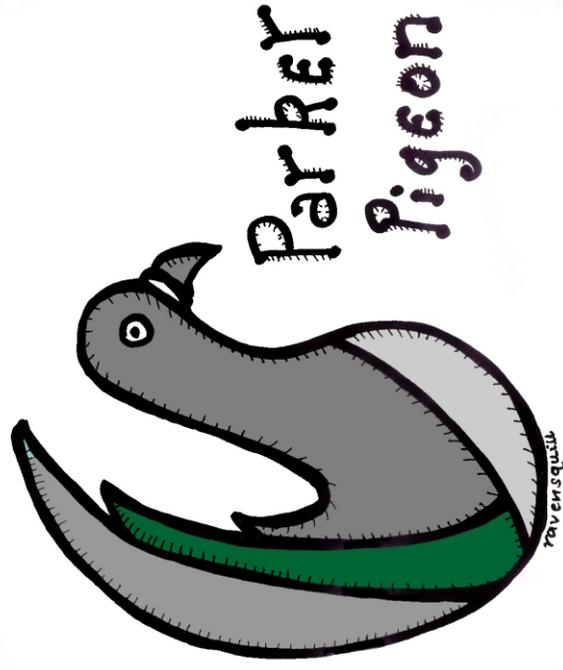


A Loncon 3 Pigeon



Parker Pigeon

Making your pigeon.

There's no right or wrong way to put Pigeon together but this is how I did it. The pattern is designed to be oversewn rather than sewn and turned inside out. If you prefer to do this, add a hem allowance when you cut the fabric.

Sew from the head and along the pigeon back – I use blanket stitch. Pin the gusset tabs (legs) to the tabs on the body part and stitch together. You need to leave a gap for stuffing and afterwards close it up.

Cut the body wings together and either glue (pva glue is good) or stitch together. Stitch or glue the completed wing Pigeon's body – I tend to sew and only fix the wing at the round part leaving the tips of the wings free.

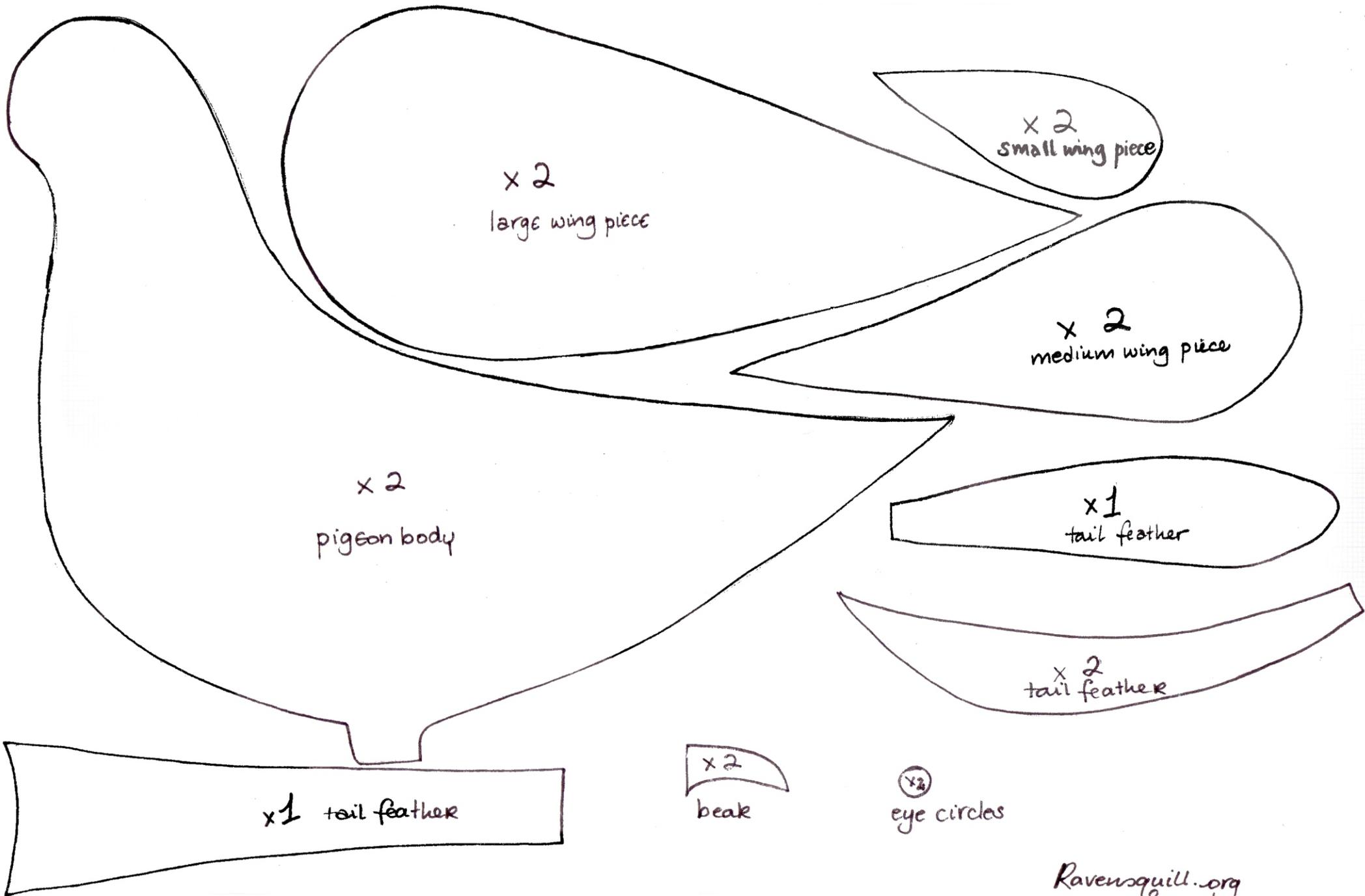
The beak is in two parts for extra rigidity and can be glued or stitched. Attach it to the head by stitching or gluing the wider (head) end to either side of the body stitching – this secures it well and hides the stitching.

The eyes are two small circles of felt attached to the head using a small bead. I sew the two eyes at the same time, taking the thread from one to the other.

You have two options for tail feathers. The single piece may be easier to stitch but if you feel more adventurous, use the thinner, individual feathers and stitch them from underneath the wing tips.

I have used pipecleaners for feet – the shorter the easier it is to make your Pigeon stand! To attach them. Poke the end of the leg into the tab sections of the underside of the Pigeon and sew these tabs around the top of the pipecleaner.





x 2
pigeon body

x 2
large wing piece

x 2
small wing piece

x 2
medium wing piece

x 1
tail feather

x 2
tail feather

x 1 tail feather

x 2
beak

x 2
eye circles

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x 2 pipecleaners for legs.

- pin two body sides around head and along back.
- pin gusset between body sides - start at leg "tabs" and end at tail

→ pattern created to be sewn on the right side - and not turned inside out. Make it a little larger to allow for seams if you want to reverse it.

Blanket stitch in contrasting or similar colour to felt.

x 1

under gusset

- sew around beak - both pieces together
- eyes are round piece of light-coloured felt with a bead in the middle.
- leg "holes" can be stitched around pipecleaner to hold in place. Gives pigeon a trouser leg effect!

- attach wing pieces individually to stuffed pigeon. Begin with main body wings.
- attach tail feathers
- add feathers to side of tail.

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