



# Spooktacular

Virtual Halloween 2020

## CRAFT TUTORIALS

### SPOOKTACULAR GNOMES

Based on Felt Gnome Witches by Laura Kennedy from Little Yellow Wheelbarrow

#### MATERIALS

Cardboard	Hot Glue Gun
Black felt 12"x18"	Straight edge to cut against
Scrap tulle and/or netting	Ruler or tape measure
Scrap faux fur	Pencil
Various colored pom poms	Scissors or box cutter
Marker or chalk	Tape
Hot glue sticks	Straight pins
	Tall Glass

#### PROCESS

**Step 1:** Use your straight edge, pencil, and ruler to layout two isosceles trapezoids on your scrap cardboard. The shapes should be 11" tall with a 4" Base and a 2" Top. With adult supervision, carefully cut out the two shapes using your scissors or box cutter.

**Step 2:** Inflate balloon and hang above your work space. Place a large bowl or tupperware under your balloon, this will catch a lot of the drippings as your yarn dries.

**Step 3:** Place one of the cardboard shapes on edge, on the center of the other one and trace it from the Base halfway up the shape. Then repeat this process on your other piece, but this time trace from the Top to halfway down the shape. Cut out the cardboard that is within the marks from the previous step so that the two pieces can interlock smoothly.

**Step 4:** Using the pattern pieces, print out the pieces, cut them, and tape them together. When you print the pattern, make sure you select the "actual size" option before printing.

**Step 5:** Pin the hat and body patterns to the black felt, or trace them with your chalk or marker. We recommend using the color white so you can see your tracings. Pin or trace the beard pattern to the back of the faux fur piece. Carefully cut out the hat, body, and beard pieces. Be sure to leave excess when cutting out the body. It is important to follow the curved lines closely, but it is good to leave about 1 1/2" of excess on the straight sides.

**Step 6:** Wrap the felt body piece around the bottom half of the cardboard assembly. Use push pins to hold it in place temporarily, and mark where excess needs to be trimmed. If the structure won't sit flat on the table mark that as well. Then lay the felt body piece out and trim it.

**Step 7:** Make sure your glue gun is set on the low setting. Add a line of hot glue along the edge of one the cardboard fins and gently press one edge of the felt body piece into it. Then add another line of hot glue right over the felt that was just adhered to the cardboard. Wrap the felt around the structure and adhere the second edge to the hot glue.

## PROCESS

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**Step 8:** Add a line of glue down the outside edge of the hat piece and fold the hat over to create a cone shape. Press the opposite edge into the glue to make the cone. If you are having trouble getting the top of the cone to twist into a point, add an extra bead of glue at the tip of the cone.

**Step 9:** Fold the brim piece in half and cut a straight line in the center of the brim piece that stops about 1 ½" from the edge. Unfold the piece, rotate it 90 degrees, fold it again and repeat the cut. Then unfold it and rotate it 45 degrees, fold, and cut. Unfold one more time, rotate 90 degrees, fold and cut. The end result should be a circle with 8 triangular flaps in the center.

**Step 10:** Put the hat into a tall glass with the tip pointing to the inside of the glass. Add a line of hot glue the top inside rim of the hat piece.

**Step 11:** Center the brim piece over the hat and carefully press each triangle into the inside rim of the hat piece. If needed, you can add a dot of glue on the side of the triangle that presses against the inside of the hat for reinforcement. Please note that hot glue is hot, so be careful that you don't burn your fingers. If you have gardening gloves, you can wear those for extra protection during this step.

**Step 12:** Tie a small piece of black tulle or ribbon round the brim of the hat. Affix with your glue.

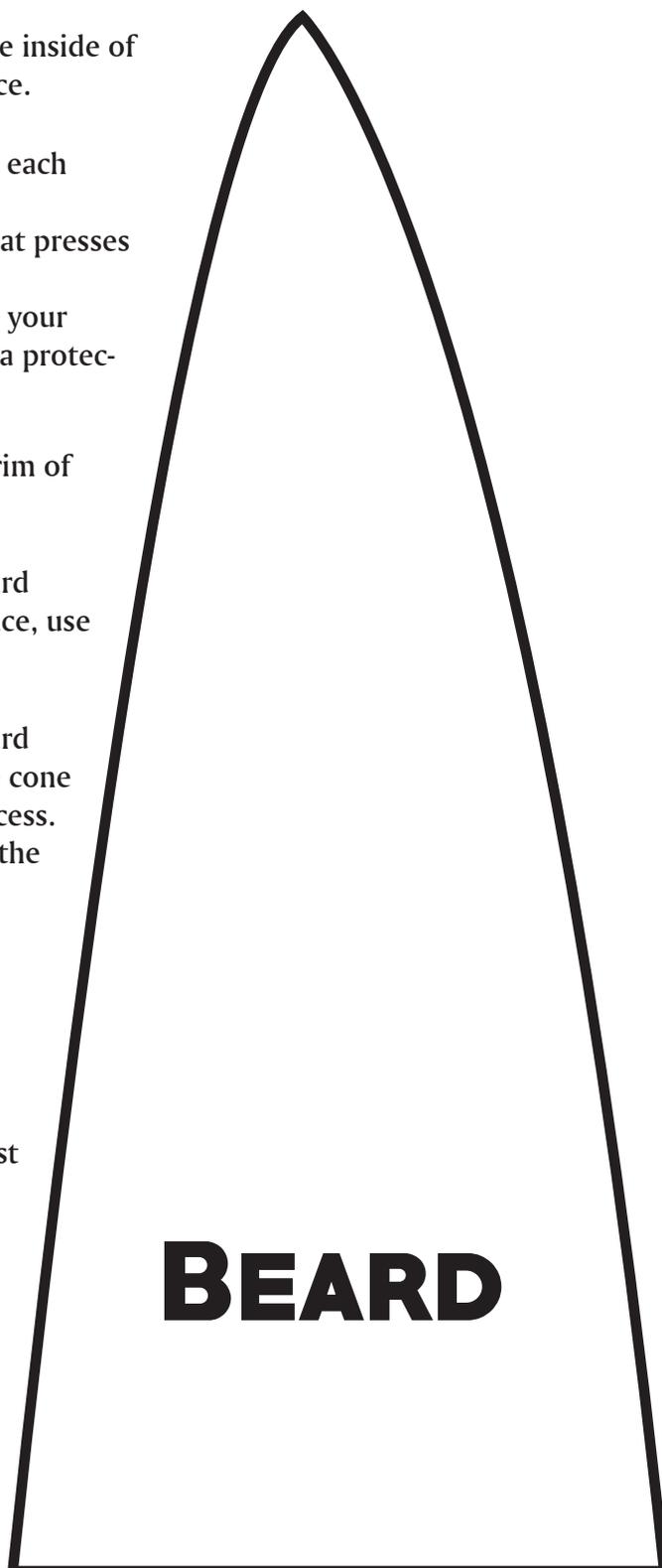
**Step 13:** Add 1 small piece of netting or tulle over the cardboard structure. If it is too long for the cone to sit flat on your workspace, use your scissors to trim off the excess.

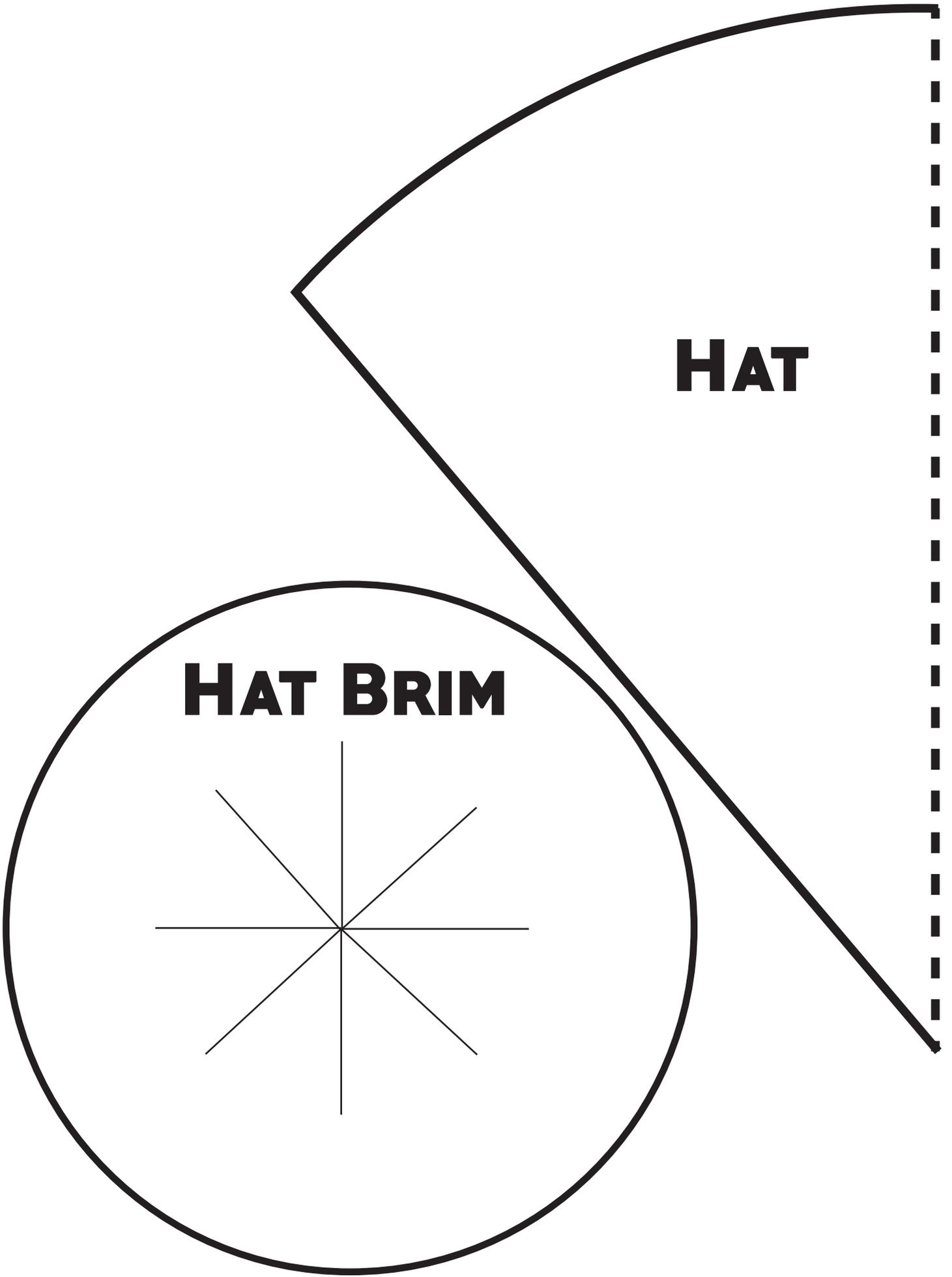
**Step 14:** Add 1 small piece of netting or tulle over the cardboard structure. Add 2 additional pieces of tulle. If it is too long for the cone to sit flat on your workspace, use your scissors to trim off the excess. To hold all 3 pieces to the cone, tie a small piece of tulle around the cone about 1/2 way down.

**Step 15:** Place the hat on the cone.

**Step 16:** Using hot glue, secure the beard onto the cone just under the hat brim.

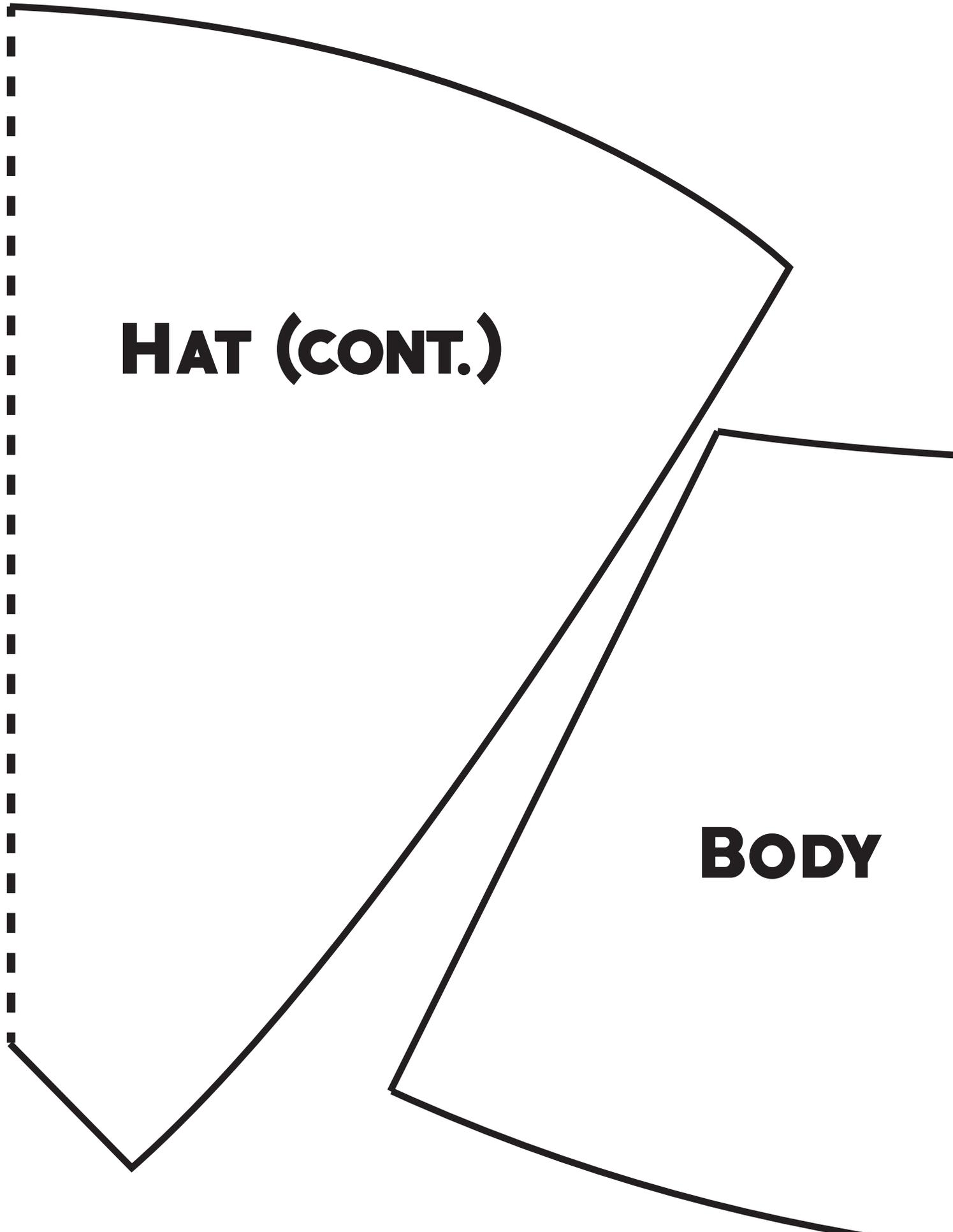
**Step 17:** Use hot glue to secure the pom pom on the beard just under the hat brim for a nose.





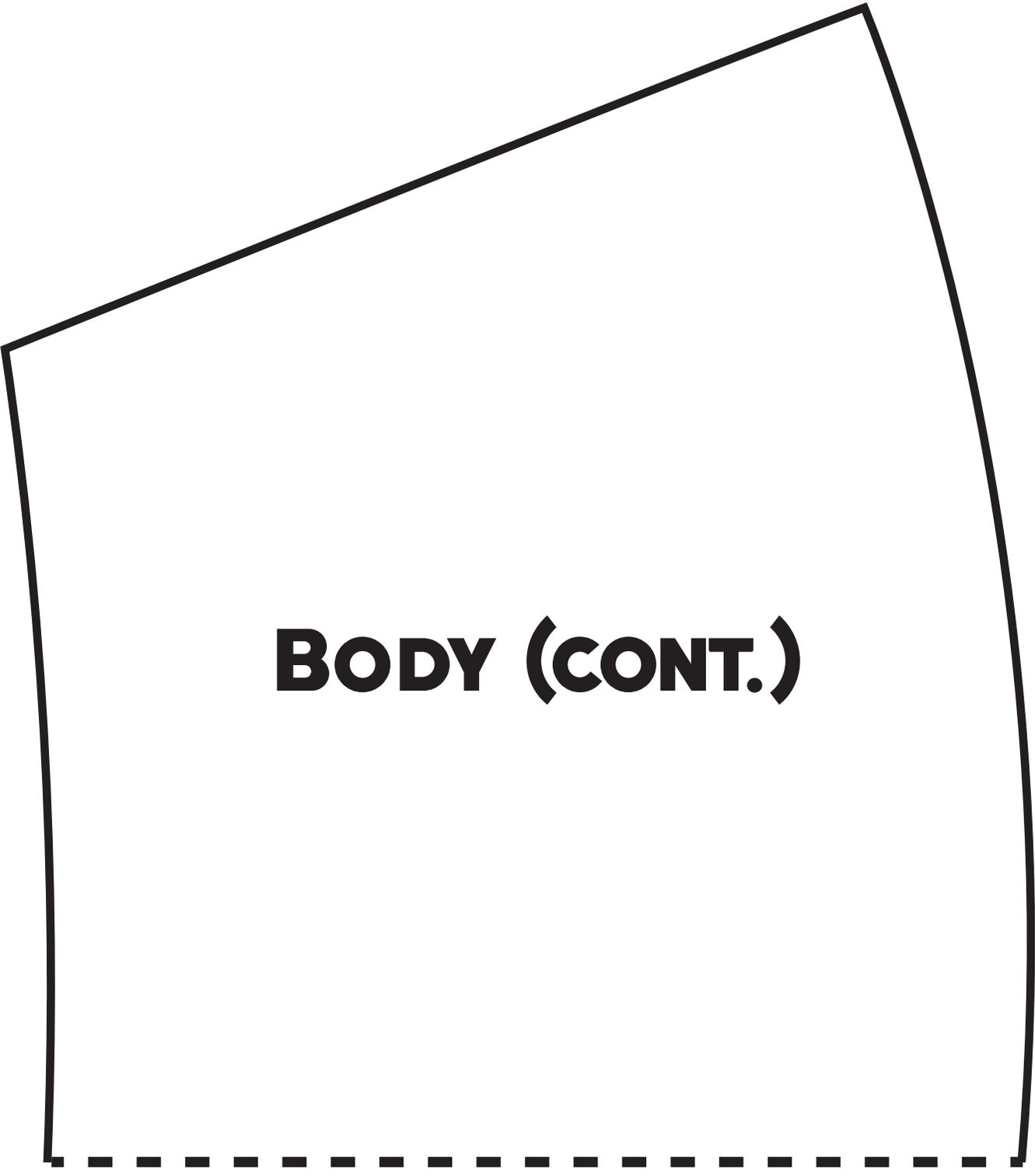
**HAT BRIM**

**HAT**



**HAT (CONT.)**

**BODY**



**BODY (CONT.)**