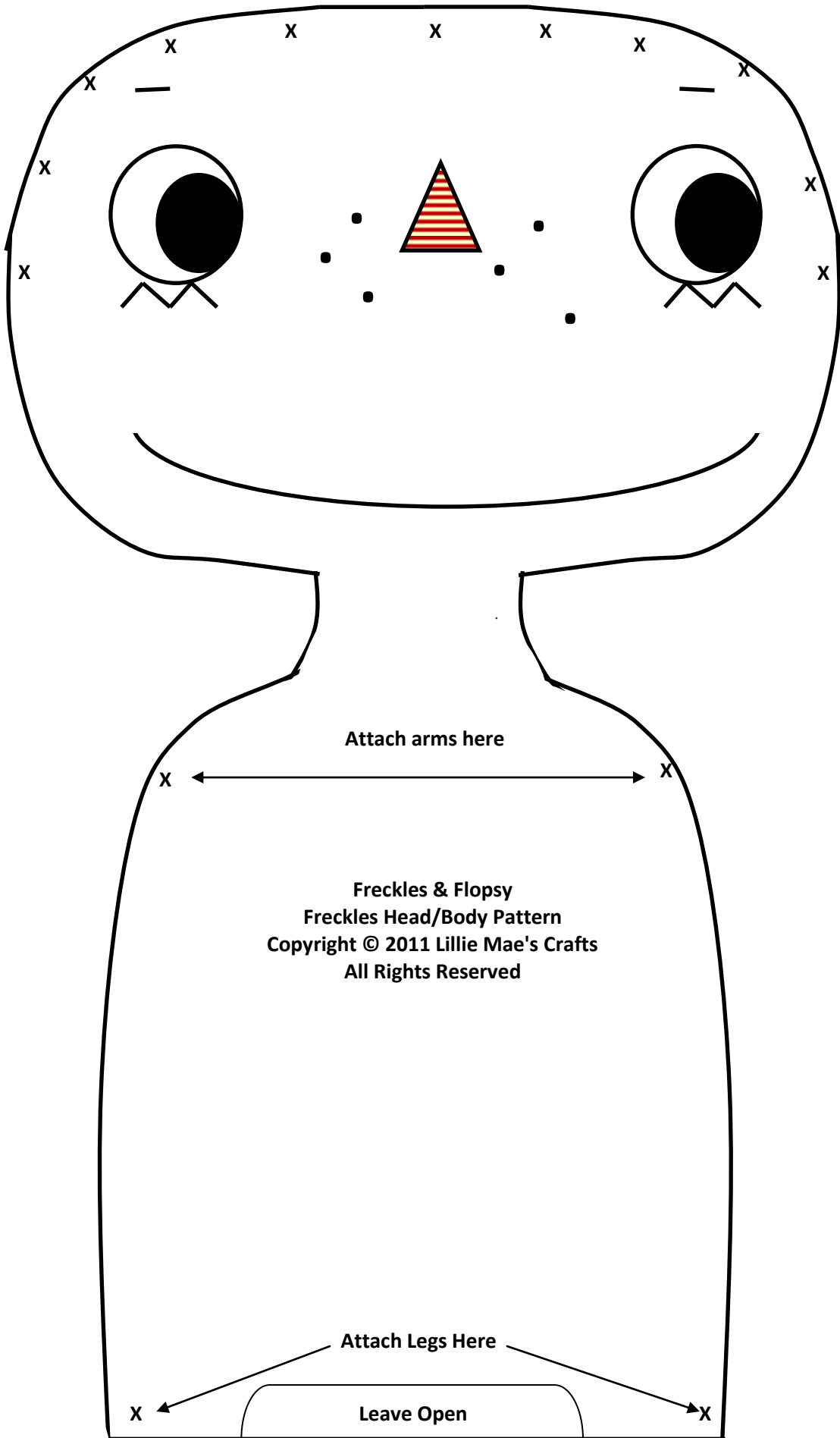
1. Mix together in glass jar with lid - $\frac{1}{4}$ cup instant coffee, 2 cups hot water and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup vanilla extract.
2. Add fragrance oil to your taste. (HINT: You may want to add just a little at first and add more if you desire. If you add too much to begin with it may be stronger than you prefer.)
3. Pour stain into spray bottle.
4. Lay wax paper or old rags on cookie sheet. Lay here what you are staining. Spray front and back thoroughly with stain.
5. 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.

You're done with Freckles & Flopsy. I hope you enjoyed making them as much as I enjoyed designing them. If you have any problems or questions, please don't hesitate to e-mail me or visit my "Stitch 'n' Stuff" page at <http://www.lilliemaescrafts.com>.

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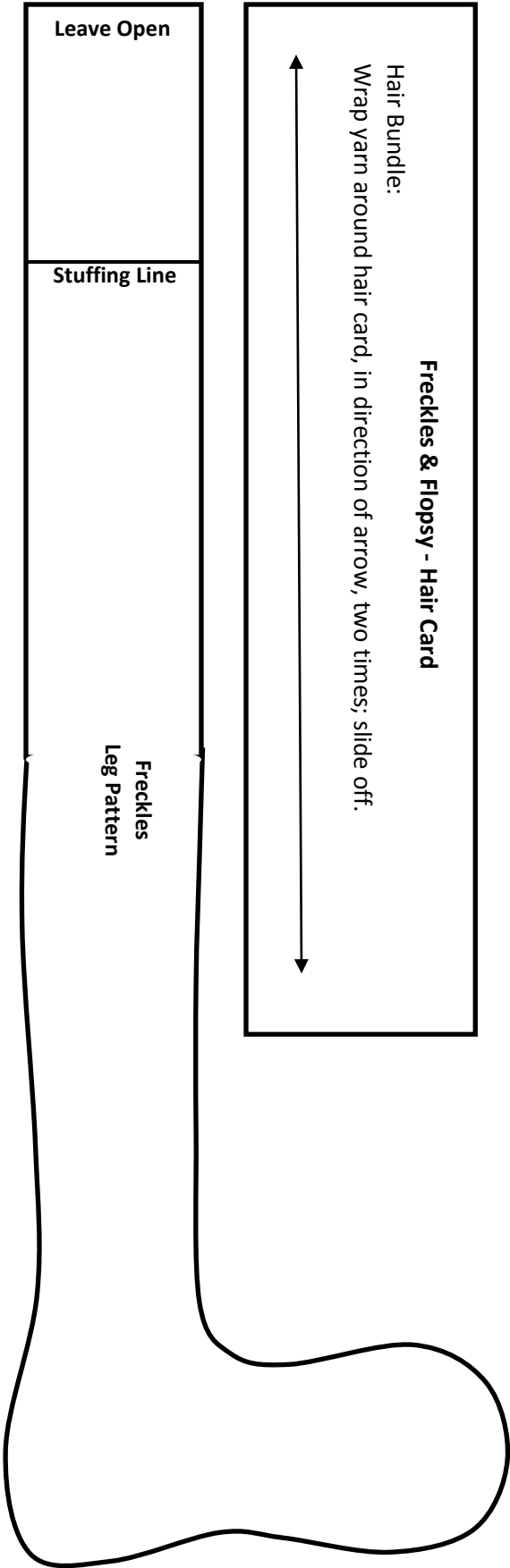


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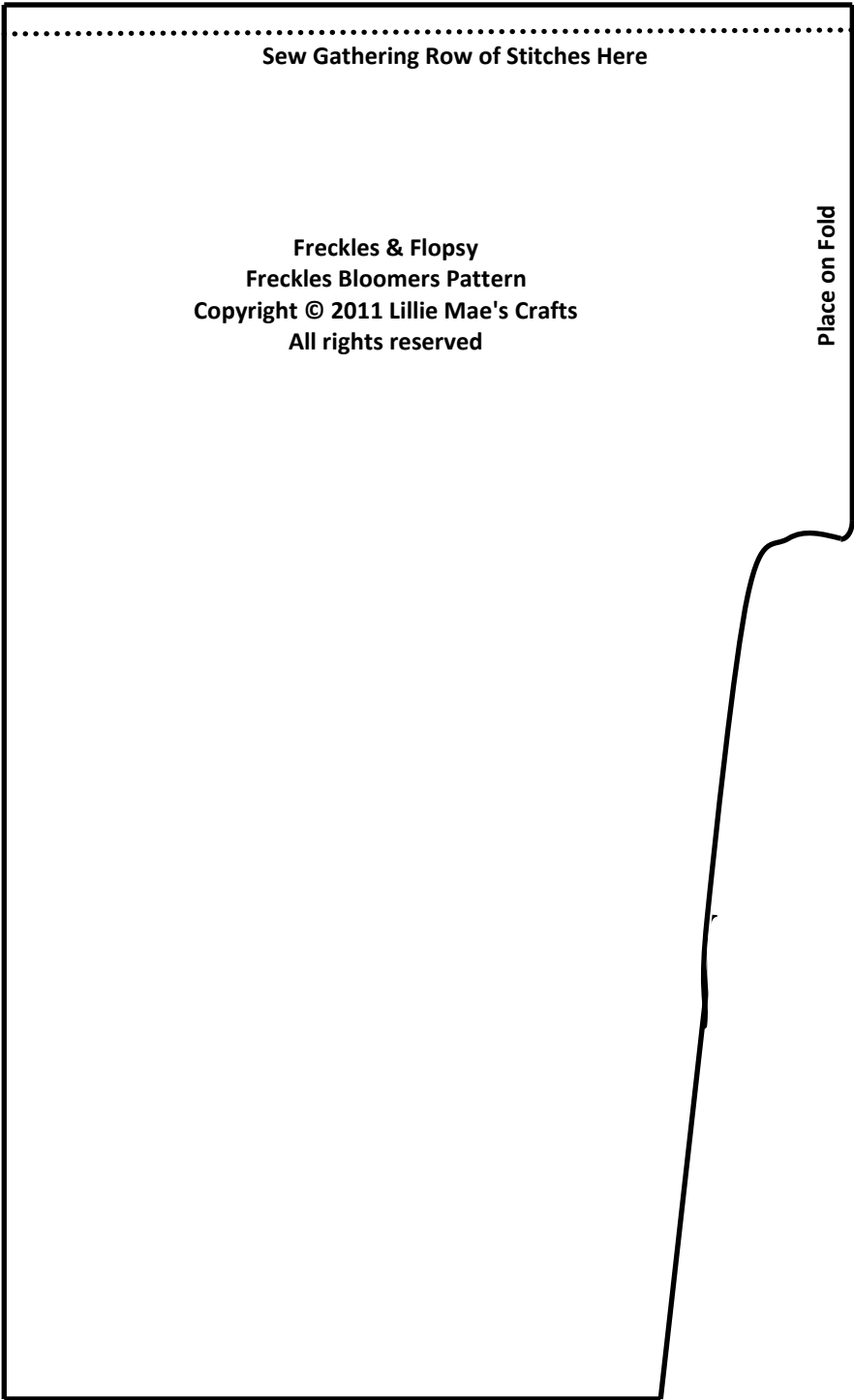
Freckles
Arm Pattern

Freckles & Flopsy
Freckles Head/Body Pattern
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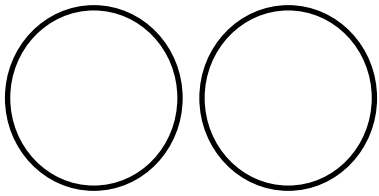
Freckles & Flopsy - Hair Card

Hair Bundle:
Wrap yarn around hair card, in direction of arrow, two times; slide off.

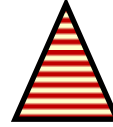


**Freckles & Flopsy
Facial Feature Templates for Freckles**

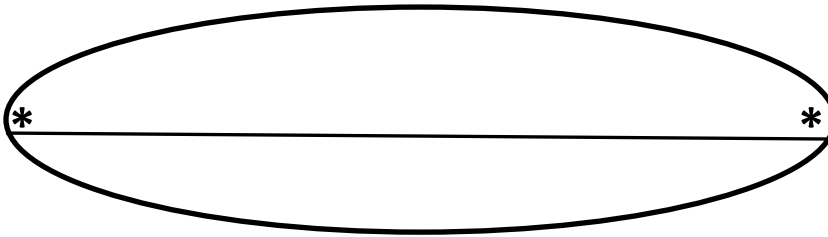
Whites of Eyes



Nose



Mouth



**Freckles & Flopsy
Blouse Top Pattern
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Place on Fold

Attach Blouse Bottom Here

