

**DIY**



# BRISBANE **BF** FESTIVAL



Brisbane Festival is an initiative of the Queensland Government and Brisbane City Council

# Florentijn Hofman



## Introducing Messengers of Brisbane

Although conceived prior to the global Coronavirus outbreak, the artwork I developed for Brisbane Festival, *Messengers of Brisbane*, may be prophetic in its timing. This work breathes hope; hope for better days during the Festival and into the future. The distance of the works on rooftops and other high positions indicate aspiration and at the same time question our current situation of social distancing and what freedom means to every individual. The works gift aim and direction in a time where creativity is paramount and the power of imagination must be relied upon to feel a flight synonymous to the bird. The beautiful bright colours, which mimic exactly those found in the natural plume of the Gouldian Finch, encourage people to likewise be colourful, to be amazed by these remarkable creatures. The hat is a very important feature in this work. It is an extension of my practice where I've used it as a tool in many prior works. For me it symbolises celebrating life, enjoying living and being positive, especially during this period but it is also appropriate to all life situations. Being positive makes one live longer and with more quality. While birds in nature are very autonomous, here as large-scale temporary sculptures in Brisbane they will indicate connection and the arrival of a positive message.

Watching over us this September will be a series of three giant Gouldian Finches perched atop key Brisbane locations. This playful and joyous installation is the creation of internationally renowned artist, Florentijn Hofman and is exclusive to Brisbane. Perched along the inner-city river area, these beautiful birds decked out with their bright pink party hats will bring us messages of hope as they fly in for the Festival. Brought to life by Brisbane's very own Urban Arts Projects, these glorious characters will take pride of place this Festival. These birds remind us of our important freedoms as their simple message to us all is to look up and smile.

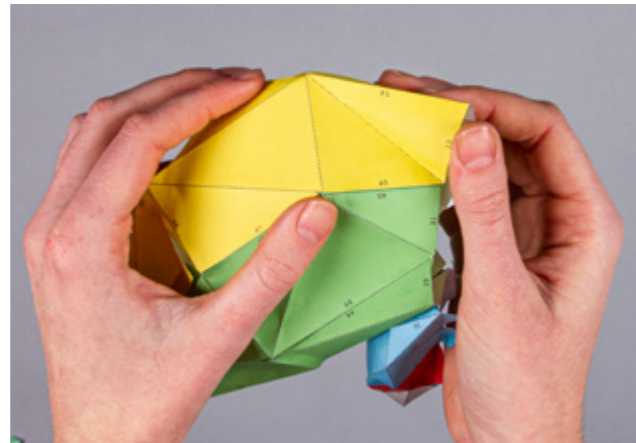
*Messengers of Brisbane* can be viewed by walk, bike or City Cat.

Various workshops and educational opportunities will be available to become acquainted with these endangered Australian birds. Please visit our website for further information. > [brisbanefestival.com.au](http://brisbanefestival.com.au)



## Step 4

Once the main pieces are glued together, it's time to attach the head feet and tail and close everything up.



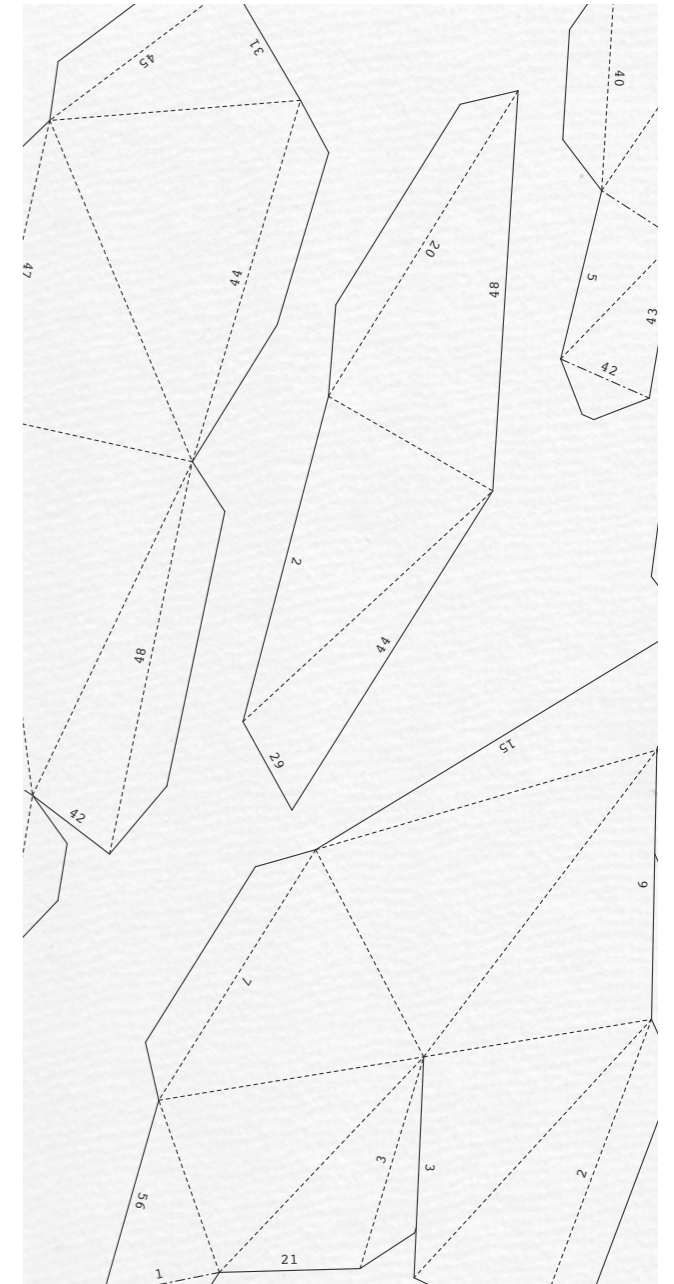
## Step 5

That's a wrap, let it all dry and then pose in wild and fun positions in and outside of the house!



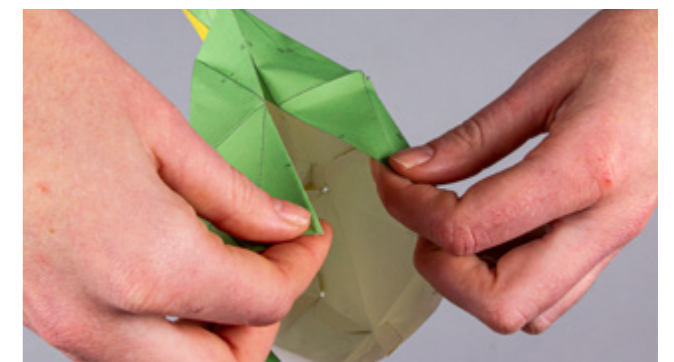
## Alternate

Try using the blank template provided and go on a colouring spree and make your own creation! Then follow the steps as usual and you will have a one of a kind sculpture.



## Hints

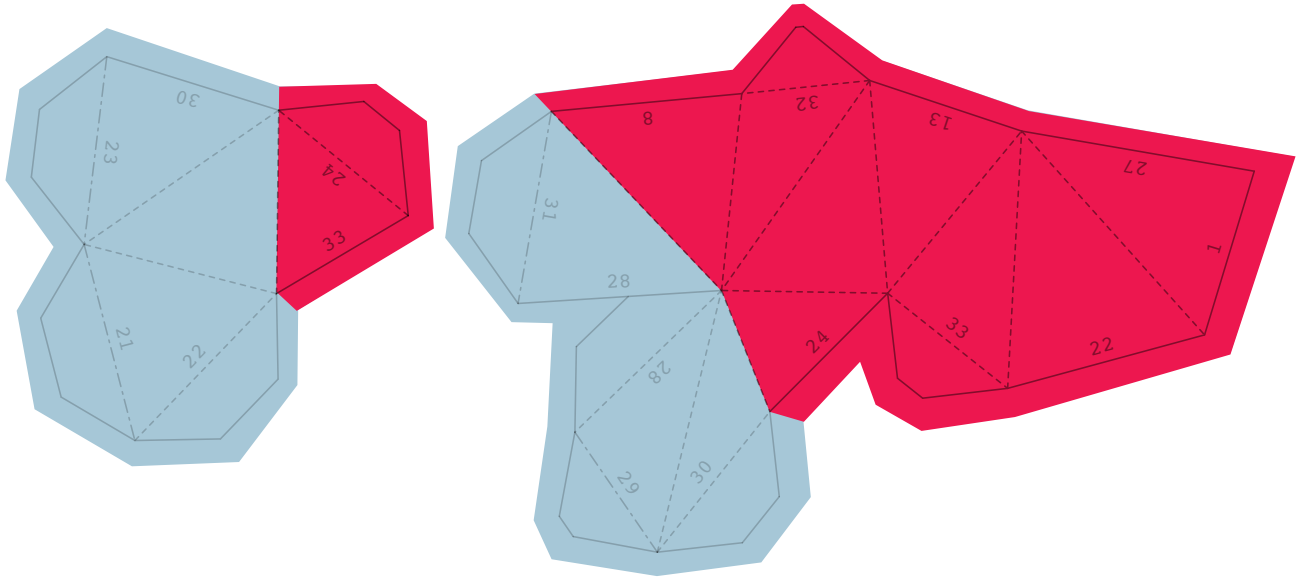
Don't glue the body closed completely until the very end, this will allow for you to reach inside and attach the small feet and head. If the numbers are hard to read, refer to the template on the next page. Regular printer paper works great, but if you are eager, you can print on all sorts of coloured paper stock and something textured or slightly thicker (not too thick as this will be difficult to fold).



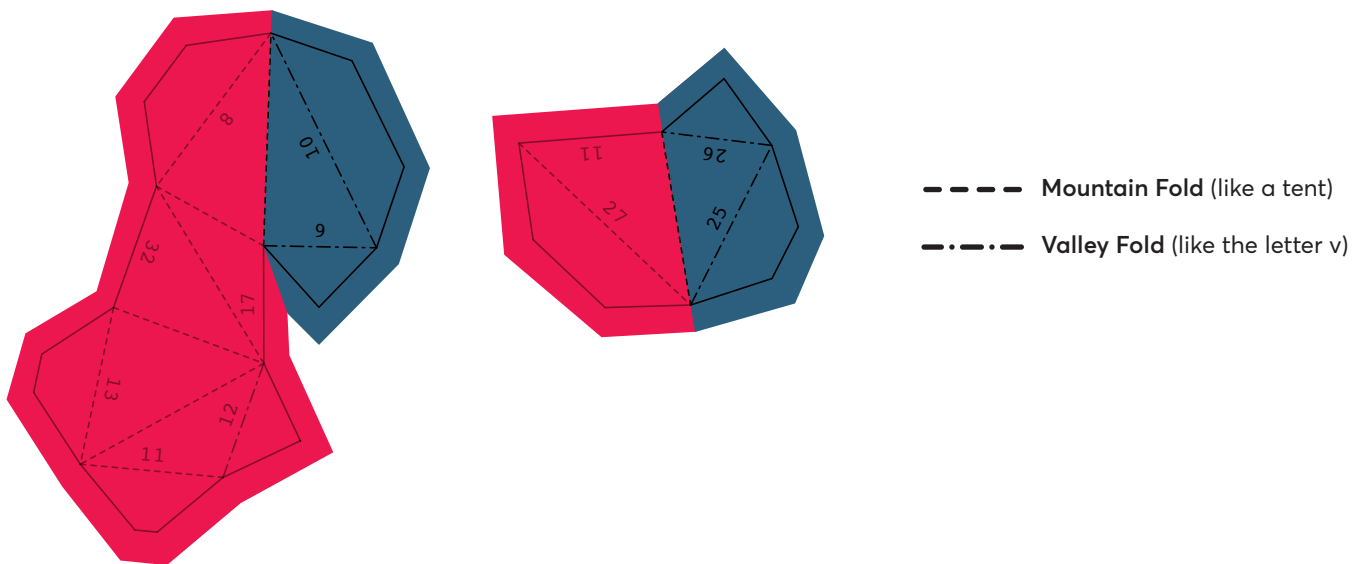
# Printable Goodies

Print out the template on the following pages on regular A4 printer paper and get folding!

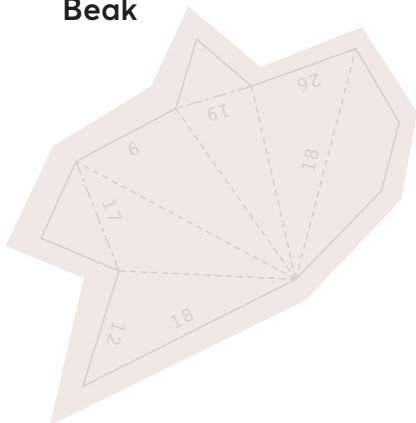
### Head



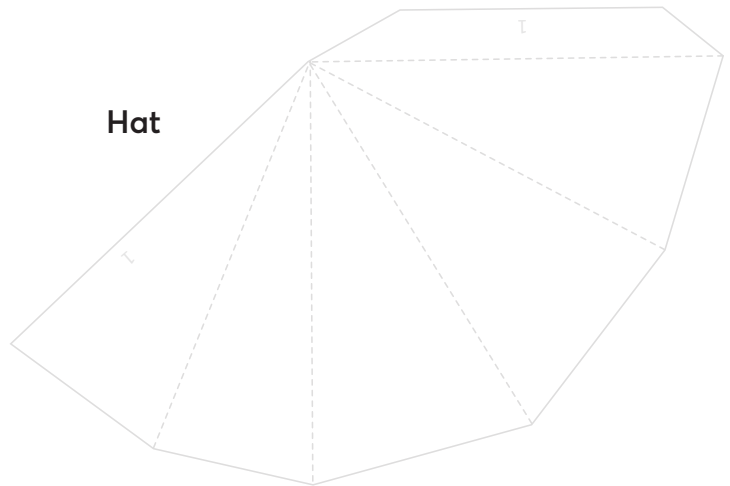
### Head



### Beak

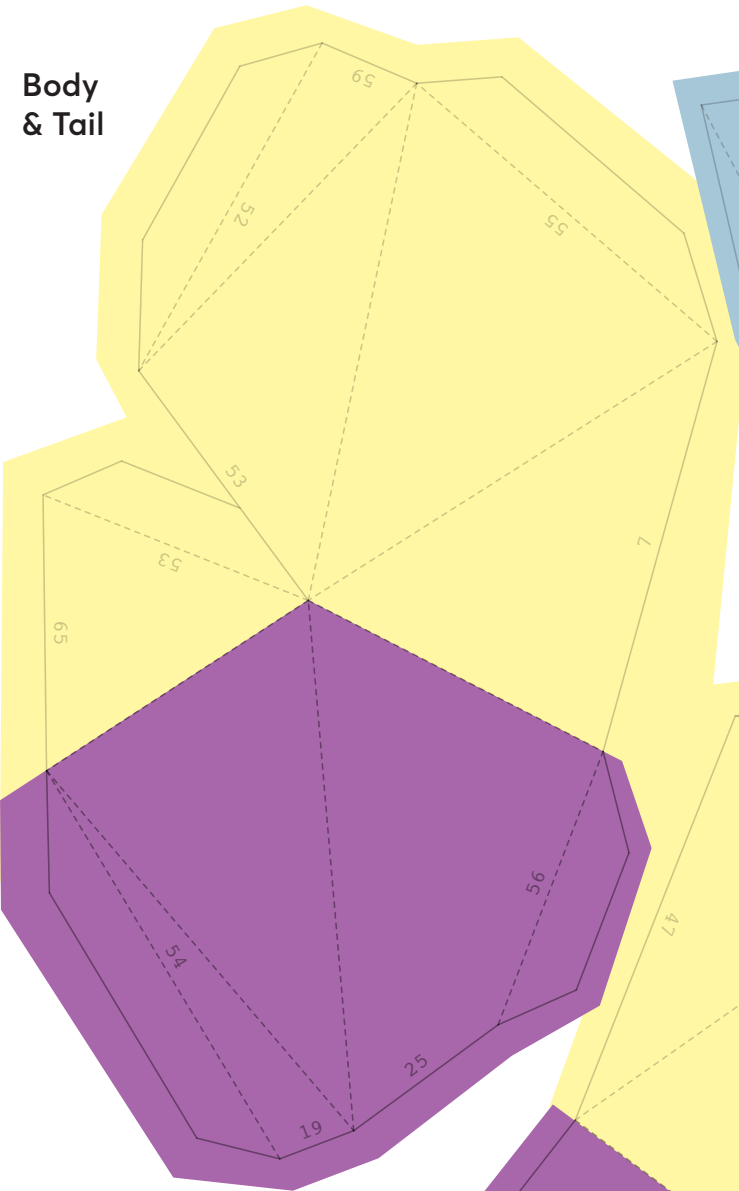


### Hat

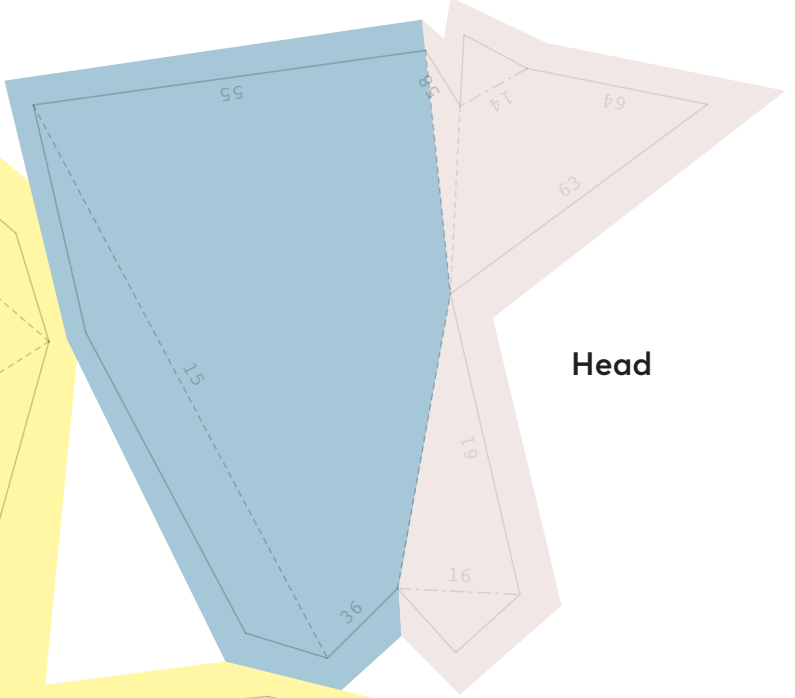




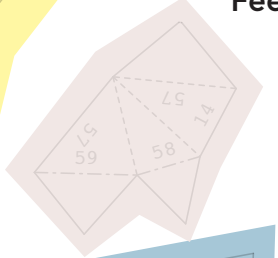
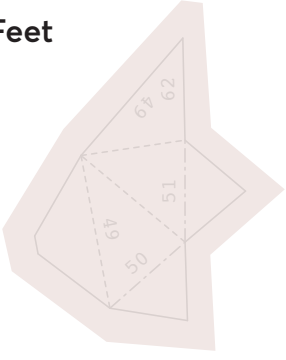
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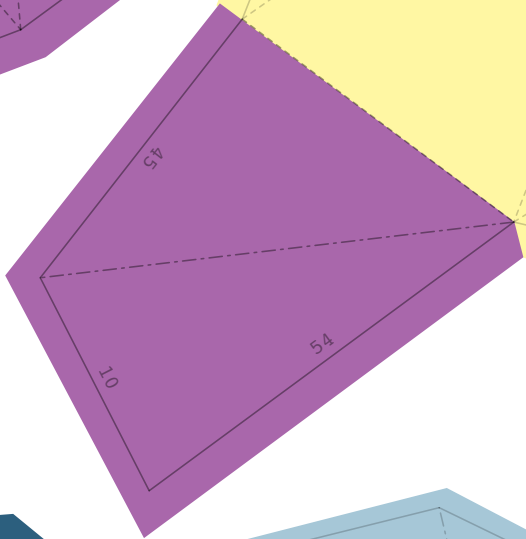
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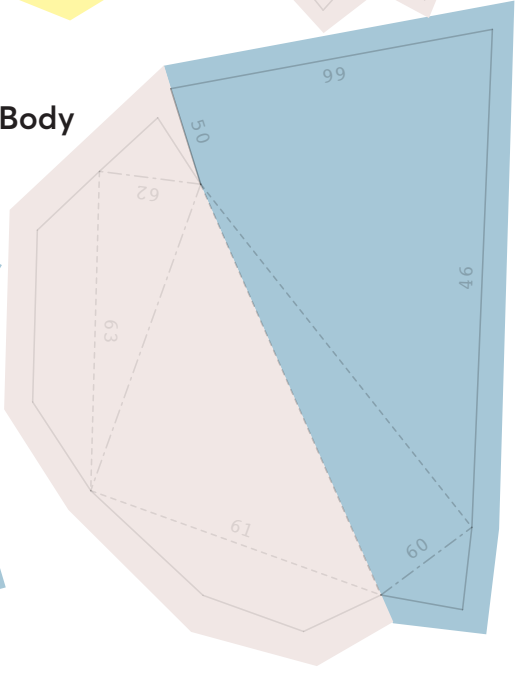
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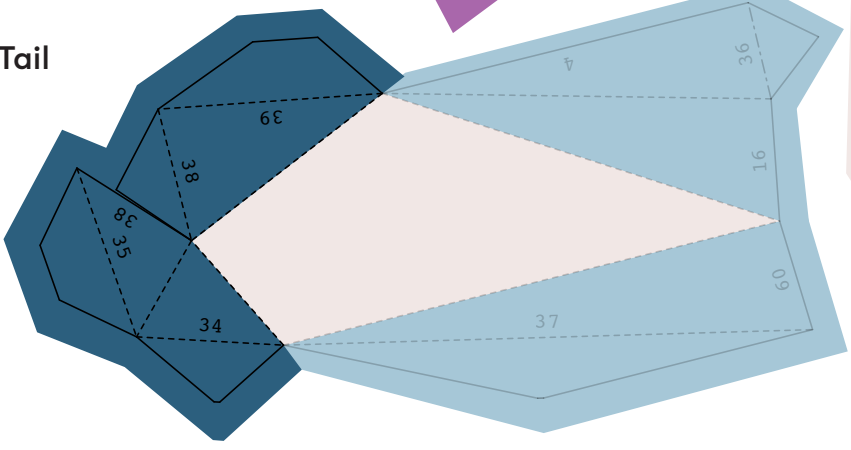
**Feet**



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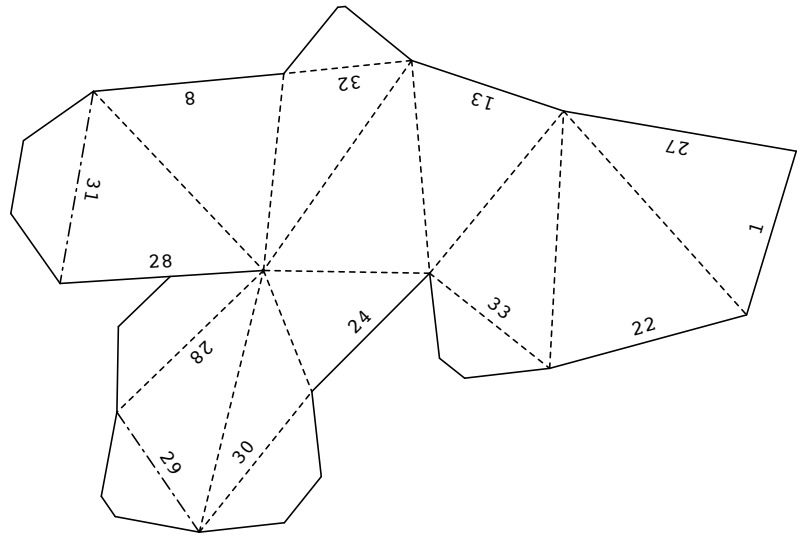
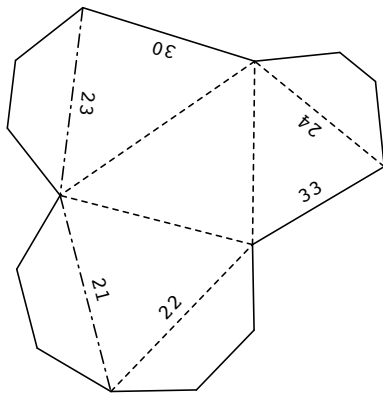


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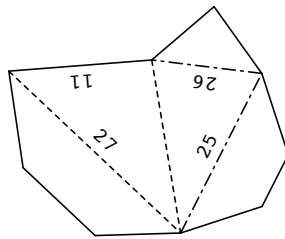
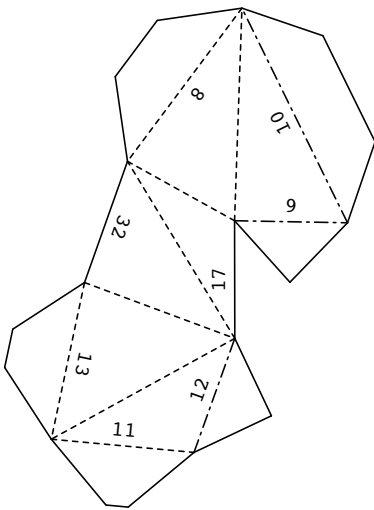




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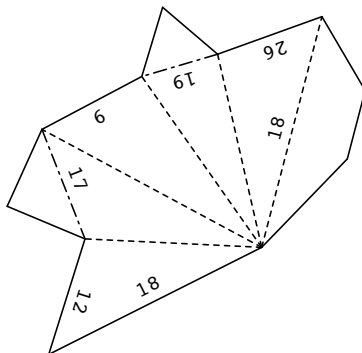


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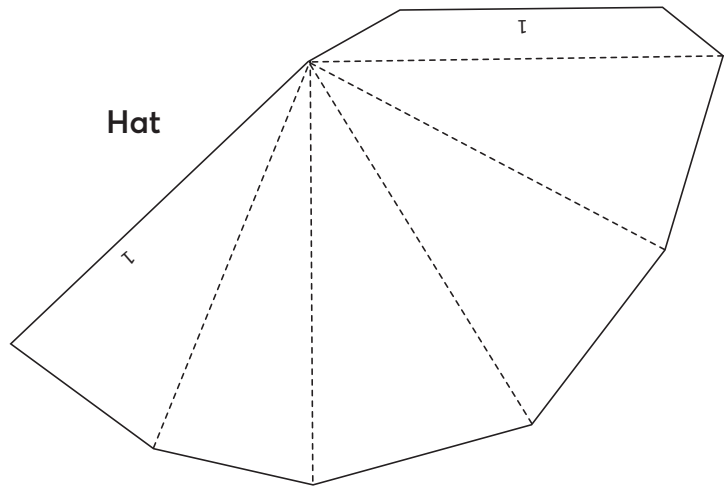


- Mountain Fold (like a tent)
- .-.-.- Valley Fold (like the letter v)

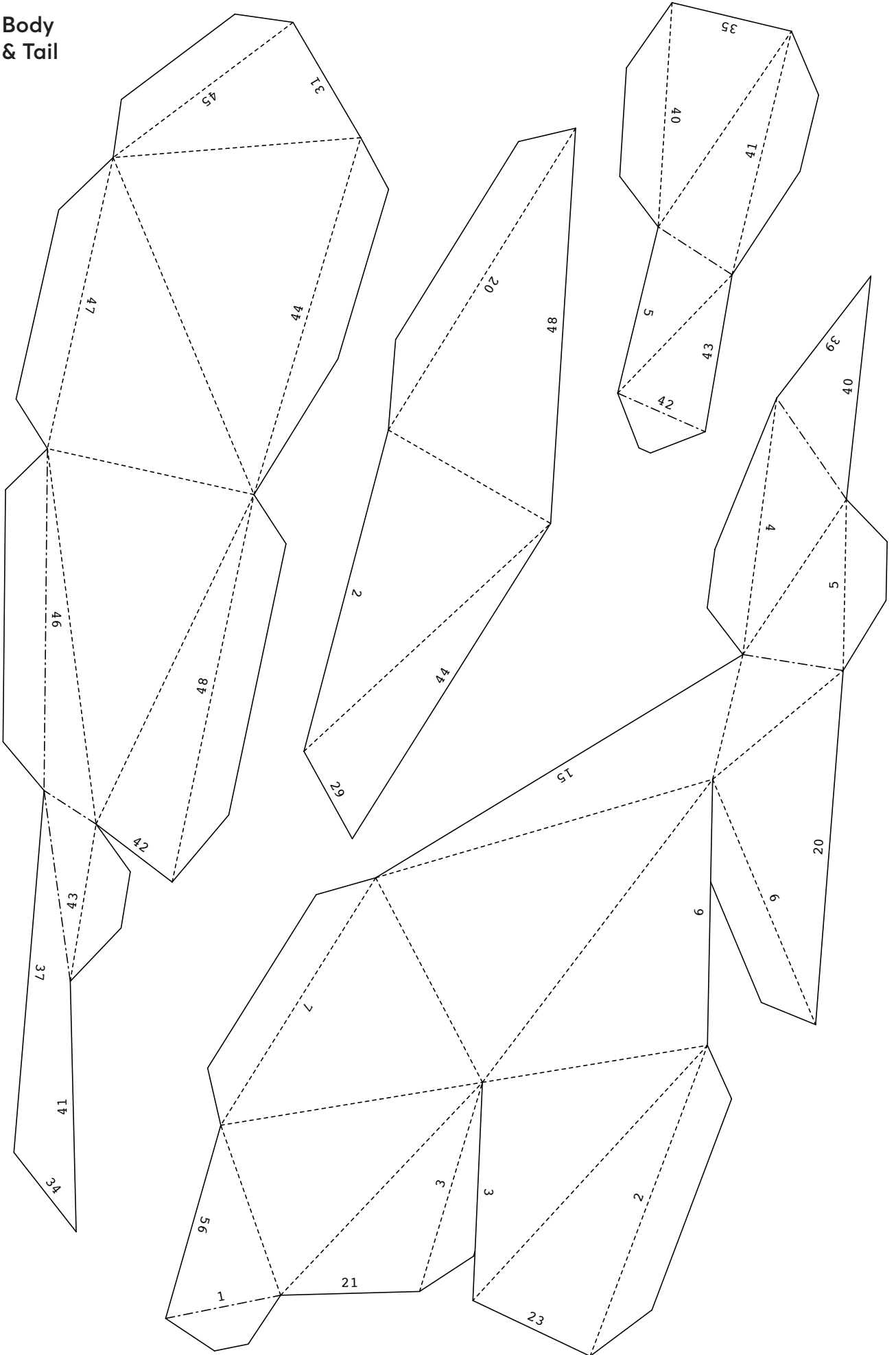
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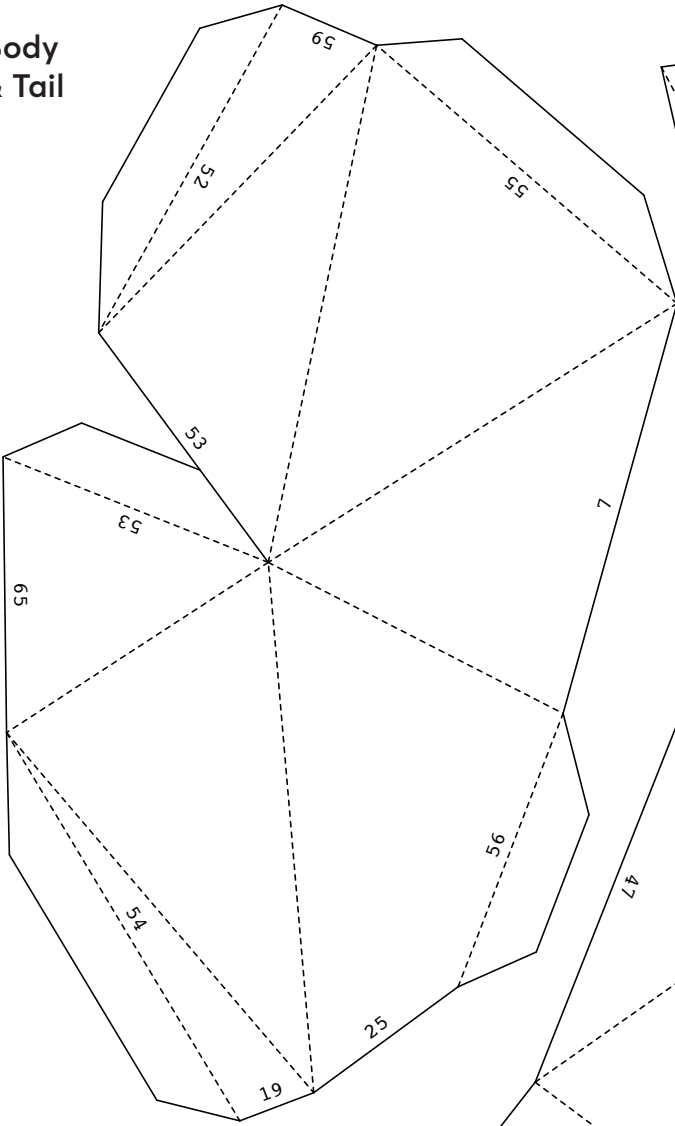
### Hat



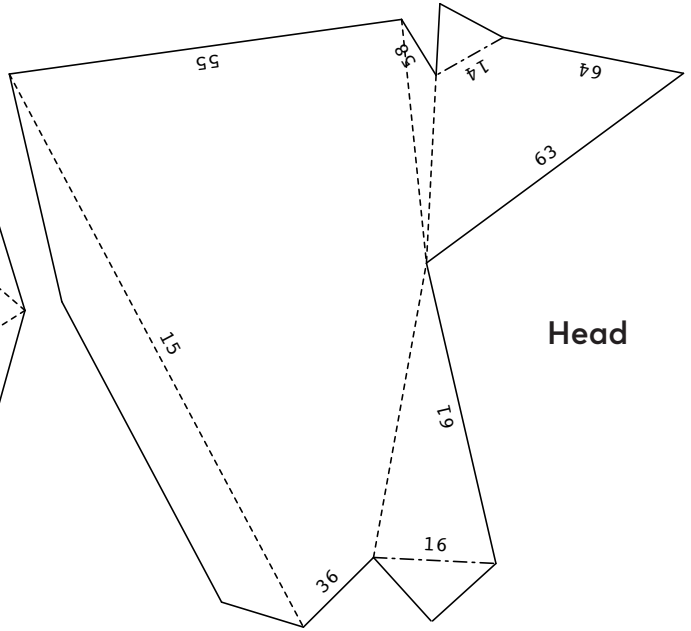
Body  
& Tail



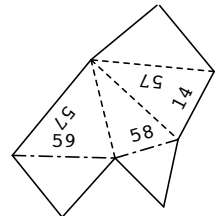
**Body & Tail**



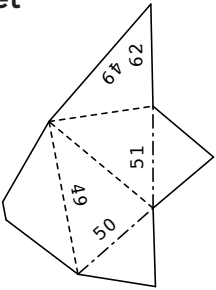
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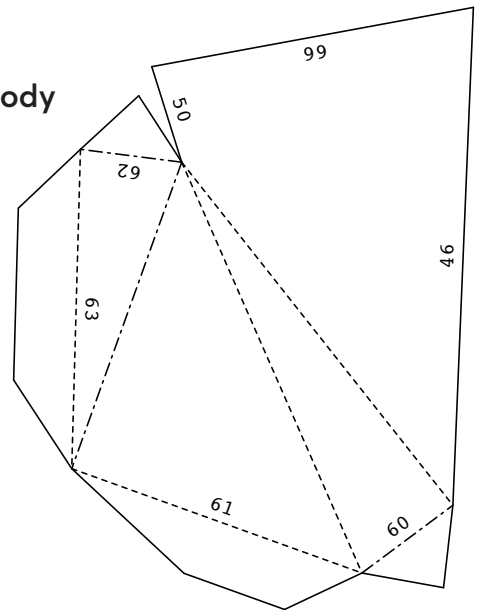
**Feet**



**Feet**



**Body**



**Tail**

