

# "Pompey" the Clown **Free Pattern** by Judith Prior

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Overall length of "Pompey" is about 10" or 28cm.

**Clown is meant to be a decoration only.**  
**Not suitable as a toy for small children.**

## **Materials required.**

40cm (16") of calico, or homespun, for his body, arms and face. 18cm ( 7" ) of red woven fabric, for his legs and feet.

25cm x4cm (10" x 1 ½ ") White home spun for his collar.

3 X 25cm (10") pieces of braid to trim collar and hat.

23cm (9") of plain colour

and 23cm (9") of patterned woven fabric for his costume.

Scrap of red felt for mouth, scrap of coloured felt for hat.

Three 13mm pompoms for his costume and hat.

One 7mm red pompom for his nose.

Two 10mm comic safety eyes.

Wool or Knitting cotton for hair.

Poly filling.

Thread to match clothing and body.

Sewing machine, matching thread, hand sewing needle, stuffing tools etc.



**Instructions:- Arms.** On doubled woven fabric (calico), cut out two arms.

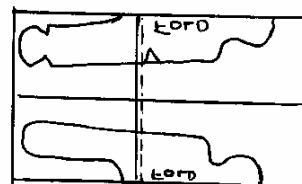
Leaving ¼ " seam allowance, Sew all around the arms leaving open at top where marked.

Turn to right side. Lightly fill with poly filling.

Machine top sew in fingers, machine sew opening at the top closed. 6mm ( ¼ " seam)

**Body.** Cut a piece of plain calico, for body, face and hands 23cm x 40cm (9" x 16") and a piece of the red for his legs and feet, 18cm x 36cm ( 7" x 14"). Sew these two pieces RST along the 36cm (14") Length. Open out and fold both the ends of the 14" length in towards the centre. **See diagram.**

Place the body back and body front pattern pieces on the folds, matching the seam line (Colour change) as shown on the pattern. Cut out a body front and a body back.



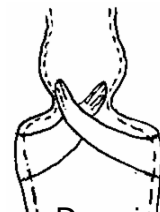
On the wrong side, sew in the darts on the back, at feet and hips. Sew the arms in position to the RS of back, at the shoulder line, arms pointing inwards. **See diagram.**

Pin the body front to the body back RST, machine stitch all around ¼ " in from edge, sewing the arms in as you go, leaving open only the top of head. Trim seams, clip curves, turn to right side through top of head.

Fill with poly filling. Don't over fill. Mark eye position, nose and mouth.

Remove some filling and attach the safety eyes, as per manufacturers instructions. Refill the head, stuff the neck firmly. Slip stitch the top

opening closed. Sew on a small red felt mouth, and a 7mm pompom for a nose. Draw in some eyebrows.



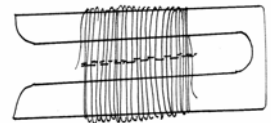
**Costume.** The back and front are the same. With RST cut out a double patterned, and a double plain coloured back/front piece. On folded fabric RST cut out a plain sleeve and a patterned sleeve. RST sew a plain back/front to a patterned back/front, centre front/back curved seam. (Twice.) RST sew the plain sleeve to the patterned Back/front and the patterned sleeve to the plain back front, on one piece. Then sew in the other back/front piece RST to join all together at the neck edge. Machine neaten the neck edge. Sew a narrow hem on both of the sleeves.

RST, sew in the undersleeve to bottom cuff seam, both sides. Sew in a narrow hem on both of the trouser cuffs. RST Sew inner leg seams, from cuff to crotch and down to other cuff.

**Place the costume on the doll.** Hand gather the neck edge of costume 6mm ( $\frac{1}{4}$  ") in from the edge. Draw in gathering and fasten the costume directly to the doll, with a few stitches right through the doll. **Sleeves and cuffs,** hand gather  $\frac{1}{2}$  "in from the hemmed edge, draw in and fasten directly to the doll. Fasten with a few stitches right through the doll.

Sew the two pompoms on the centre front, as shown in the picture.

**Hair.** Make from stiff cardboard or other craft material a hair template , 5cm x 20cm (2" x 8") .Wind the yarn, loosely, around the template about forty times. Sew a line along the centre of the yarn, between the prongs of the template, either by hand or machine



**See Diagram.** Slip the yarn off to form a weft of hair.

Clip the loops; sew direct to the doll at the hairline only. (The hat will cover the rest.)

**Hat.** Place the hat pattern on folded felt, cut one hat. Sew some braid on the edge, of right side. Then RST sew outside edges together to form a hat. Place some filling inside the hat to hold the shape. Place the hat on the doll and hand sew into position. Sew pompom on tip of hat.

**Collar.** Cut a strip of white fabric, 30cm x 4cm (12" x 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  ") sew a narrow hem on one 30cm (12") side, neaten or use pinking shears on the other 30cm (12") edge. Sew a couple of rows of braid, near the hemmed edge. RST sew the 4cm (1  $\frac{1}{2}$  ") sides together to form a circle. Hand gather the raw edge side 6mm ( $\frac{1}{4}$  ") in from the edge, place the collar on the doll, as shown in the diagram. Draw in and fasten at the back, secure by sewing a few stitches right through the doll.

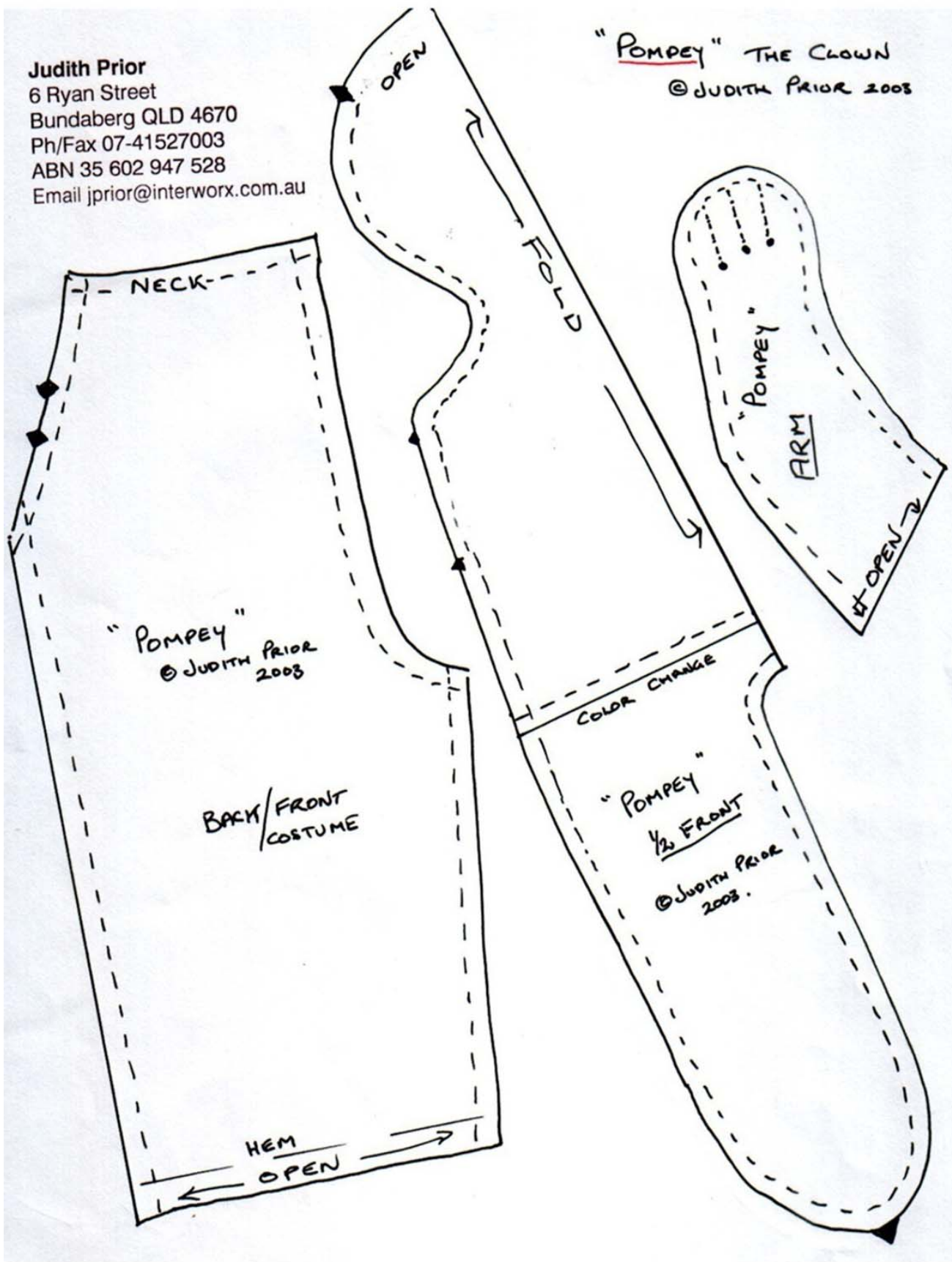


Fold the collar down and secure the collar in place with a few stitches to sit nicely.

If required, sew a curtain ring to the back of his head, to hang him up by.

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