

# Octopus Costume Pattern

Children 2 – 4

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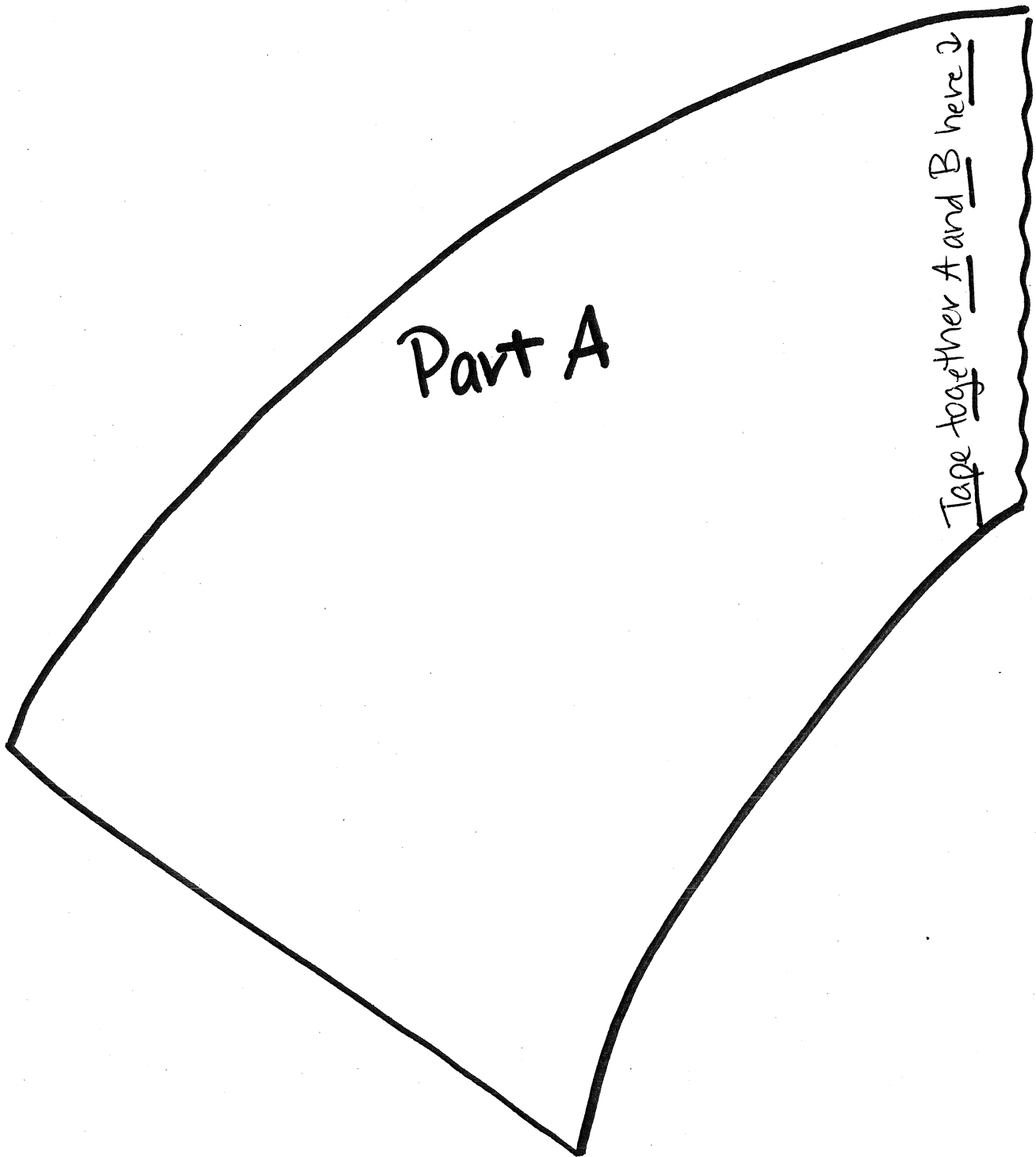
## Materials:

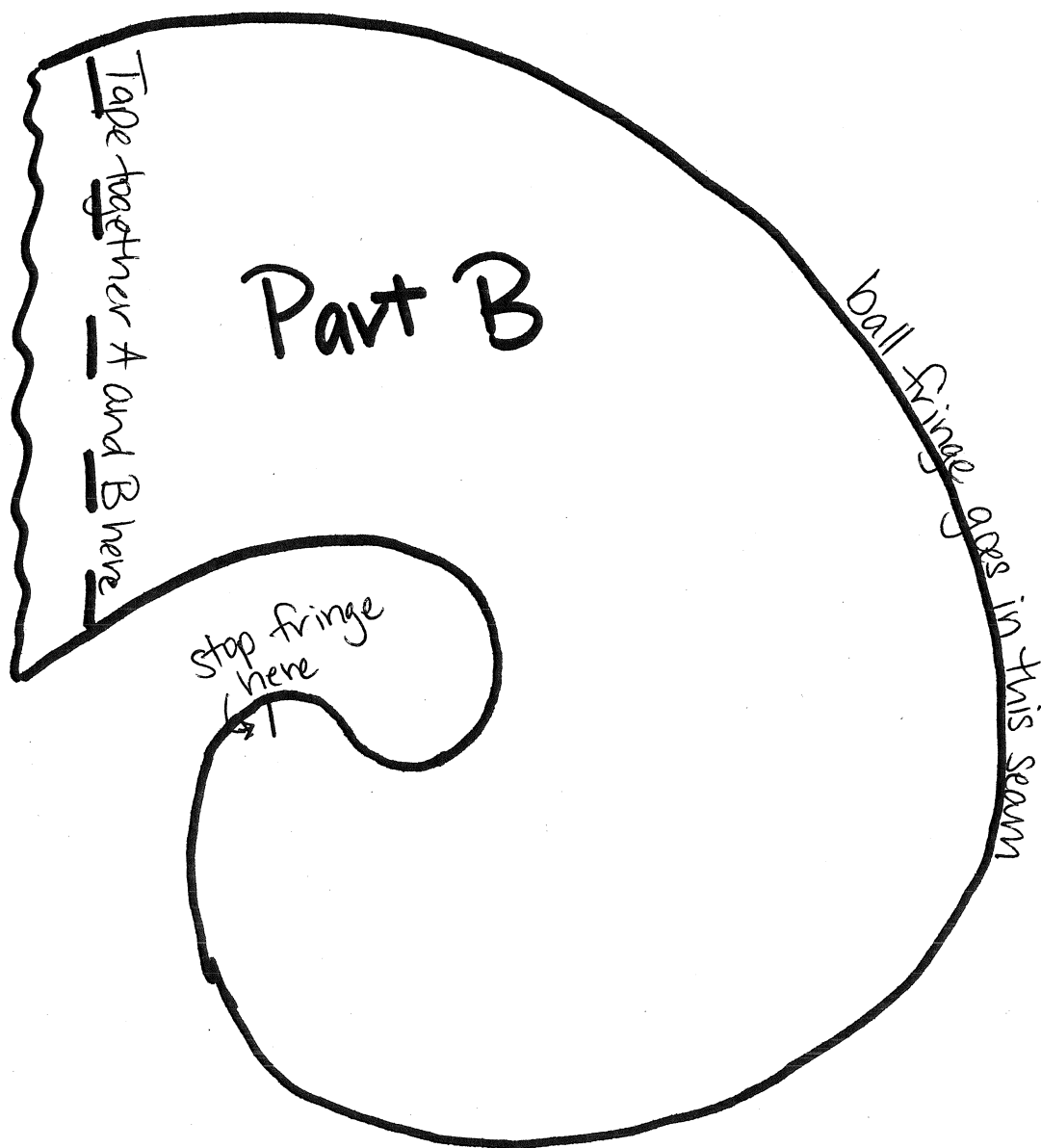
- 1.5 yards 60" wide knit
- 5 yards ball fringe
- 3" of 1" Velcro
- 2 large (40mm) wiggle eyes
- Fabric glue
- 1 12 oz. bag polyfill stuffing
- Coordinating shirt and pants

## Directions:

- Tape patterns together to form complete pattern pieces; A to B and C to D
- Measure child's head circumference
- Fold fabric right sides together and cut sections out:
  - A/B – cut 4 for 8 total layers
  - C/D – cut 4 for 8 total layers
  - E – cut 4 on fold for 4 total layers
  - Waistband according to directions
- Sew all seams with  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances
- Legs
  - Sew A/B leg with right sides together, inserting ball fringe on outer curve (it may be easier to sew ball fringe to one side first, then sew two sides together). Use a zipper foot to get up close to the balls. Leave end open, turn, and stuff lightly (use small handfuls to prevent lumpiness). Repeat for 3 additional legs.
  - On 4 sections of the C/D legs, sew little curved darts to make the toes curl up (see pattern for guides). On remaining 4 sections, cut the leg in half (hot dog style) from waist to toe, then sew back together, right sides together, with ball fringe inserted (these become the backs of the legs). Sew fronts to backs, turn, and stuff lightly (use small handfuls to prevent lumpiness).

- Waistband
  - Measure waist of child while they are wearing the shirt and pants that will go under the costume.
  - Cut a rectangle that measures 6" by the measurement from the previous step. For example, for a child with a 21" waist, cut a 6"x21" rectangle. Don't worry about making the strip longer than the waist measurement – the stretch in the fabric will help the belt fit around your child.
  - Sew the long sides together, right sides together, to make a long tube.
  - Sew one short side together. Turn the tube so right sides are out.
  - Sew one side of the Velcro to the finished end of the tube, so that the Velcro is horizontal (this allows for more flexibility in the size waist the belt will fit)
  - Try the belt on the child, mark where the second piece of Velcro should go, then sew the Velcro in that location.
  - Sew legs so they dangle off waistband. They may overlap slightly if the waist is small. I like to sew the curved legs on first, then the straight legs behind them.
- Hat
  - Lay two pieces of the hat right sides together and sew the curved seam. Repeat with the second set of hat pieces. Try it on the child to ensure a good fit.
  - Insert one hat into the other so that they are right sides together. Sew around the brim of the hat, leaving a small opening.
  - Turn right side out, and stitch opening shut, forming a lined hat.
  - Try it on the child and determine the best placement for the wiggle eyes. Attach the eyes with stitches or glue.

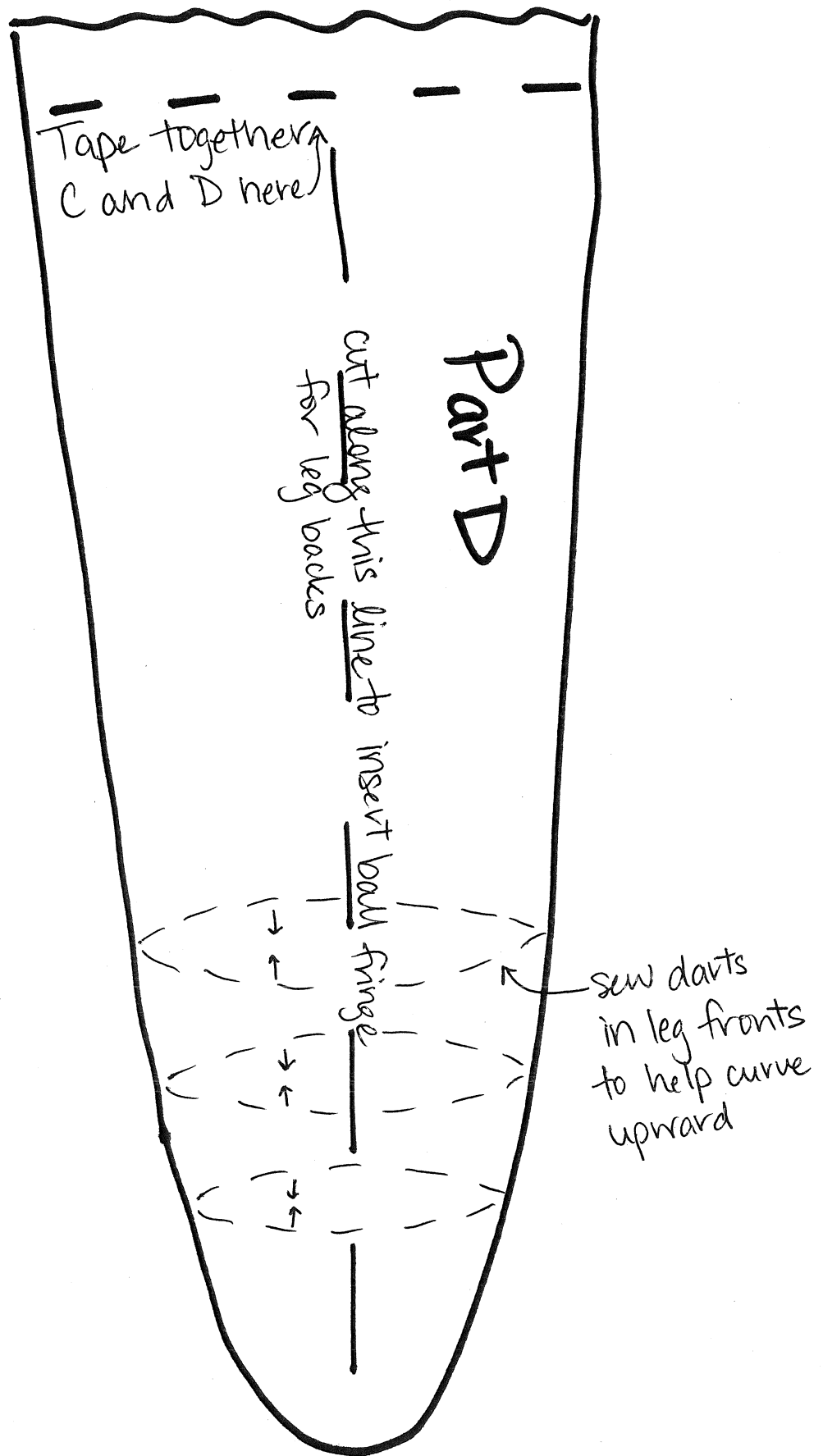




# Part C

cut along this line to insert ball fringe for leg backs

Tape together  
C and D here ↴



Head Circumference  
Measurement

20"  
19"  
18"  
17"  
16"

Fold

Octopus Hat  
Part "E"  
(cut 4 on fold)