Mini Turtle Pillow Instructions

**Fabric Required:** Use soft, colorful fabric like that used for quilts. See attached for printable templates

1. Cutting Instructions
   ~ Cut 2 main bodies creating pieces “A” and “B”.
   ~ Cut the center out of “B”.
   ~ Cut 2 ovals creating “D” pieces. Cut the center out of both “D” pieces. Use one of the small ovals for Piece “C”.
2. Mark dots on “B”, “C” and “D”.
3. With right sides together (matching dots) sew the “D” pieces together on outer edge with ¼ inch seam. Turn, press and tip stitch a ¼ inch from the seam just sewn.
4. Lay the completed piece “D” over the front of piece “B” (matching dots). Sew the three edges together around the oval opening with a bastng stitch. This creates a unified piece, which is easier to work with, in the next step.
5. Lay piece “C” face down inside the unified “B/D” piece, which is also lying face down. **Pull up the oval edges to match the front sides of the material, matching the dots. Pin.** Ease fabric in by pulling and gathering the bastng stitch. Sew a ¼ inch seam.
6. Sew or affix eyes as you wish. Campers love creative eyeballs on their turtles!
   ~ Use plastic eyes with push on washers on the inside.
   ~ Use buttons for eyes.
   ~ *For the above options put an extra circle of materials or felt on the inside of the turtle for extra support.*
   ~ Use appliqué eyes.
7. Now you have a completed top for the turtle, which can be seamed onto the underside of the turtle, piece “A”, using a ¼ inch seam allowance. Leave an opening on the one side for turning and later stuffing.

**Helpful Tips:**
- Please do not top-stitch the toes as this makes the pillows harder to stuff.
- Please do not enlarge or reduce the pattern, so that every camper can receive the same size pillow.
- Please leave all pillows **UNSTUFFED** as there is very limited storage space.

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