(Pages 1. and 2.)

The Shell

Referring to **Figure A**. for the size turtle you're creating, cut a piece of shell fabric and layer with batting and backing fabric, (muslin is fine) as shown. Copy your template (to preserve original) and then cut out your correct size "quilted shell template." Trace one half onto the ***front*** of your sandwich. Flip the template and trace the other half **Figure B.** Mark dots and darts. Quilt inside the lines as desired. This is your "quilted shell."

Cut the shell out along your drawn lines. Using the same template, cut a shell lining to match and mark as above.

Carefully sew the darts in the shell and the lining as indicated in **Figure C.** Trim these and iron open. With wrong sides together, sandwich and carefully pin your lining inside the quilted shell. *You may need to trim the lining edges a bit, depending on how heavily you quilted the shell* **Figure D**. If you are adding any appliqué or button embellishments, do so now. Set unit aside.
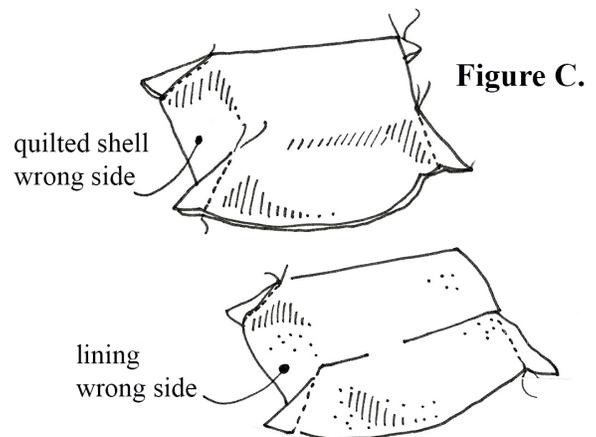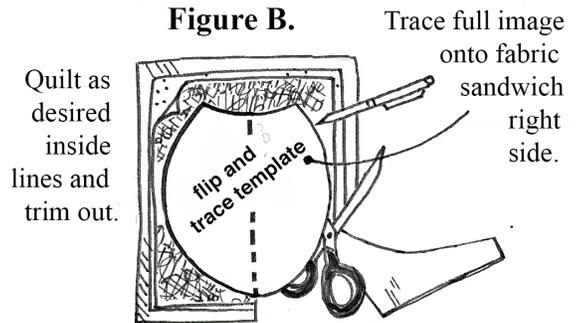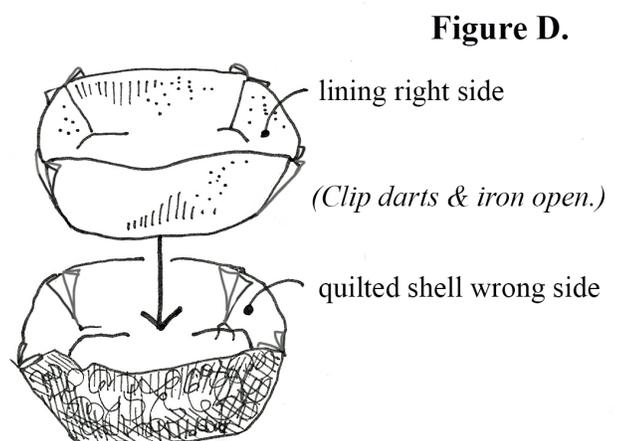
Belly With Zipper

If using canvas: Cut canvas pieces as in **Figure E**. and fold and iron edges under 1/2" as shown. Pin or baste sides carefully to zipper and sew in the fold, using a zipper foot **Figure F.** (You may skip a few stitches to move over the zipper to protect your machine and needle and if needed you can trim your zipper later.)

If using regular fabric instead of canvas: follow the directions above, but cut and iron stabilizer to the backs of the sides and top fabric pieces before stitching to zipper. *Note: We have a nice zipper tutorial on sewing zippers for this project (with linings also) on our website at javahousequilts.com/tutorials/*

Open the folded edge of top piece, pin to zipper unit, and now sew inside the fold **Figure G.**

Figure B.

Quilt as desired inside lines and trim out.

Trace full image onto fabric sandwich right side.

flip and trace template

Figure C.

quilted shell wrong side

lining wrong side

Figure D.

lining right side

(Clip darts & iron open.)

quilted shell wrong side

*(Figure E. has not been updated.)*

Cut out your belly template rom your pattern, (OR trace and then cut out templates to preserve your drawings in all sizes.) Pin and trace onto zippered belly unit. *NOTE: align the horizontal seam drawn on the pattern with the horizontal seam on your zipper unit.* **Carefully trace the template and transfer the dots and leg placement lines to your belly.** Cut out along your traced line. **Figure H**. *If needed, trim your zipper now and hand-stitch a few times across the end to prevent the zipper pull from accidentally sliding off.* Iron the top edge over along your dots **Figure I.**
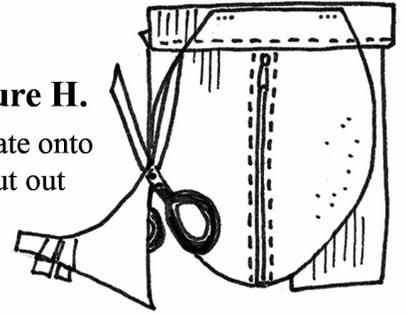
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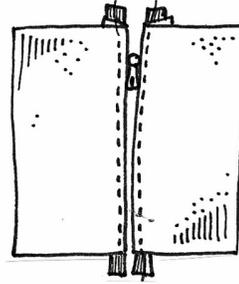
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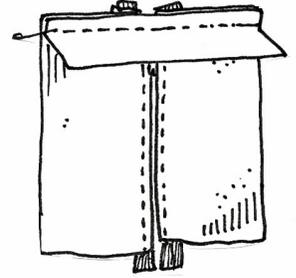
Figure H.
trace belly template onto zipper unit and cut out

Figure I.
fold top edge over at dots