

# “Flying Pig”

Featuring the Farm to Fork collection by Lily Gonzales-Creed



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Flying pigs seem impossible yet here is the most adorable pattern to bring them to life. With the “Farm to Fork” line from Windham Fabrics, this bacon basketweave print adds the perfect dose of whimsy. Make one, or make a litter - it's a meat chic gift that will incite smiles!

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## Materials

½ yard Bacon Basketweave Fabric

11" x 8" ivory felt

11" x 4" piece of Peltex

11" x 8" Fusible adhesive

Stuffing

Batting scraps

2 - Grey nostril buttons

2 - Black eye buttons (I prefer small half domed ones with a back shank)

\*use ¼" seams

## Prep

Print out PDF (make sure to print at actual size) and cut out pieces. The Pig Body piece and the Pig Underside piece will need to be taped together - match up the green registration line when taping together. When two or four pieces are needed, make sure to cut the pieces face to face so you get opposing pieces.

For WINGS pattern piece: Cut two - 11" x 4" pieces of ivory felt and fusible adhesive; cut one - 11" x 4" piece of Peltex. Iron adhesive according to manufacturer's instructions to each piece of felt. Peel backing off and fuse to either side of the peltex to make a sturdy felt sandwich. Cut wings from this sandwich and mark suggested detail lines (yellow dotted lines) with light colored chalk.

Cut all pieces out from fabric and batting as specified on the pattern pieces. Arrows indicate grain line. With chalk (or a water soluble marker), mark tail and ear placement triangles on each pig body piece as well as the dot for the bottom of the darts.

## Wings

Machine stitch the wing details following the yellow dotted lines you transferred with chalk. Edgestitch the entire perimeter. There is no need to be particular on the stitching, all wings are different! Set wings aside.

## Ears

Layer ear pieces right sides together with batting piece on top. Sew the outside two curved edges and repeat with the other ear. Clip corners and turn both ears right side out.

## Tail

Layer tail batting piece, then fabric right side up, fold in half (with fabric face to face) at blue dotted line and stitch the long side and curve of the tail leaving the end open. Clip corners and turn right side out.

## Nose

Cut a small slit (about ¾" to 1") in the middle of one fabric nose piece. Layer fabric nose pieces right side together with batting piece on top, stitch around the entire edge. Use the eraser end of a pencil to turn everything through the small slit you made. Stuff snout with a little bit of stuffing and hand stitch opening closed. Sew nostril buttons on the opposite side through all layers - this gives nice indentations that makes it more snout like!



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## **Underside**

Each leg is eased into one of the four cutout curves of the Underside (front legs to the front cutouts, back legs to the back). Make sure the pointy toe of each leg is facing forward. With right sides together, and starting at one edge of the curve and working around, generously pin the foot round the curve, easing to fit. Stitch slowly around the curve, pivoting as needed. Repeat for the rest of the three legs. The first one was a little challenging for me but the rest became easier as I went along.

## **Pig Body**

Fold one pig body piece at the dart line on the top of the head face to face lining up the cut edges. Slide the completed ear in between marked triangles with the short side towards the top and line up the raw edge to the raw dart edges. Stitch along the dart tapering your stitch line to the end of the fold. Repeat with the other pig body piece and ear. Take those pieces and place them face to face. Slide in tail piece in between the triangle marks pointing 45 degrees down and in. Pin along top from snout to the end of the bottom curve making sure to backstitch at snout and nesting your seams at the top of his head. Make sure to reinforce by double stitching ears and tail if this pig will be a toy!

## **Assembling**

With pig body still inside out, pin everything but the legs to the underside piece making sure the flat ends are aligned on one side (that's the snout) and the pointy end will line up with the straight edges of your little pig's bottom. Sew where you pinned: curved areas near snout, two short tummy seams, from one back leg to the other back leg. Leave straight snout edge open. This will seem a little cumbersome, but it is okay if your pig ends up with a couple of wrinkles or puckers; it just gives your pig a little personality!

Now you can line up legs and sew along those edges making sure you stitch across your existing seams so you don't end up with any holes where stuffing can escape.

Turn entire pig inside out from the open snout. Use the eraser end of a pencil to fully turn the legs.

Now here is the fun part...STUFF YOUR PIGGIE through the snout hole! I specifically designed the pattern in this way so you don't have to worry about distorting the opening with the stuffing process and also, it makes me uncomfortable how you have to stuff most softies through the back end! If you don't make a lot of stuffed objects, you will be surprised by how much stuffing this actually takes. I usually use a half of a bag of polyfil but you can make your pig a fluffy or as firm as you would like.

Once it is stuffed to your satisfaction, hand sew a running stitch around the edge of the snout and pull tight to close. Secure with a knot.

To make the tail adorable, tie it in a knot.

Sew on your eye buttons - for this, I like to pin them where I think they should go and then take a look to see if it is good. Eye placement greatly impacts your pig's personality - if they're too close together he will look a little weasely and if they're too far apart he will look like a hammerhead shark! I use a 4" doll needle to sew the eyes on and run the thread inside from one eye to the other to give the face a slight indentation. I have certainly done this with a regular sewing needle but the doll needle makes it a little easier.

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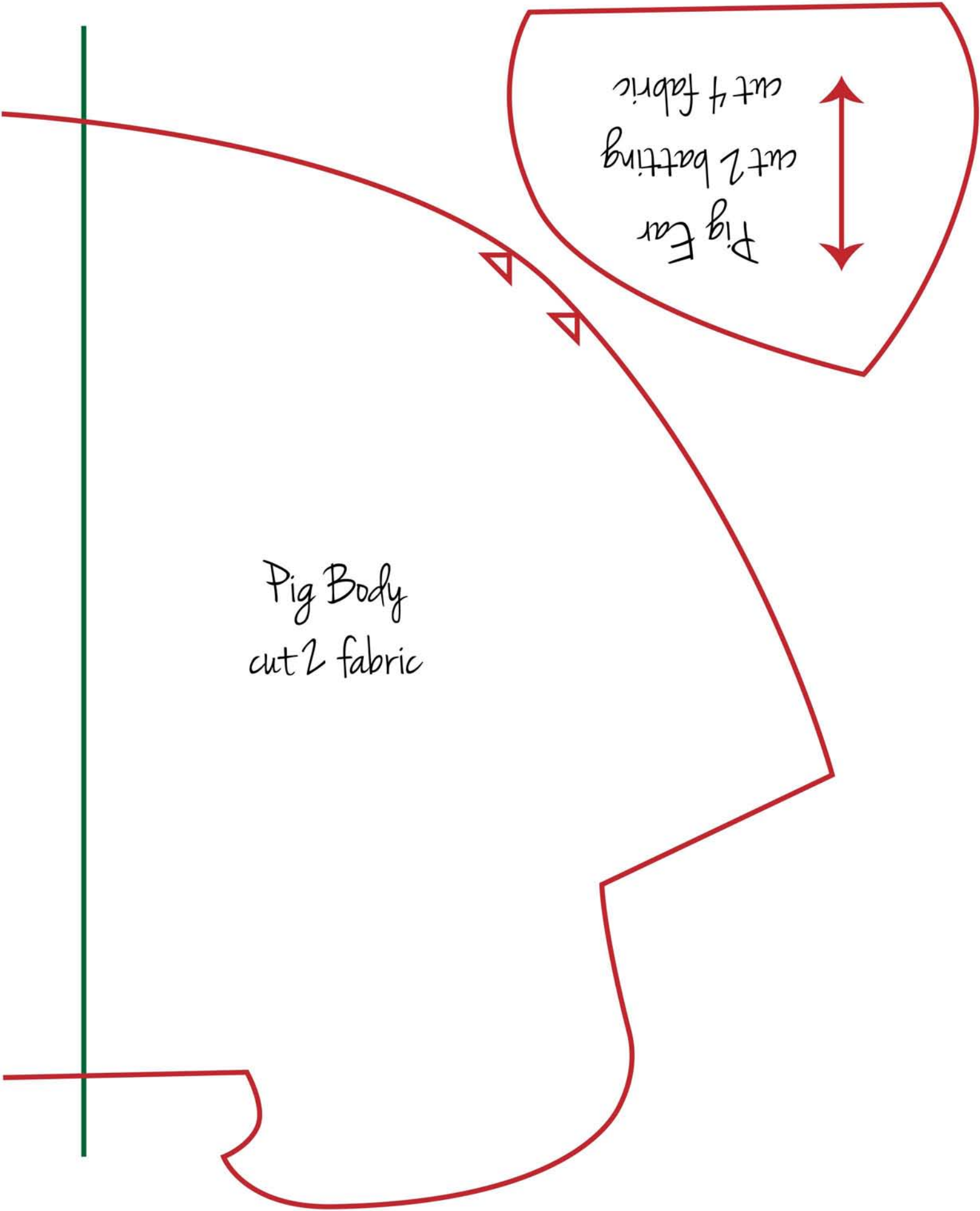
Squish the nose onto the closed snout and ladder stitch the nose into place. Don't worry about making perfect stitches, you won't even see them!

Now hand sew the wings into place with the point of the wings about ½” from the seam line at the crest of his head. I just tack them down at the front and the back of the wings but if this pig is going to be played with make sure to thoroughly secure all parts.

Enjoy your flying bacon pig!

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Pig Body  
cut 2 fabric

Pig Ear  
cut 2 batting  
cut 4 fabric



Pig Underside  
cut 1 fabric



Pig Underside  
cut 1 fabric



Pig Front leg  
cut 2 fabric



Pig Tail - cut 1 batting, cut 1 fabric



Pig Wings

cut 1 Feltex, cut 2 felt, cut 2 double sided fusible interfacing

