

Funky Girls Fashion

Make this funky girls skirt and top in no time using a pair of denim shorts and a plain t-shirt



Read instructions carefully before starting project.

Materials:

- White Tshirt in desired size*
- Denim shorts in desired size*
- 9.8" (25cm) of main fabric for the applique bird and frill
- 6" (15cm) of contrast fabric
- Scrap of fabric for applique birds beak
- Button for the birds eye
- Matching threads
- Vlisofix

Tools required:

- Brother Sewing Machine
- Iron
- General sewing supplies

Optional:

- Brother ScanNCut machine
- Cutting Mat, Ruler and Cutter

Skirt Construction:

1. Place the shorts zipper side down on a flat surface. Mark a straight line across the width, above the crotch line. Cut through all layers making sure to avoid the zipper and back pockets.
2. From the main and contrast fabric cut 2 x 2" (5cm) strips of each fabric. Take 1x main fabric strip and 1x contrast fabric strip and sew right sides together using a straight stitch.
3. Repeat for the remaining strips. Finish off the raw edges using an overcasting stitch on your machine. Press the seams. Place the strips right sides together then sew the sides together using a straight stitch.
4. To make the hem fold the bottom raw edge 1/4" (0.63cm) then again 0.3" (1cm) press and sew using a straight stitch. If you have an overlocker you can do a rolled hem.
5. For the frill set your machine to a straight stitch, centre needle position with a stitch length of 5. Thread your machine with a bright contrasting thread, I use a bright yellow, leaving 4" (10cm) thread tails.
6. Place your fabric under the presser foot aligning the edge of the fabric with the edge of the foot.
7. Starting from the side seam sew around the frill stopping at the opposite side seam. Pull your fabric and thread out and cut leaving another tail at the end. Repeat this again to complete the first row of gathering.
8. For the second row of gathering repeat the above process placing the foot along the edge of the first row of stitching.
9. Holding the top and bottom thread, carefully gather the fabric along the stitches until it will fit around the bottom of the shorts

10. Thread your machine with matching thread and set to a straight stitch, centre needle position with a stitch length of 2.5. Pin the frill to the shorts and stitch in place. Sew using a 0.6" (1.5cm) seam allowance. Finish off the raw edges using an overcasting stitch on your machine.

11. To give a professional finish press the seam up to the denim and top stitch 0.3" (1cm) from the frill along the denim. You can even try a twin needle so you can sew two rows of stitching evenly spaced.

T-shirt Construction:

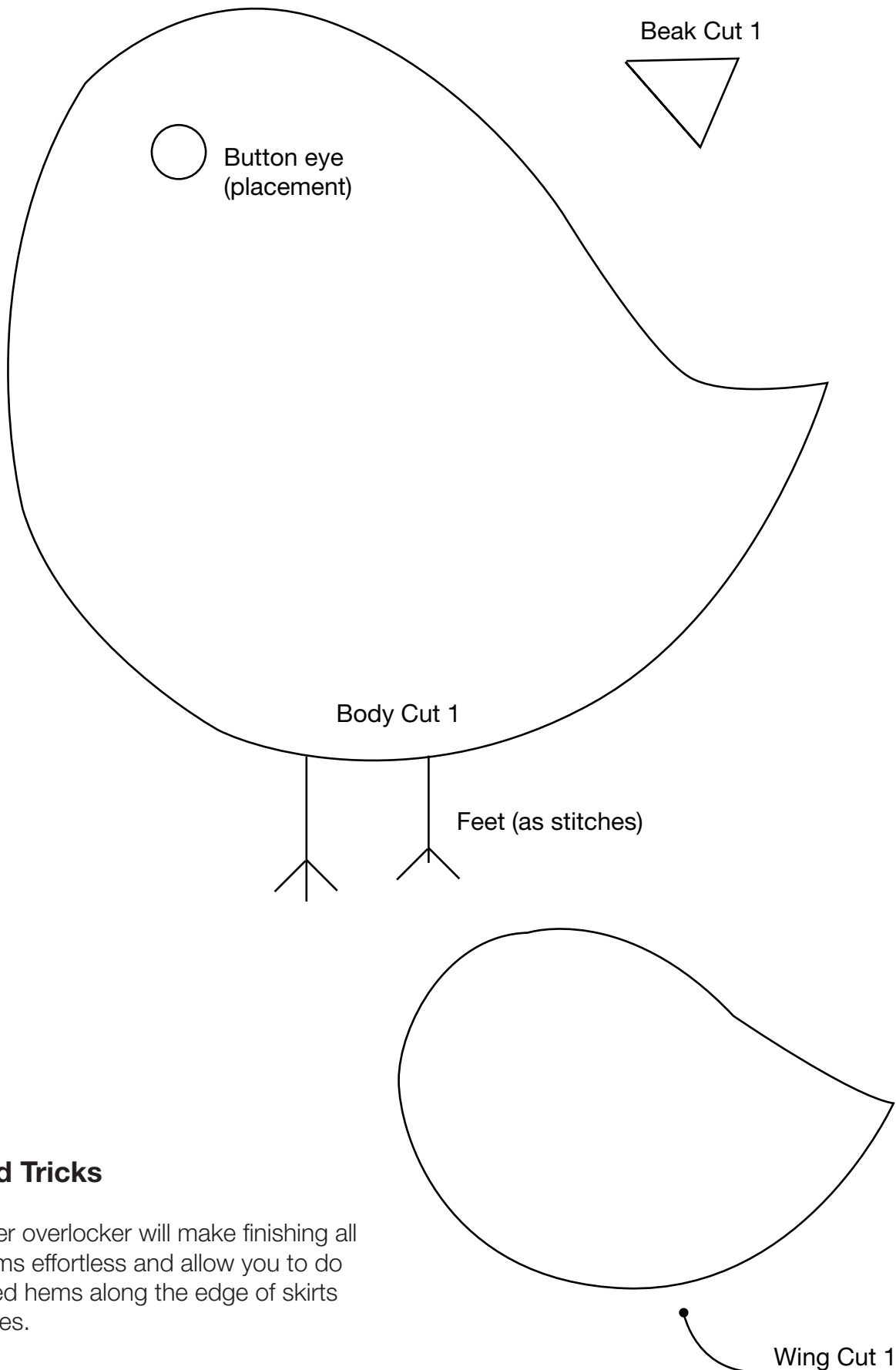
1. Trace the applique bird onto your vlisofix, roughly cutting the shapes out
2. Iron the vlisofix onto your chosen fabrics cutting the shapes out once cool.
3. Peel the paper from the back of your shapes and arrange the applique pieces onto your T-shirt. When you are happy with placement go over the area with a hot iron.
4. Stitch around the appliqué using a blanket stitch or zig-zag on your machine.
5. Mark the placement for the legs using a fabric marker. Stitch the legs for your bird using a straight stitch, reversing over it to create thickness and stitch the button into place for eye on the bird.

Congratulations your Funky Girls Fashion is now finished.



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Funky Girl Fashion Bird Shapes



Tips and Tricks

- A Brother overlocker will make finishing all your seams effortless and allow you to do lovely rolled hems along the edge of skirts and scarves.
- For top stitching you can use decorative threads and stitches.