

The Frog

Be kind and tender to the Frog,
And do not call him names,
As "Slimy skin," or "Polly-wog,"
Or likewise "Ugly James,"
Or "Gap-a-grin," or "Toad-gone-wrong,"
Or "Bill Bandy-knees":
The Frog is justly sensitive
To epithets like these.

No animal will more repay
A treatment kind and fair,
At least so lonely people say
Who keep a frog (and by the way,
they are extremely rare).

Hilaire Belloc

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

The Purl Frog measures about 7 1/2 inches long.

MATERIALS

one 1/2 yard Liberty of London Tana Lawn fabric or another lightweight cotton fabric
thread
patchwork pins
3/4 cup of dried mung beans, lentils, or buckwheat
two beads for the eyes

DIRECTIONS

1. Wash, dry, and press the fabric for the frog.
2. Using the Purl Frog Template, cut two Frog Bodies from the fabric.
3. Pin the two pattern pieces right sides together.
4. Stitch a 1/4 inch seam around the frog, beginning at the inseam of one leg and finishing at the inseam of the other, leaving a gap at the base of the body. Remember to back stitch at the beginning and end of the seam.
5. Clip into the curves of the arms and legs to ease the fabric a bit, then turn the frog right side out.
6. Fill the frog about 85% full with dried beans.
7. With needle and thread, hand sew the hole closed.
8. You may choose to embroider the eyes. We chose green beads and sewed them on with closely matching thread.
9. Sew the beads to the top of the head, toward the seams, to imitate a frog's wide-set eyes.

Enjoy! Ribbit!

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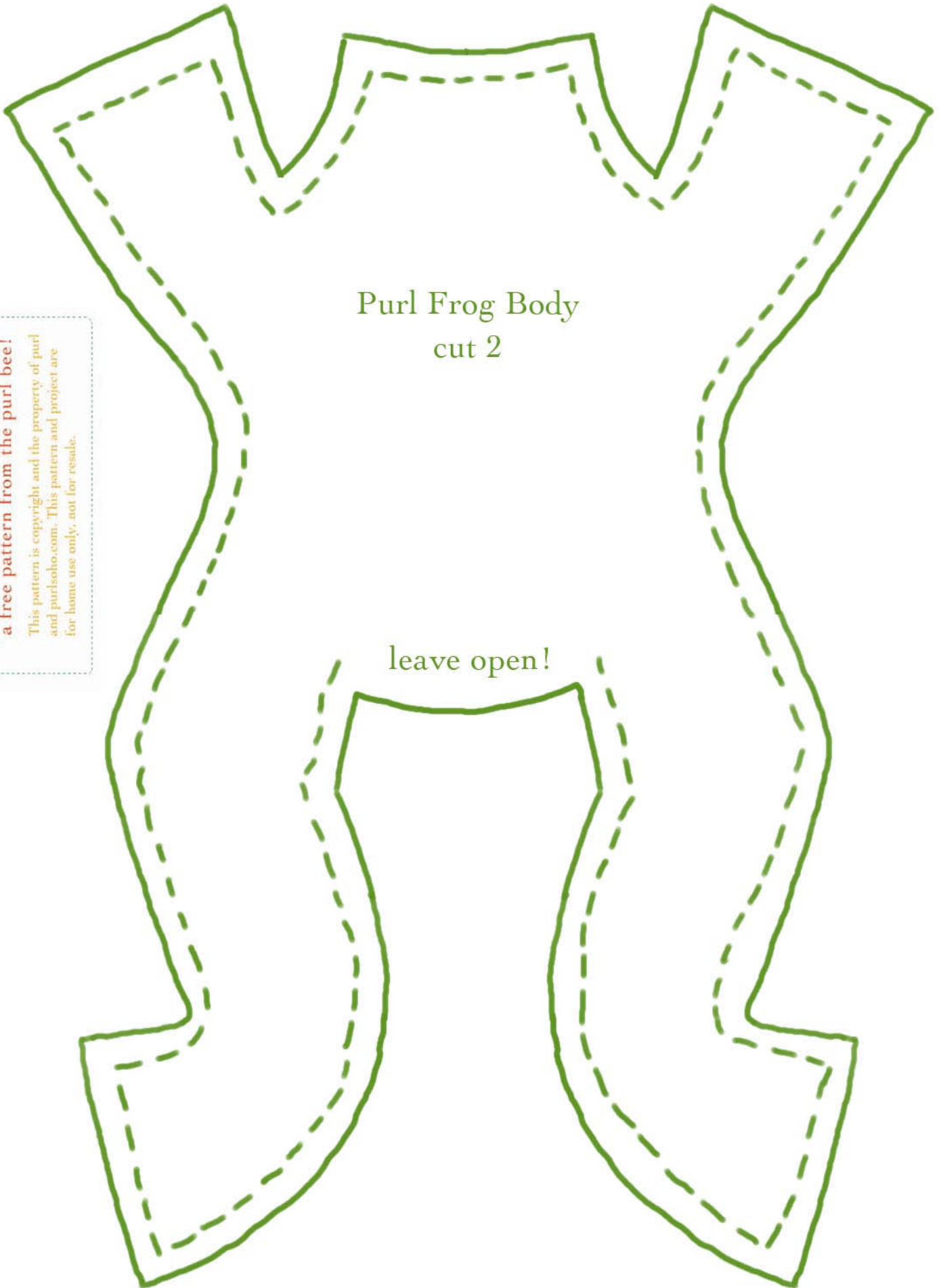
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Purl Frog Body
cut 2

leave open!