

Fabric Selfies

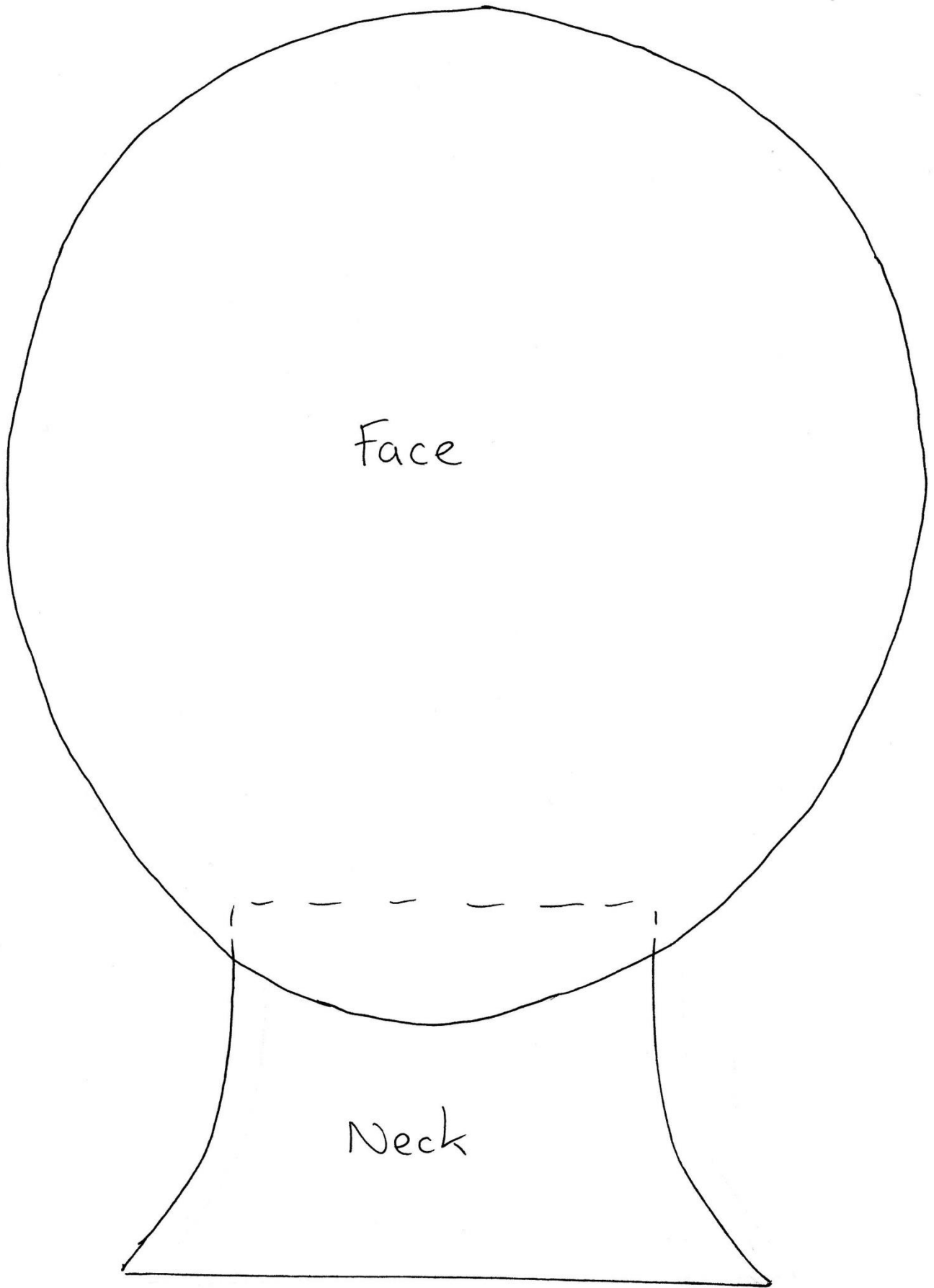
Requirements

(Finished hanging approx 11" x 16")

- Background fabric – 2 pieces 12" x 18" (furnishing weight) plus extra to make hanging loops
- 'Flesh coloured' fabrics in a range of tones 8" x 12"
- Machine threads
- Scraps in hair colours
- Felt for eyes
- Embellishments – scraps, buttons, beads, ribbon, embroidery threads

Method

1. Cut out the face and neck from calico using the templates provided. Appliqué centrally on one background piece with a wide zig-zag in a matching thread.
2. Add hair to the portrait and add ears if they are not covered by the hair. The hair can be cut as one piece and appliquéd or may be made of several strips of fabric.
3. Add eyes using felt, beads or buttons. The other facial features may be appliquéd, stitched or drawn on.
4. Now make your portrait your own. You may wish to add shoulders in a fabric of your choice, a hat or a head band. Add necklaces using braids or ribbons – you can leave plain or string beads on. Sequins or beads look good for earrings or nose piercings.
5. Layer with wadding and backing using the bagging-out method. Add hanging loops. Add simple quilting, including around the edge to secure.





Here are some examples of fabric selfies. This workshop was held in the year of the Quilters' Guild's 30th anniversary. To celebrate the anniversary there was a juried exhibition at the museum with the theme of *Pearls, Pearls, Pearls*. We took the idea of jewels and encouraged workshop participants to make a self portrait as if they were a King, Queen, Prince or Princess.

