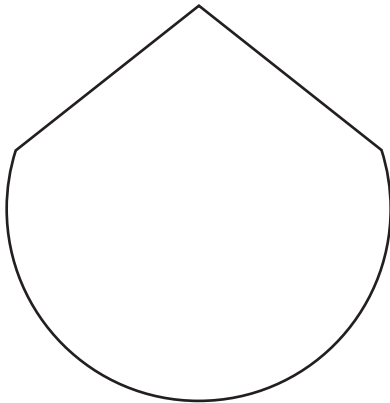


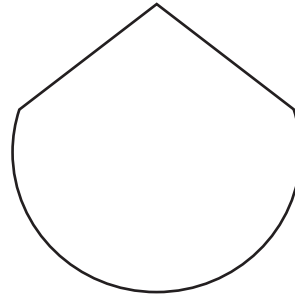
No Sew Mermaid Costume

FOR UNDER \$20

Large Scales



Small Scales



Tools you will need to make this costume:

Scissors

Pen or marker

Wax paper and a piece of cardboard big enough to fit inside the shirt

DAP RapidFuse glue

(2-4) sheets of 12 x 18 craft foam in color(s) of your choice - \$2 - \$4, they are \$0.99 ea.

A shirt - \$0, we used one we already had

One yard of fabric for your mermaid tail - \$6 - \$10 depending on fabric choice

6" wide tulle in the color(s) of your choice - \$2.50, bought on sale!

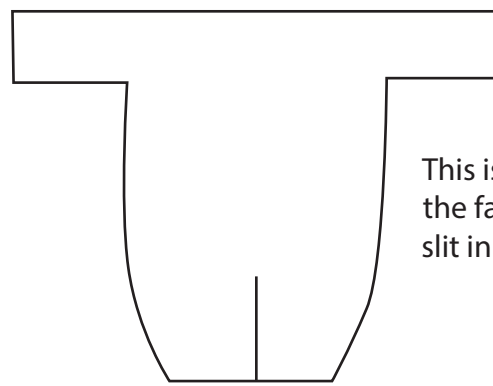
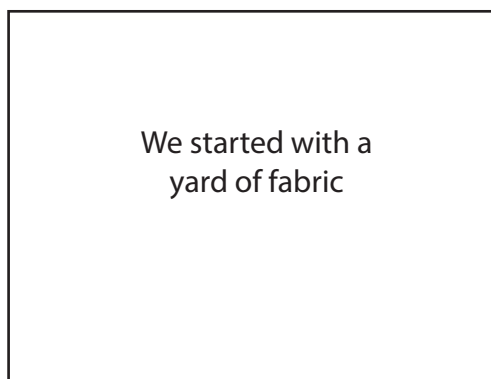
INSTRUCTIONS

1. Print off this sheet and cut out the large and small scales pattern. Lay your stencil scales on a piece of craft foam and trace around your scales using a pen or marker. Place them fairly close together to make the best use of your craft foam. Depending on the size of your costume, you will probably need to cut at least one entire 12 x 18 sheet of foam in large scales and one entire sheet of small scales.

2. Once all your scales are cut out, turn them over so the marker/pen side is down. Practice laying your scales out and cover your entire shirt front to make sure you have enough. Start at the bottom of the shirt, placing your large scales and working your way up. When you get about 60% of the way up, switch to small scales until you reach the top.

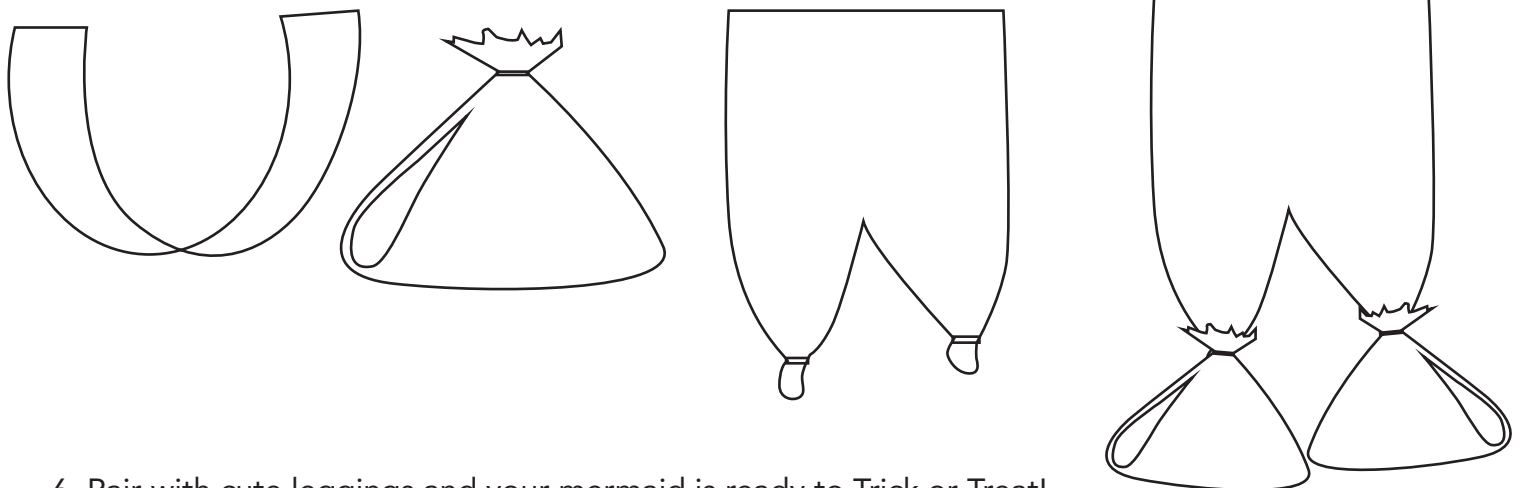
3. Once you are satisfied with the placement of your scales, you are ready to start gluing. Place a piece of wax paper taped over a piece of cardboard inside your shirt. This will keep you from gluing the front and back of the shirt together when you glue your scales on. Set all the scales aside. Start gluing the large scales to the bottom, working your way up and layering the scales as you go. Once all the scales have been attached, we opted to add a single layer of tulle to the top using RapidFuse to secure it to the top line of scales along the sweetheart neckline.

4. For our mermaid skirt, we found a piece of sequin fabric at our local Hobby Lobby and bought one yard. We cut the fabric to create ties to go around the child's waist (see below).



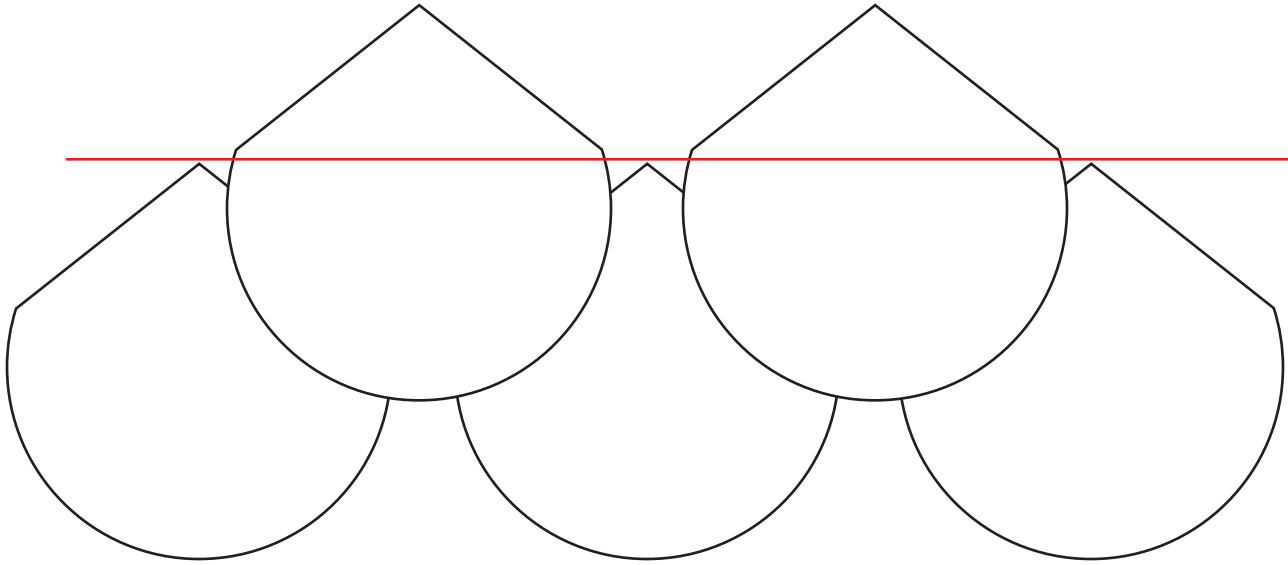
This is the shape we cut the fabric into, with a 6" slit in the back to divide the two tails.

5. Cut 6-8 pieces of 6" wide tulle that are 20" long. Form a loop and use a piece of tulle to tie around both ends. Gather one side of the tail fabric and using another piece of tulle, tie the looped tulle to the bottom of the tail. Fluff the inner layers of tulle so the fin is not flat.



6. Pair with cute leggings and your mermaid is ready to Trick or Treat!

When placing the scales, try to line up the tops of the bottom layer to the corner of the top layer pieces, as shown below.



When transitioning from large scales to small scales, see the below placement. Small scales are spread much further apart with the same rules applying to small scales as the large placement described above.

