

Downeaster Thunder Farm Blanding's Turtle



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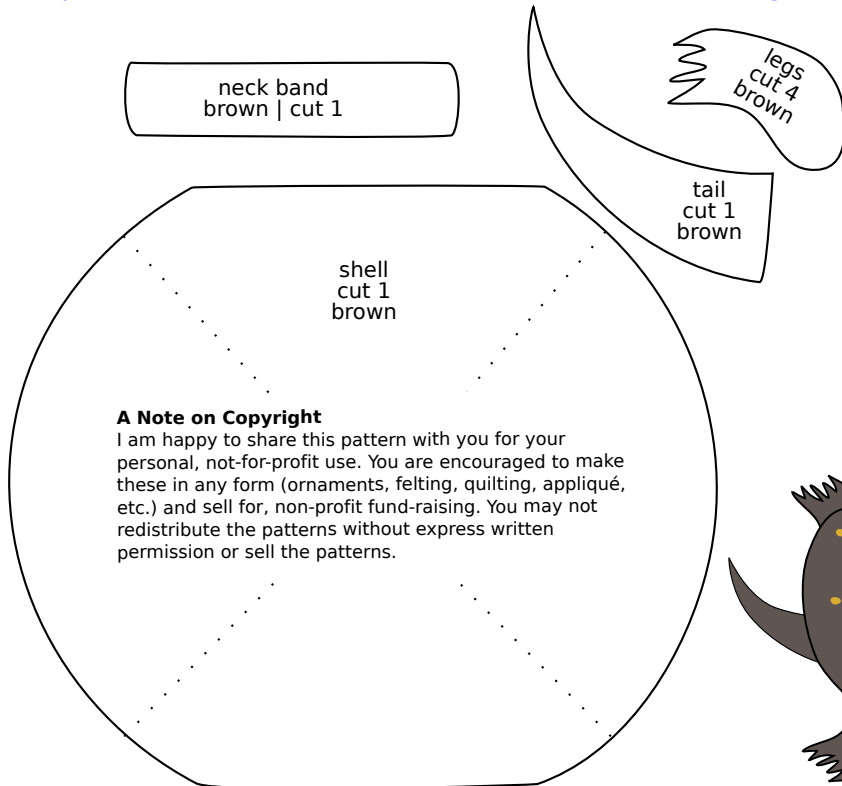
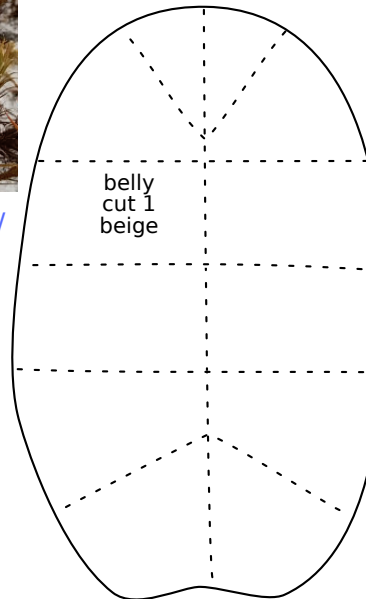
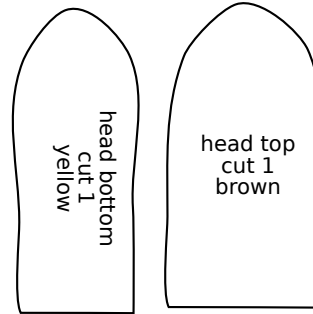
On the wrong side of the belly, position and pin the feet and tail. Using two strands of brown embroidery floss, add the decorative stitching as pictured, catching the appendages in your stitches (see image on website).

Add the eyes to the top head piece with black seed beads, or black French knots. With one strand of brown floss, sew the top and bottom head pieces together with a small blanket stitch. This will take a bit of adjusting as you go as the top head pieces is wider than the bottom head piece. Lightly stuff the head with fiberfill. Wrap the neck piece around the head to overlap on the bottom and tack into place. Position the entire head to the wrong side of the belly and tack.

Take your shell piece and snip along the dotted lines (see image on website). Overlap the cut edges about a third of an inch; pin. Test the fit by setting the shell on the belly. The edges of the shell should extend beyond the belly about 1/4" all the way around. If it's too big or too small, adjust the overlap of the cut edges until you're happy with the fit.

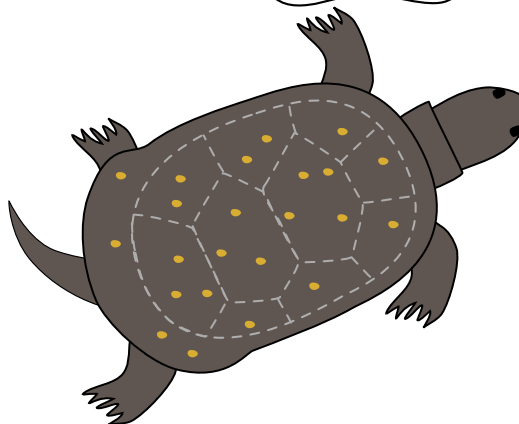
With two strands of gray floss, sew a running stitch along the edge of the shell. This is the beginning of the decorative stitch design and tacks your overlaps in place. Continue with the rest of the shell markings in grey as outlined in the picture. Finish the shell by adding randomly placed orange French knots for the spots.

Position the shell over the turtle belly, extending beyond the belly (see image on website); pin. Attach the shell to the belly with a running stitch in brown around the outer edge of the belly. This brown running stitch will run alongside the outer gray stitching you did on the shell earlier (see image on website). When stitching the shell to the belly, pause before finishing to stuff the shell with fiberfill.



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Have fun!

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