Baby Tree Activity Mat
Skill Level: Intermediate



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Toddlers and babies will just love playing on this interactive activity mat.

Fabrics Needed

Green Cotton	1 1/4 yds
Brown Cotton	1 1/2 yds
Green	Fat Quarter
Red	Fat Quarter
Tan	Fat Quarter
Blue	Fat Quarter
Black	Fat Quarter

Materials Needed

809 Decor Bond®	4 yds
Legacy™ by Pellon Flame Retardant Rayon Batting	4 yds
805 Wonder-Under®	1/2 yd
Pellon® Tru-Grid #810	1 1/2 yds
Stuffing	Small Amount
Bias	Small scrap piece
Thread	
Green Ribbon	1 yard
Zipper	
Rope	Small piece
Buttons	2 extra large
Rick Rack	2 packages (4 yards)
Velcro	One 3" strip
Marker	

Tools Needed

Sewing Machine and related Supplies

The example shown uses buttons and zippers. Depending on the age of your child these could be potentially hazardous items. Please substitute if your child is too small to play safely with these items.

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Directions

Mark all pieces on the Tru-Grid using measurements and directions on Template pages.

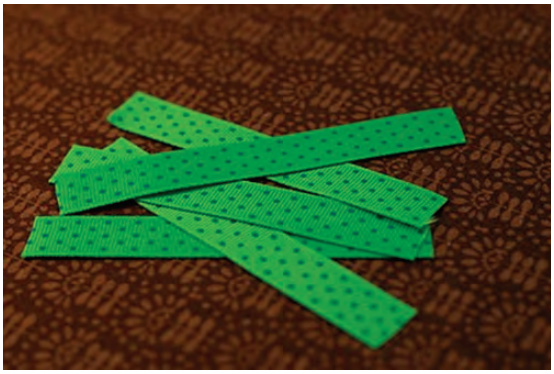
Cut out all pieces following directions.

Trunk

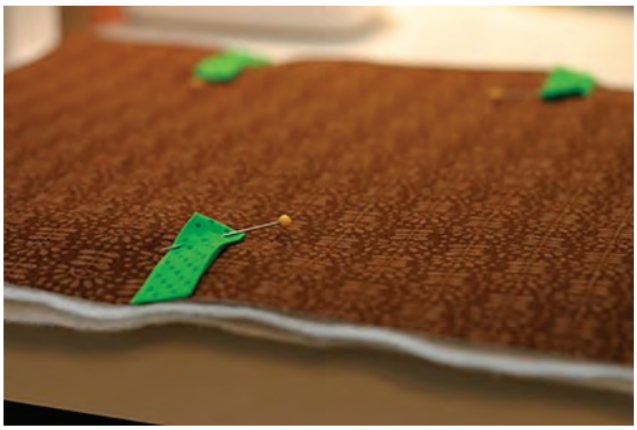
Fuse Pellon Décor Bond to wrong side of both brown fabrics.



Cut five ribbon pieces 4″ long.

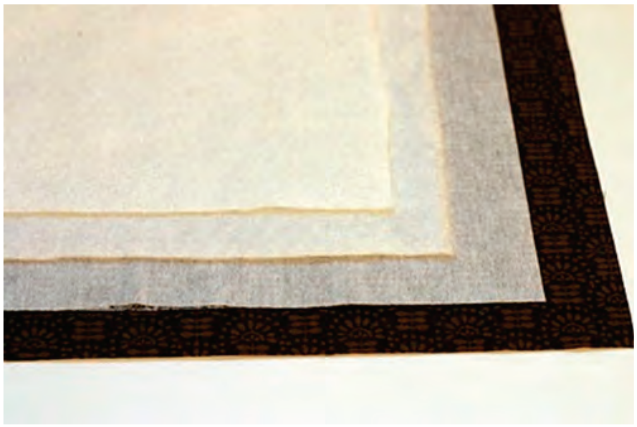


Fold ribbon in half and pin to the edge of the brown fabric. Make sure the looped part is on the inside and the edge of the ribbon lines up with the edge of the tree trunk. Baste or hand sew them in place.

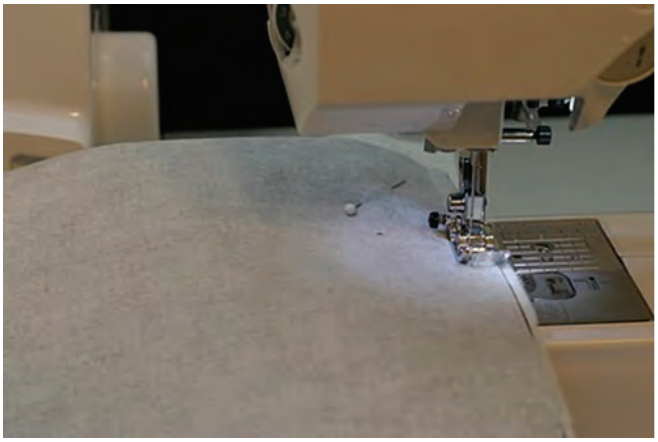


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Layer your tree trunk so that the right sides of the fabric are facing each other with the ribbons between them and the two batting pieces are on top.



Pin the trunk together and sew. Leave a 4" opening to turn.



Trim the corners.

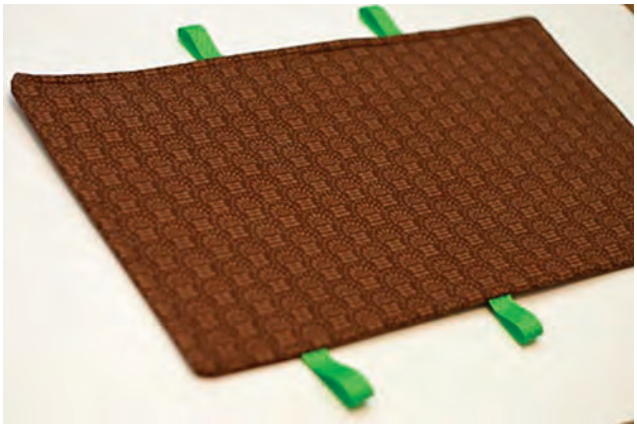


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Turn the trunk right side out.



Push out all corners smoothly. Iron tree trunk. Slip stitch opening closed. Top stitch around entire tree trunk close to the edge.



Tree Top

Fuse Pellon Décor bond to the wrong side of the brown and green fabrics.



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Sewing down the center of the rick rack, sew around tree top, leaving a 5" opening to turn.



Clip around the circle in as many places as will allow your circle to lay flat and round.



turn tree top right side out and slip stitch opening closed. Press. Top stitch around tree top.



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Zipper on Trunk

This activity will let your baby play with a zipper and expose a contrasting fabric and texture. Use a scrap piece of fabric that is visually and texturally different from the trunk fabric (fuzzy, shiny, etc.). Soft yellow flannel was used in the sample. Cut the scrap a little smaller than the dimensions of the zipper.



Fuse Pellon Wonder Under to the back of the contrasting fabric.



Peel off backing.



Fuse fabric to tree trunk.



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Place zipper over the fabric and sew a "box" around the zipper.



Buttons on Trunk to Tree

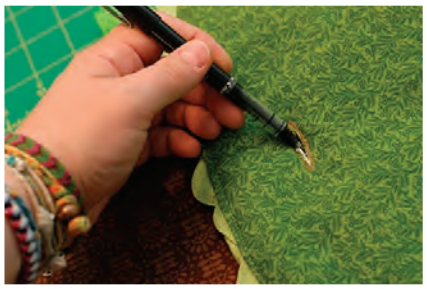
This activity will allow children to button the trunk to the tree. Please monitor your children at all times with buttons. Use extra large buttons for safety. Place your button on the tree where desired. Mark spots.



Make buttonholes at these marks.



Mark spot where button will be placed on the trunk. Sew buttons on securely with extra strong thread.

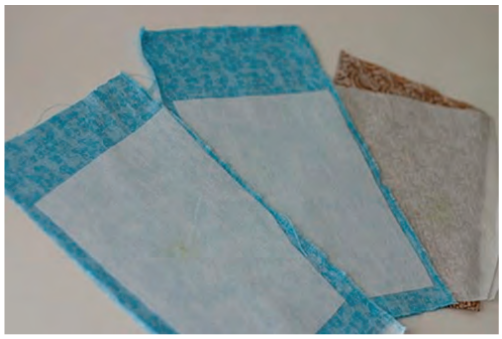


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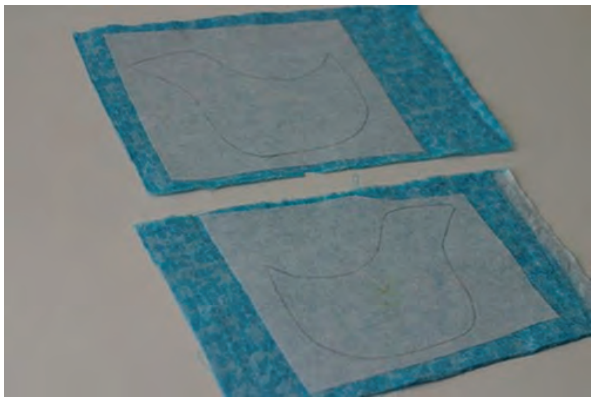


Bird in Nest

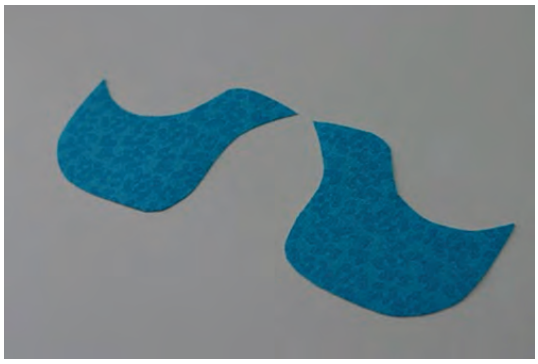
This activity will allow your child to put the plush bird into the nest. Fuse Pellon Décor Bond to the wrong side of two blue scraps and one tan scrap.



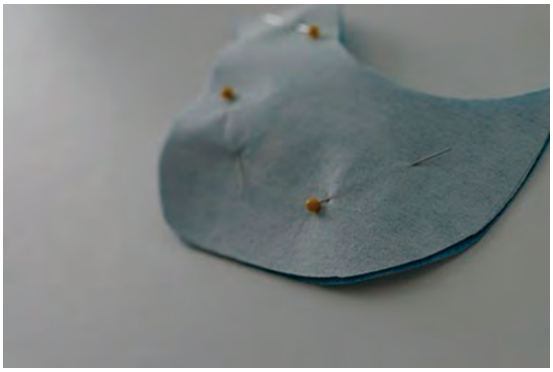
Trace the pattern on the back side for the nest. Trace two birds in opposite directions.



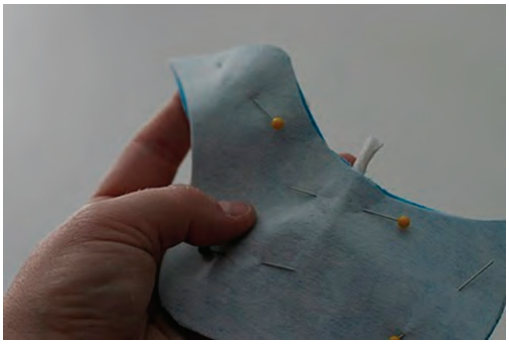
Cut out the two birds and the nest.



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Set nest aside. Place birds right sides together. Cut a piece of thin rope 7" long. Tuck the rope into the birds with a small bit sticking out. Pin birds with rope together.



Sew around the bird, leaving a small opening for turning. Turn the bird right side out and stuff. Slip stitch opening closed.



Tie the end of the rope into a knot. Sew the knotted end to the tree.



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Sew a piece of scrap bias tape over the edge of the nest.



Place the nest over the bird so that the nest is rounded. Cover the part of the string that is sewn down.



Pin around the nest and top stitch around the base of the nest.

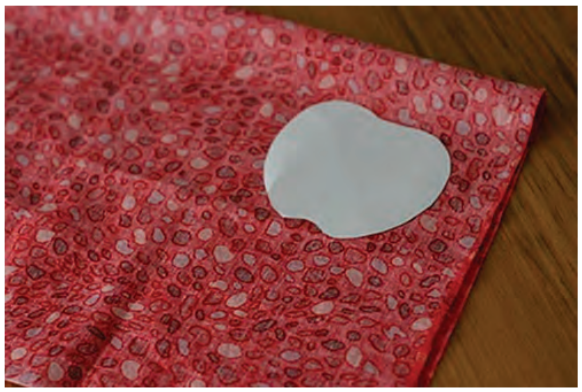




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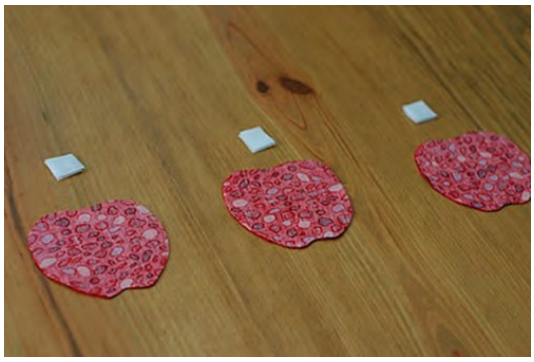
Apples

This activity will make three apples that Velcro on and off the tree.

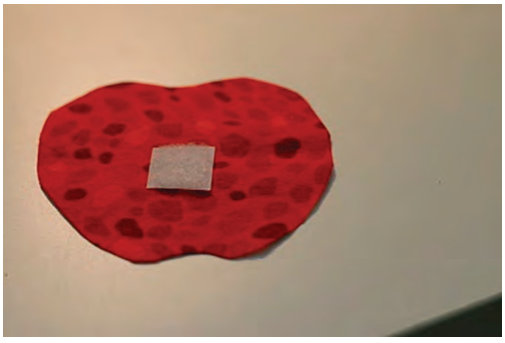


Use the apple template and cut six pieces from the red fabric and 3 pieces from the Pellon Rayon batting.

Cut three small squares of velcro.



Separate the velcro and sew one side to each apple.



Cut three small pieces of green ribbon. Loop them to create a leaf. Sandwich the leaf between two pieces of apple right sides together with a layer of batting on top. Pin and sew leaving a small opening to turn. Clip circle.



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Turn, press and slip stitch opening shut. Top stitch close to edge.



Sew other side of velcro to tree top.



Leaves

Fuse Pellon Décor Bond to the back of green fabric scraps. Use leaf patterns and cut 10-12 leaves.



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Arrange leaves in a cluster on your tree. Start with the top leaves and work your way down while pinning. Start sewing one fourth of the way down from the top of the leaf to the bottom of the leaf. Sew in the center of the leaf.



Continue until all leaves are sewn down.



Crinkle Ants

Children will love the crinkly sound and the contrast of these ants. Cut four pieces of black fabric using the ant pattern.



With right sides together, sew around the ant bodies, leaving an opening for turning and stuffing. Clip the rounded sides.



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Turn and iron before next step. After ironing, fill halfway with stuffing, then add the crinkle. Use plastic packaging from microwave popcorn or something like that. After adding the crinkle, stuff the rest of the ant and slip stitch the opening closed.



Place the ants on your tree and with an "X" over the center.

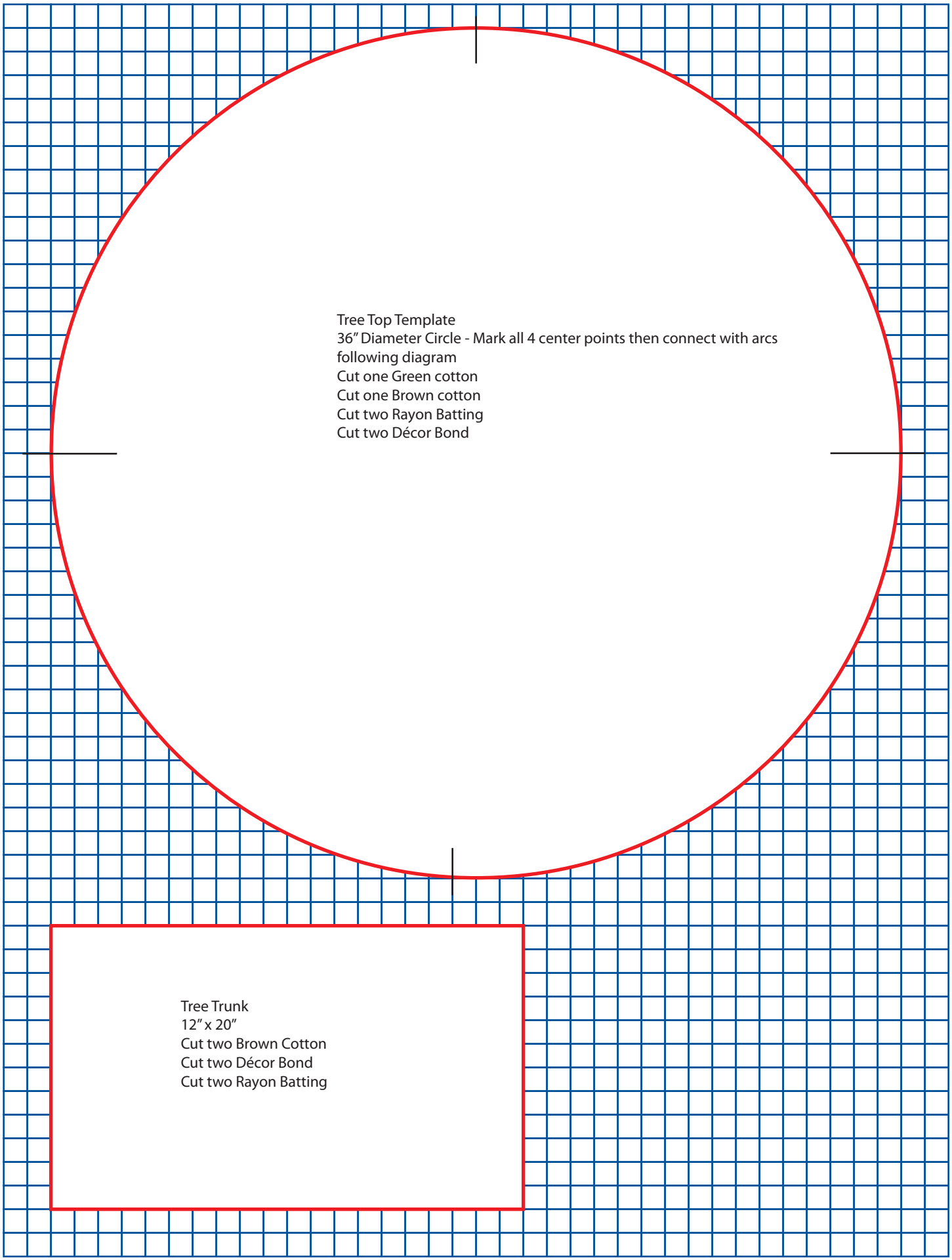






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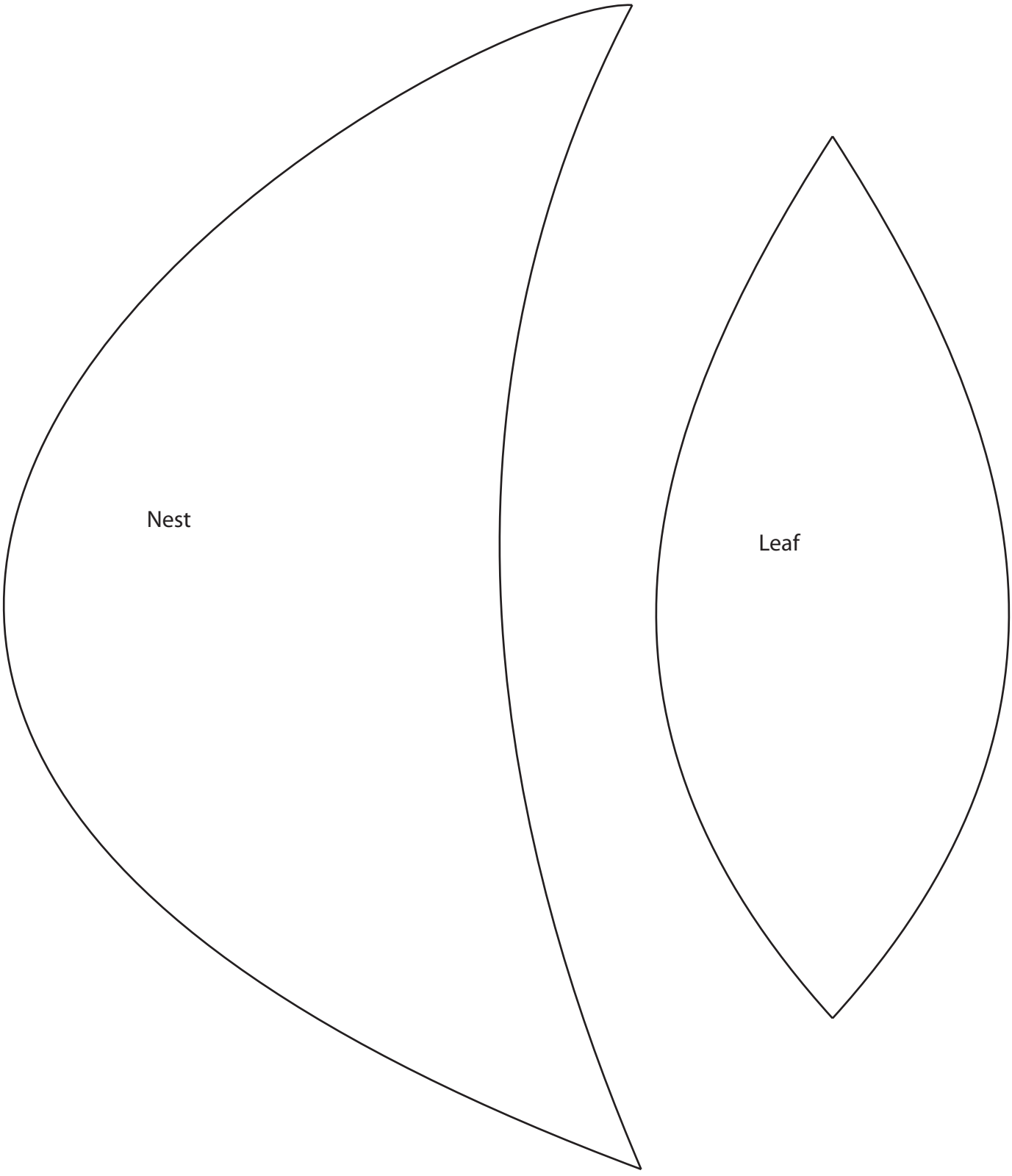
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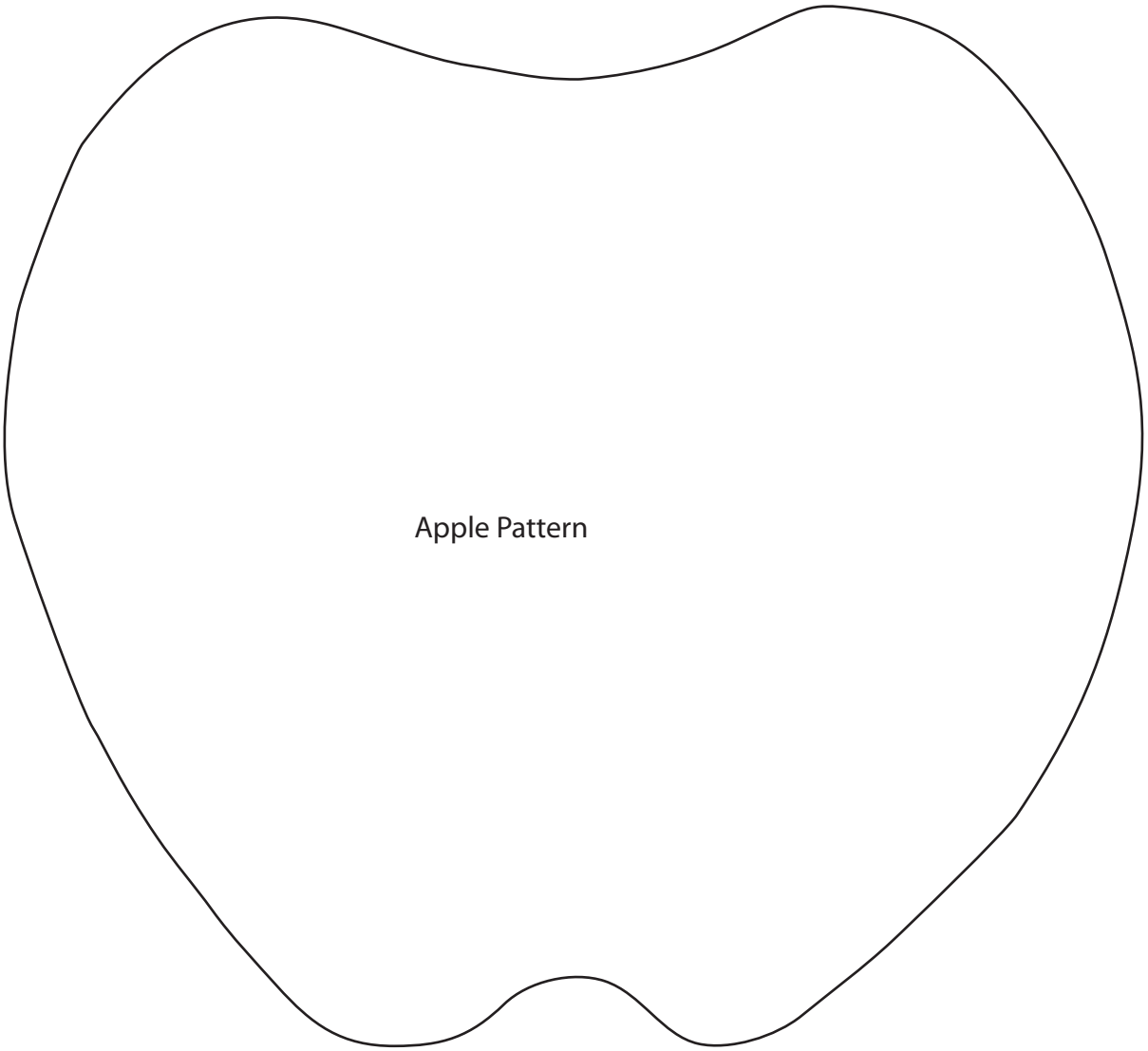
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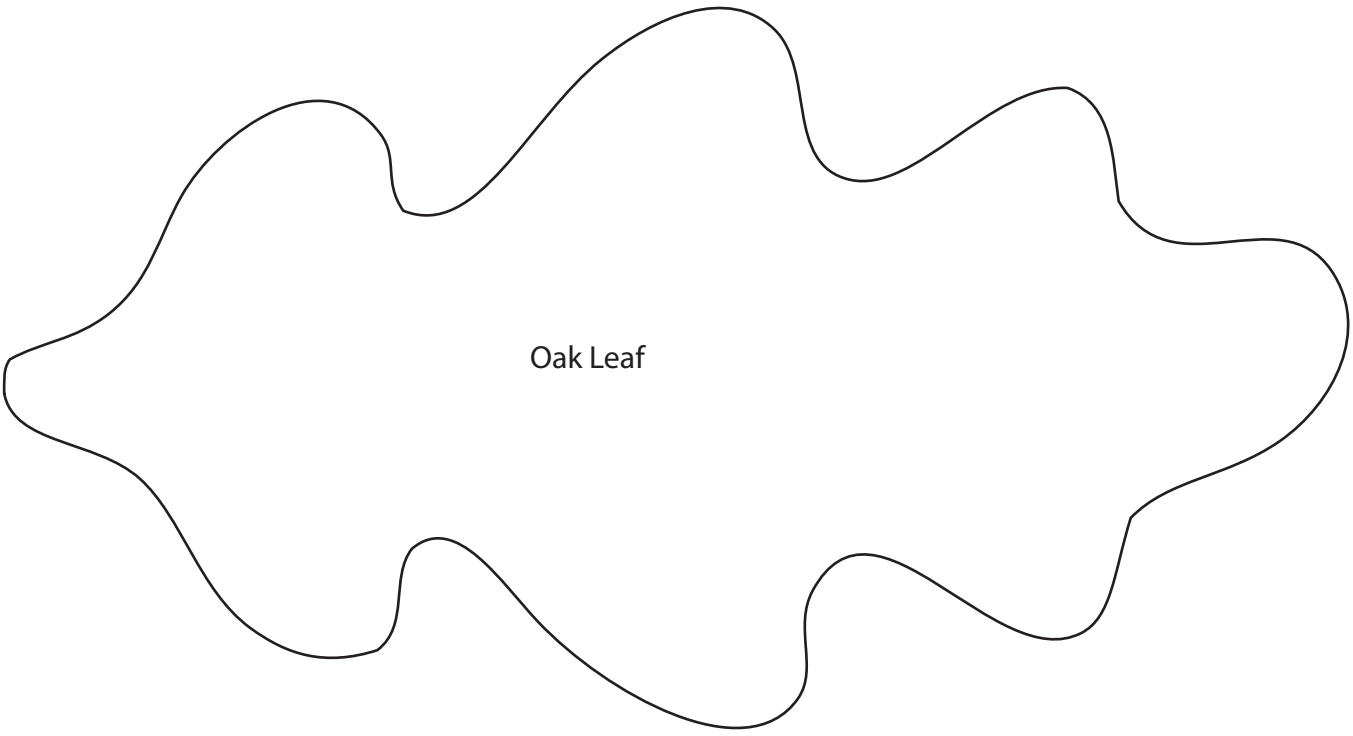
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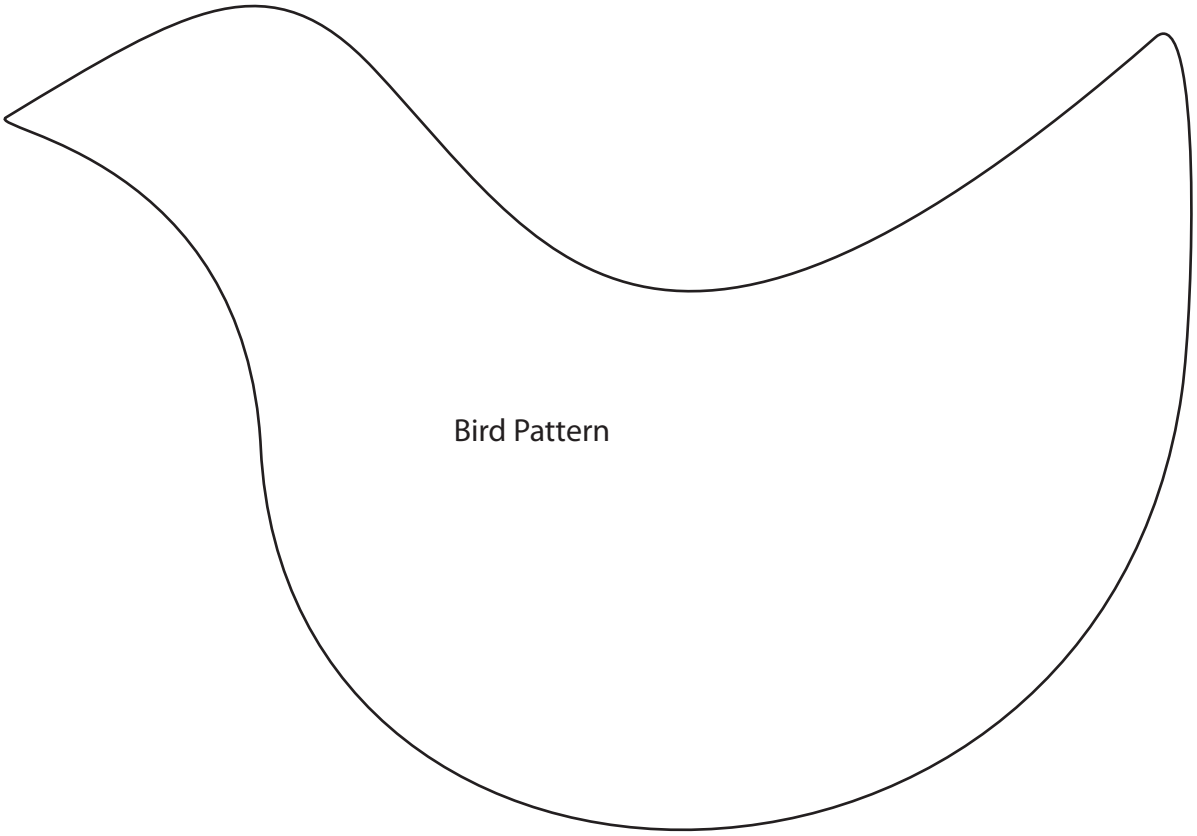


Apple Pattern

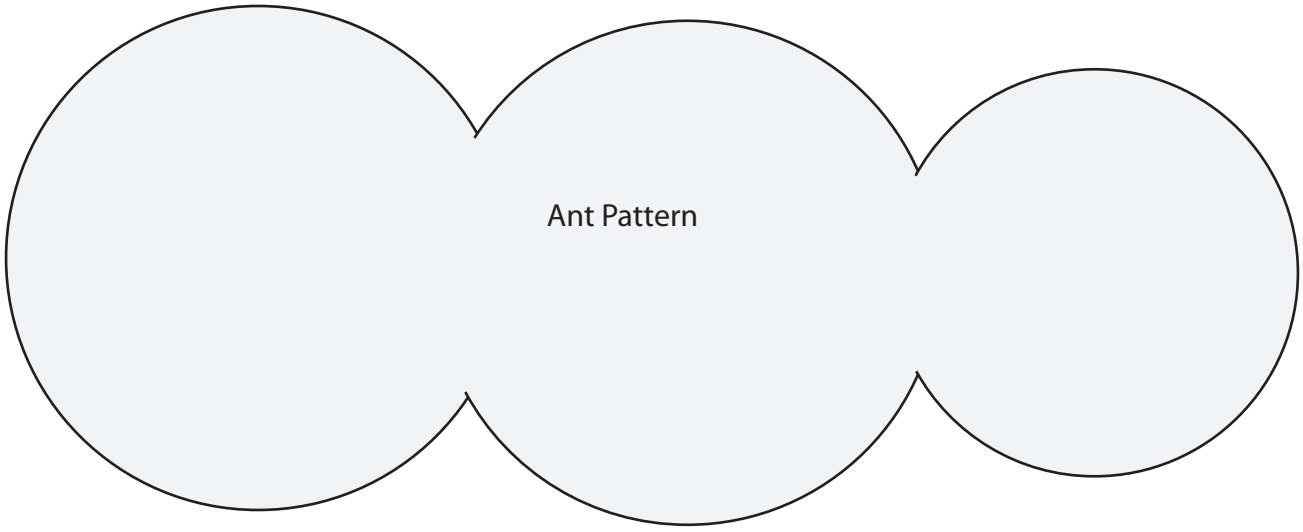


Oak Leaf

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Bird Pattern



Ant Pattern