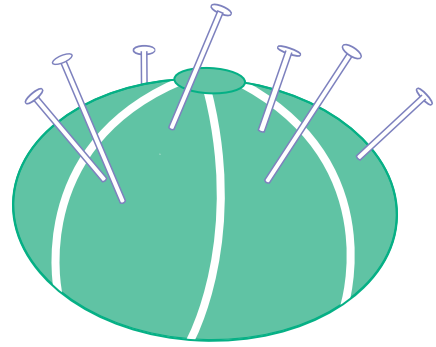


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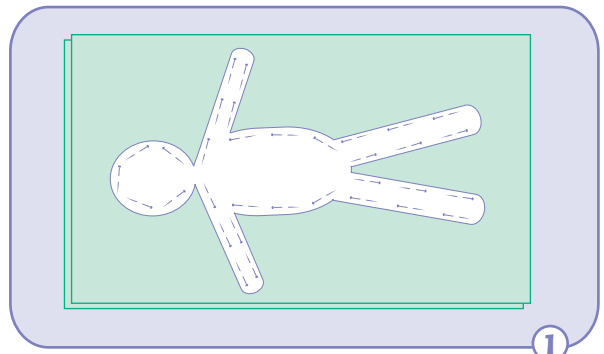
# How to... Use pins

We use pins to attach patterns to our fabric before we cut it, or to hold our fabrics in place as we sew.



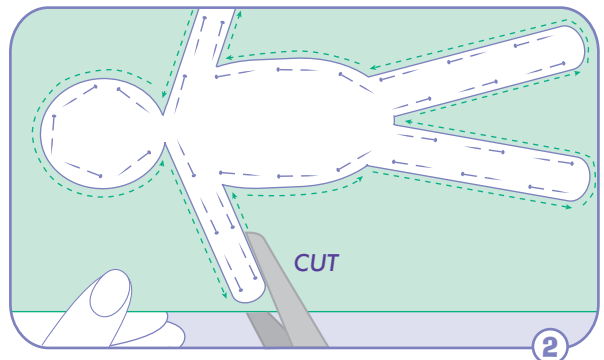
### STEP 1

When pinning a pattern to our fabric, we must use lots of pins all around the outside of the pattern to hold the paper shape to the fabric.

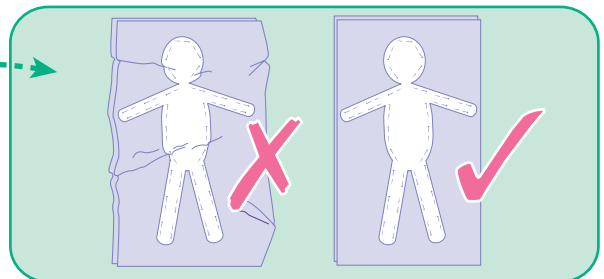


### STEP 2

Now the pattern is secure enough for us to cut out a neat shape.



**Tip** Make sure your fabrics stay flat when you pin them. Check they're not bumpy before you cut!



### STEP 3

Once we have cut out our shape, we need to remove the pins and paper, and then pin our fabrics back together. This holds it in position while we sew. Now we can sew it together!

