A Thanksgiving Turkey!

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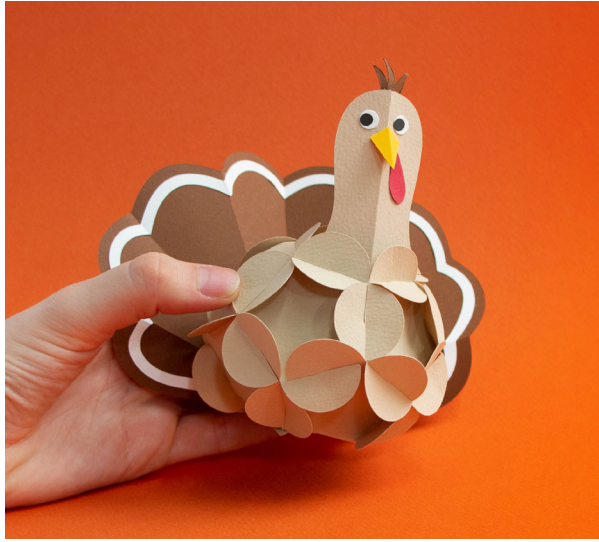
Thanksgiving Turkey
Level: Medium
Duration: 1 hour
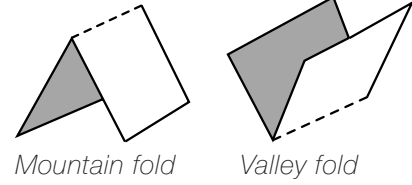
You will need:
Coloured paper (around 150gsm). Scissors (or craft knife), bone folder (or ballpoint pen without the ink) ruler, glue, hole puncher & black pen.

1. Print the templates onto A4 coloured paper. Alternatively print onto white printer paper and then trace onto heavy coloured paper, ideally 150gsm. Choose realistic colours or be more abstract!


2. Cut out all the parts. Score the dashed lines (mountain folds) and dotted lines (valley folds). Tip: I use sticky tape to hold templates in place while I cut around the shapes.


3. Cut out all the body shapes. Make sure they are all the same way up - the next stage will not work if some are on their reverse side.
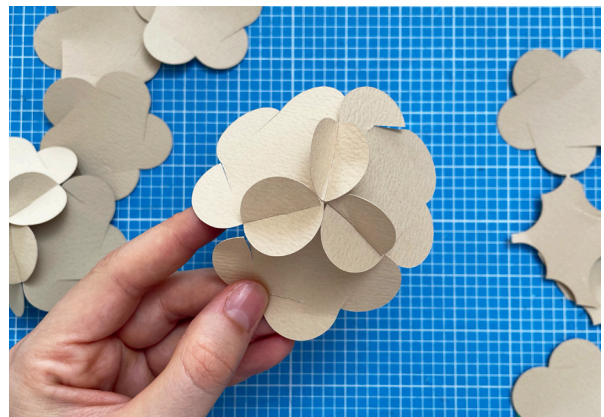
4. Connect all the body shapes together by sliding the slits into one another. Manipulate the paper, folding it so they all come together. Gets fiddley towards the end!
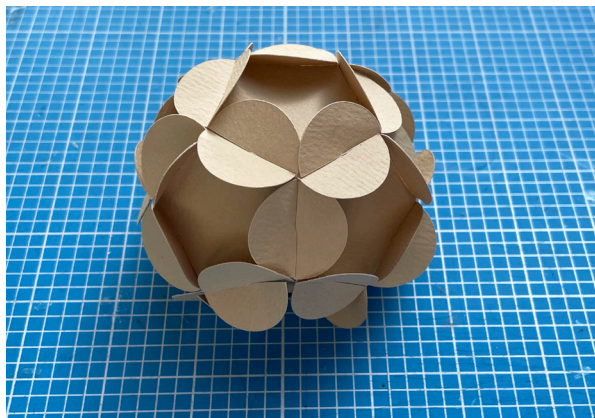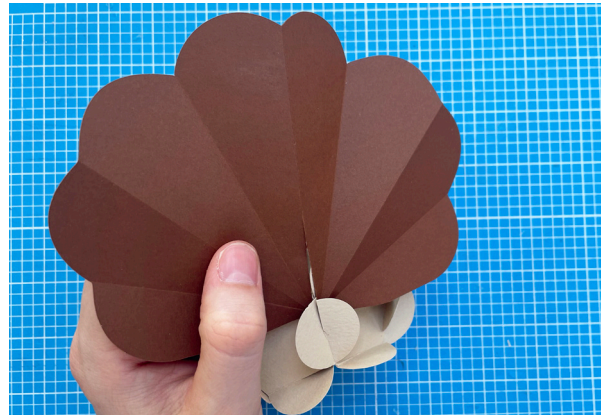

5. When they are all connected they will create ball shape, with semicircle flaps to represent feathers.
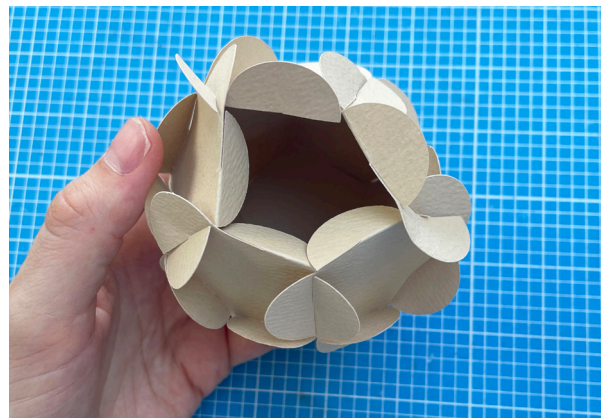
6. There should be a space at the base. Fold 3 semicircles inwards and 2 outward as shown. The outward ones help balance the body when the tail is attached.
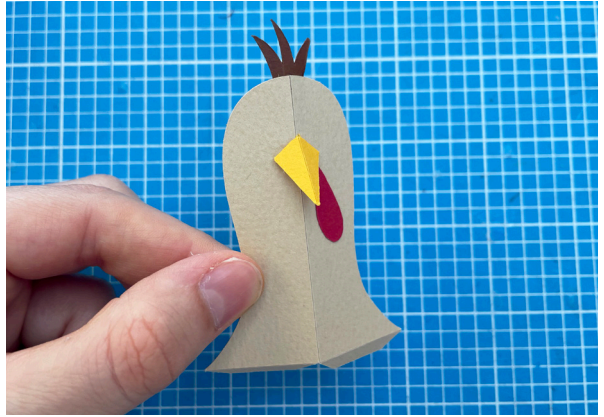
7. Glue the detail onto the tail, lining up the folds and about 4mm offset from the edge.

8. Attach the tail to the back of the body by sliding the slit through 2 of the back semicircles (the lowest, most central ones). Note the 2 semicircles facing outward at the base.

9. It should now look like this. The white detail of the tail is on the front.
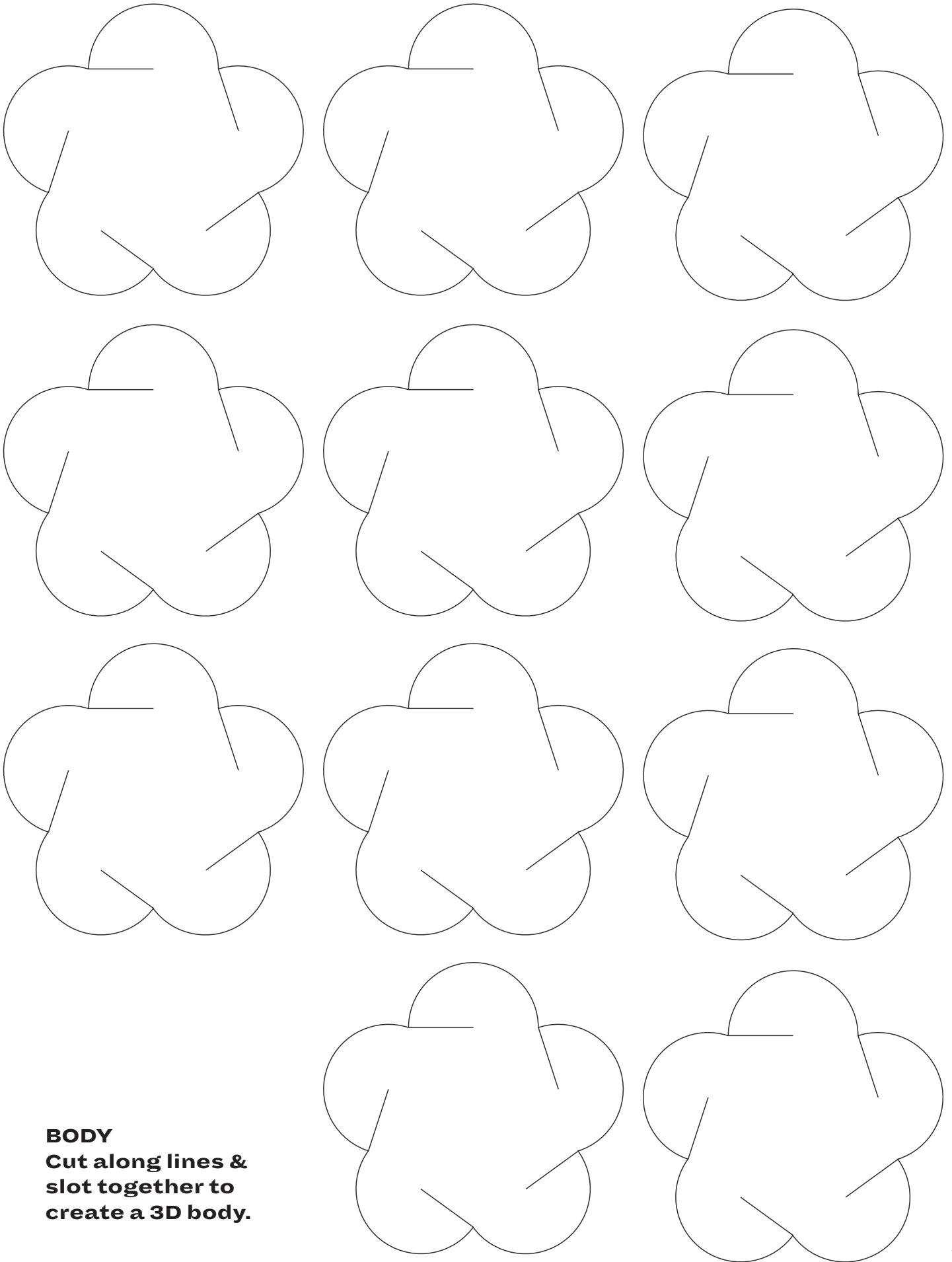
10. Glue the beak, wottle, and hair onto the head as shown.

11. Cut out two white eyes with a hole puncher, glue to the head, and draw on the pupils with a black pen.
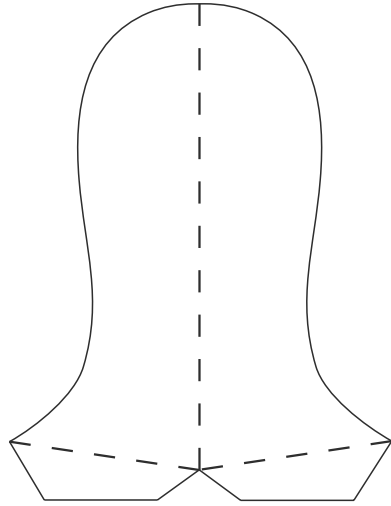
12. Glue the head to the top of the body, as shown, taking care to keep it central.

BODY
**Cut along lines &
slot together to
create a 3D body.**

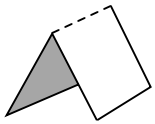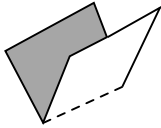**Cut along lines.
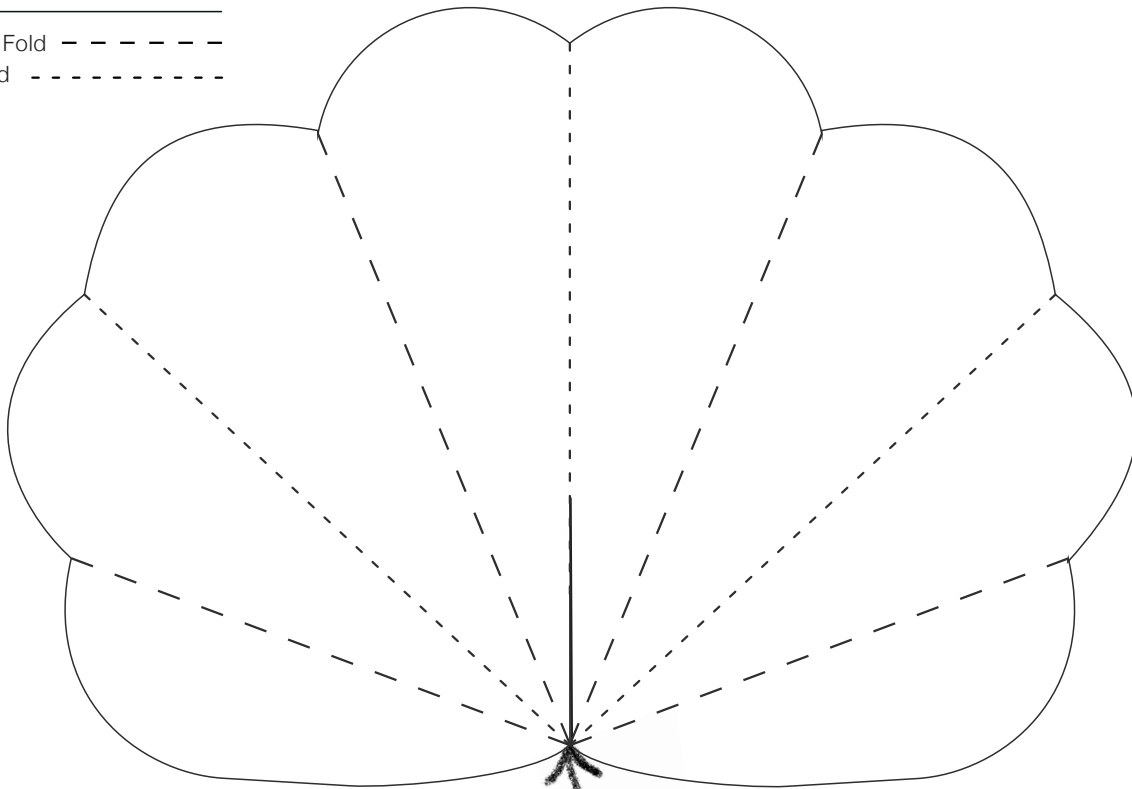Score and fold
dashed lines.**

HEAD

WOTTLE

BEAK

HAIR

Mountain fold   Valley fold

Cut lines ————————
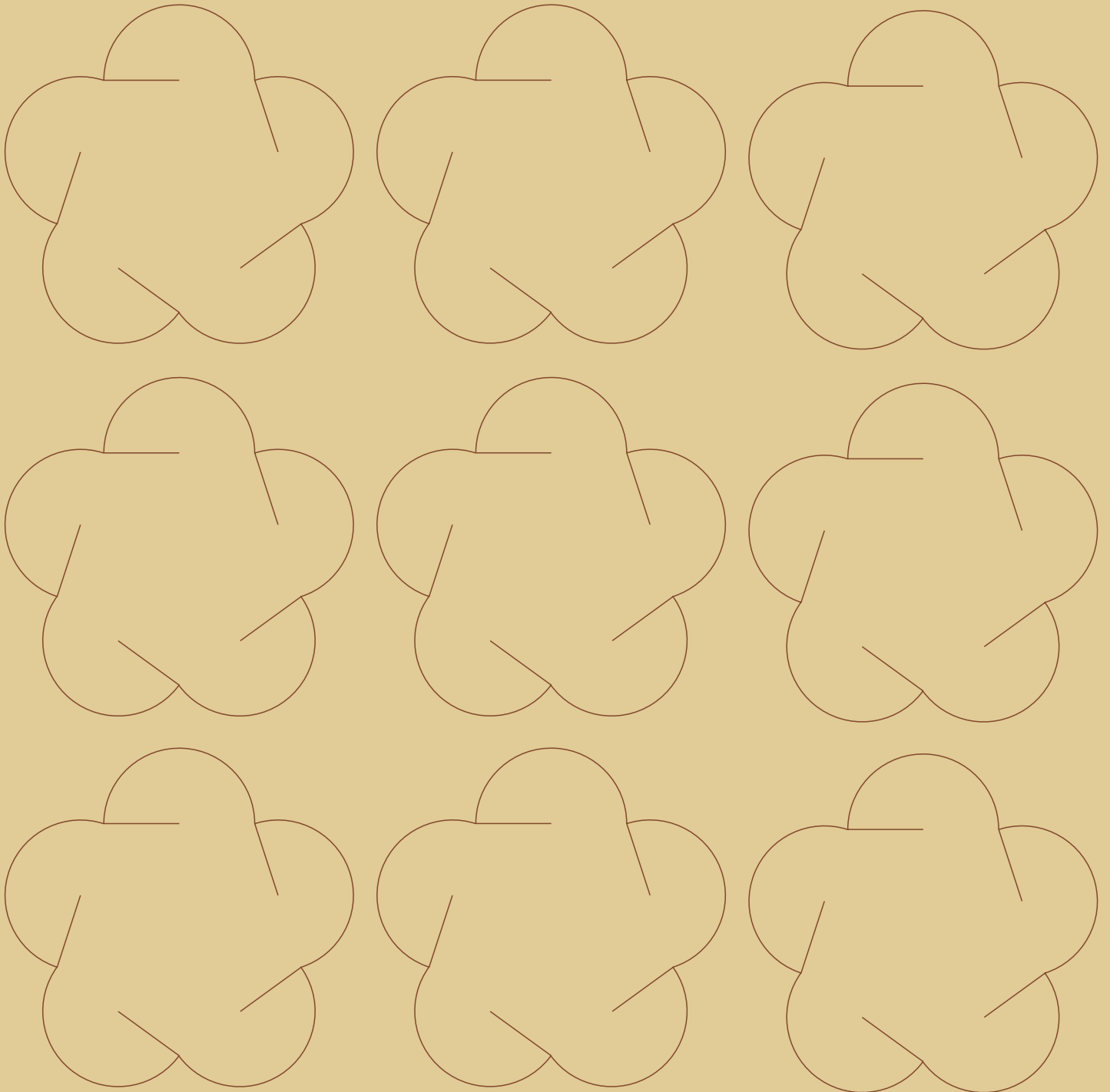Mountain Fold – – – – –
Valley Fold - - - - - - -

TAIL

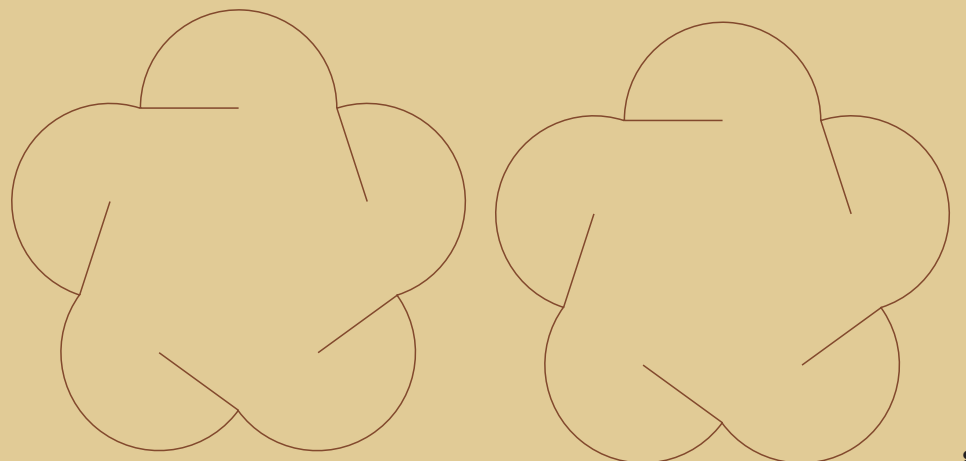**Cut slit here and fix to the back of body**
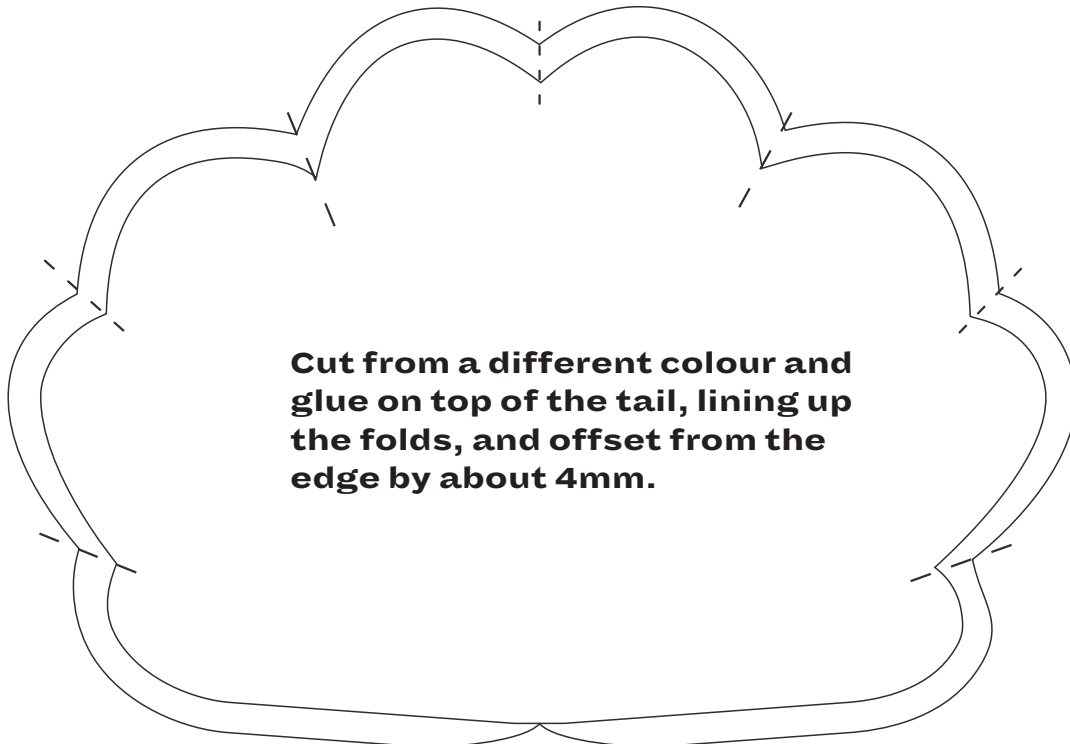
Cut from a different colour and glue on top of the tail, lining up the folds, and offset from the edge by about 4mm.
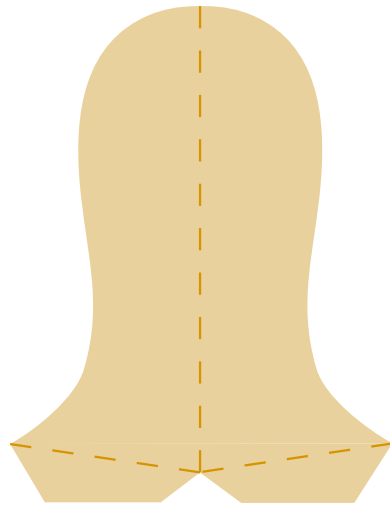
Here is an option to print
the following templates onto
heavy white paper (colour
comes from your printer).

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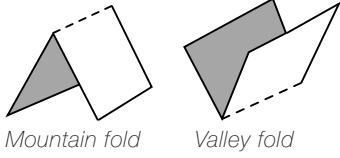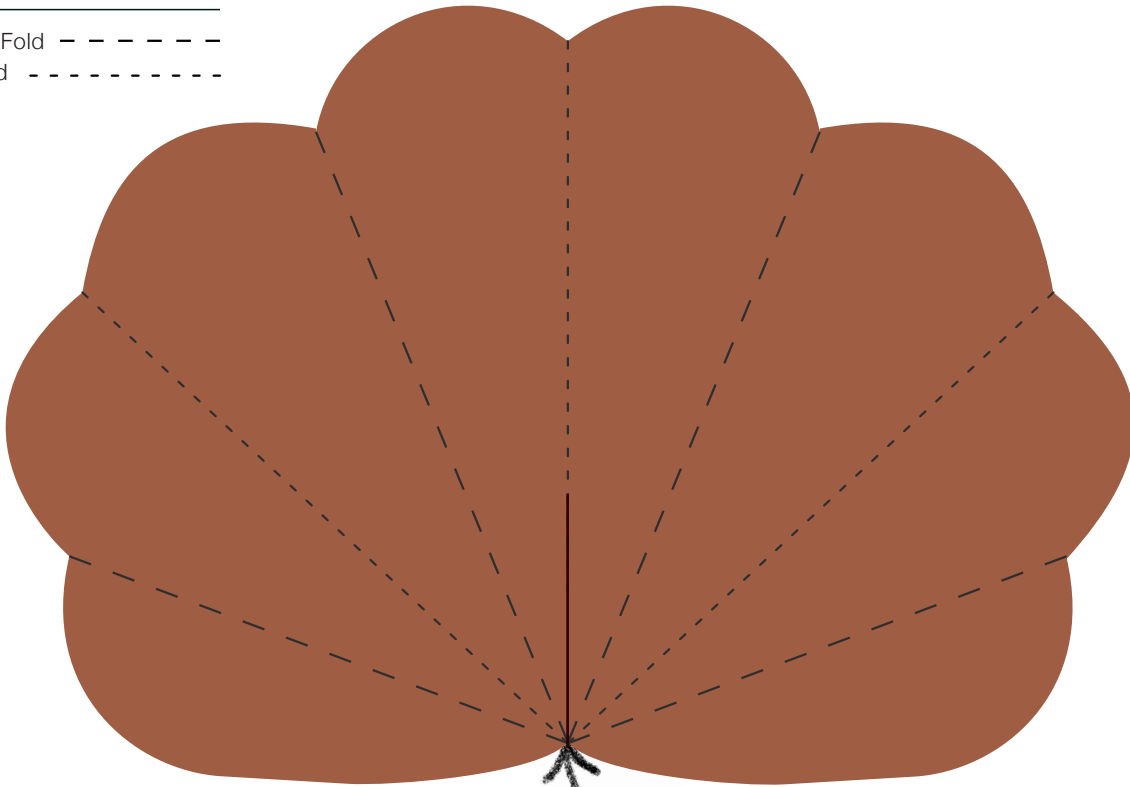
**Cut out shapes.
Score and fold
dashed lines.**

HEAD

WOTTLE

BEAK

HAIR

Mountain fold   *Valley fold*

Cut lines ——————————
Mountain Fold – – – – – –
Valley Fold - - - - - - - -

TAIL

Cut slit here and fix to the back of body

Glue on top of the tail, lining up the folds, and offset from the edge by about 4mm.