

Purse & Bag Making Guide



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Gather together everything you need

Purse or bag - kit contents

1 The first stage of any successful sewing project is to gather together everything you need before you start-

Your kit contains your wabi-sabi bag/purse front panel (one piece), a back purse/bag panel (one piece), your lining fabric (2 pieces), 1 zip and a wabi-sabi label to sew into your bag, plus a handy zipper pull.

You will also find a purse or bag pattern template - we cut the fabric shapes slightly larger than they need to be for the kits, this allows you to use the template shape to cut them perfectly to size and provides nice neat and fresh edges for sewing. You can also use the template to make more bags or purses in the future!

The making process is the same for the bag and the purse projects - we also have a video for you to follow if you prefer!



Gather together everything you need

1 A sewing machine (optional) you will also need a zipper foot

A hand sewing needle.

Some good quality sewing thread.

You can sew our projects together by hand or use a machine -it's up to you!

You will also need some fabric scissors for trimming your pieces, snips for cutting loose threads are useful but not essential. Some paper scissors for cutting out your pattern template.

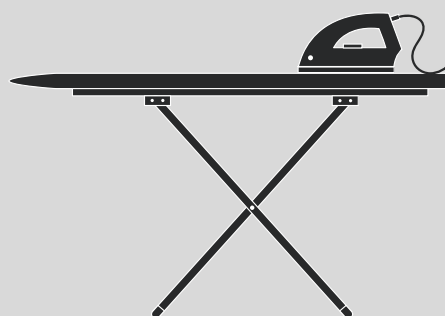
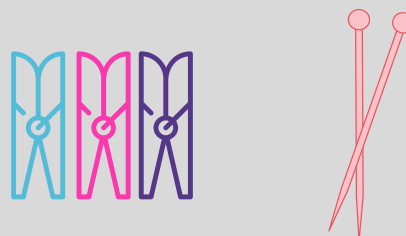
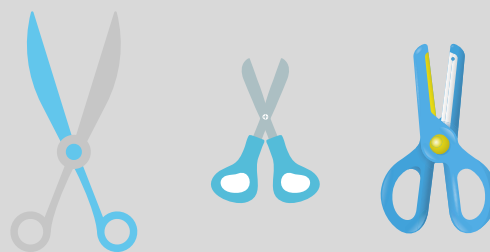
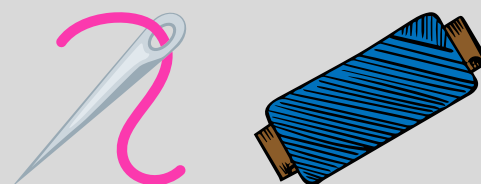
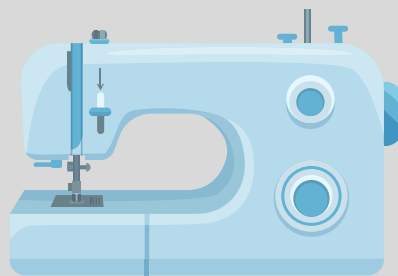
Fabric clips are best to hold the layers of fabric as you sew.

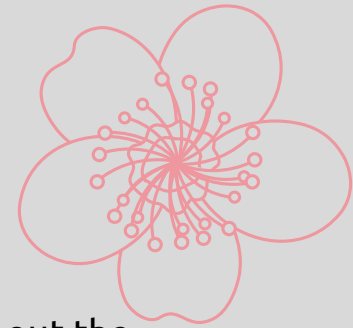
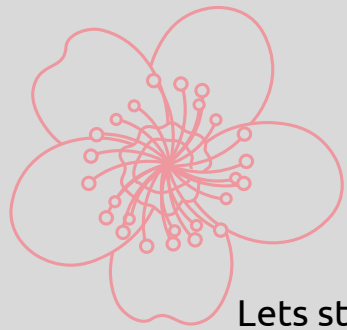
Note we do not recommend using pins if you are making the project for or with a child -

Disappearing fabric marker pens are also useful but not essential.

Adhesive seam tape is really useful for inserting zips!

It is also a good idea to press your fabric sheets before you begin your project - this is not essential and again please make sure children are supervised at all times.



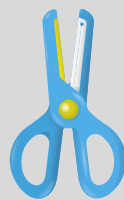


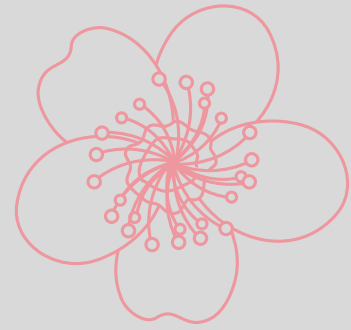
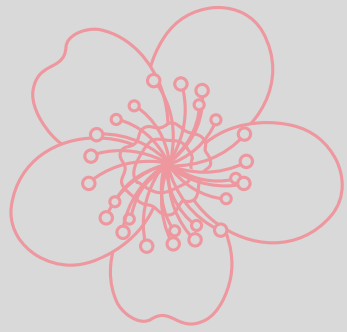
Cut your fabric pieces to shape

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Lets start by trimming your kit fabric pieces to shape - cut out the template supplied and use it as a guide to trim the edges of each panel. You now have nice fresh edges to work with.

If you choose to use your own fabric for the purse/bag back and lining then use the template supplied to cut the shapes!





Sewing the zip

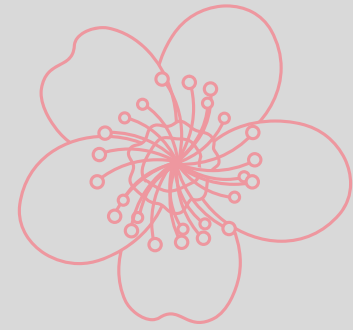
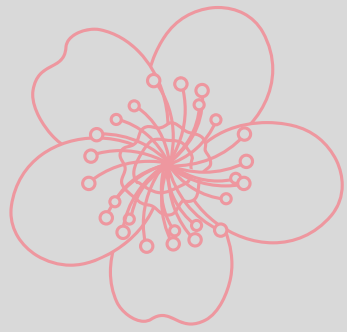
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Lets start sewing - place 1 lining panel with the RSU (Right Side Up) on the table.

Now place the zip as shown matching the top of the zip tape with the top of the fabric - also with the RSU.

You can use a narrow adhesive tape to help you here - and clips, or pins if you choose.





Sewing the zip continued...

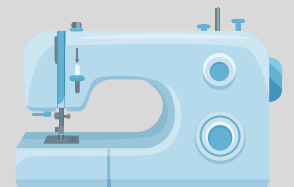
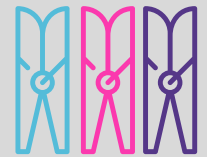
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Now place the front wabi-sabi bag/purse panel face down (RSD) on top of your lining and zip pile, again matching the seam edges accurately at the top. The front panel and lining are right sides together - with the zip sandwiched in between the 2 layers.

Hold all three layers together with clips or pins and take 1cm or 3/4 inch seam allowance, being careful not to get too close to the zip teeth - use a zipper foot for this step if you are sewing by machine. If you are sewing by hand then sew about 2 to 3mm away from the zip teeth.



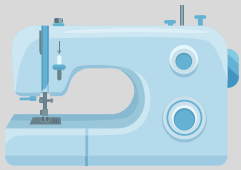
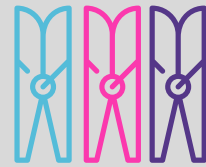
1cm seam allowance is equivalent to 3/8 of an Inch



More pictures below to help you !



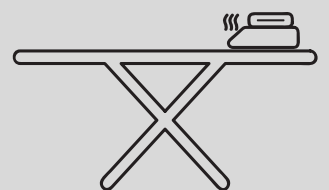
Layer & secure

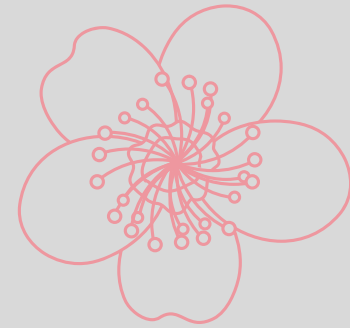
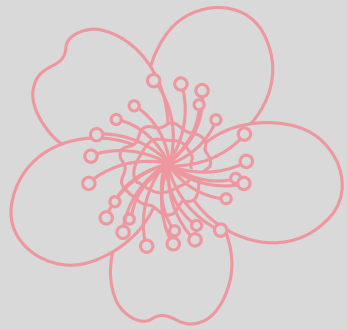


Stitch



Check and press





Sewing the zip continued...

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Repeat the above steps again with the bag/purse back and the second lining piece - the only difference with this step is that you now have the front panel and 1 lining piece already attached to one side of the zip.

Again you can use adhesive tape to help you keep the zip securely in position here.

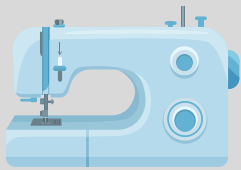
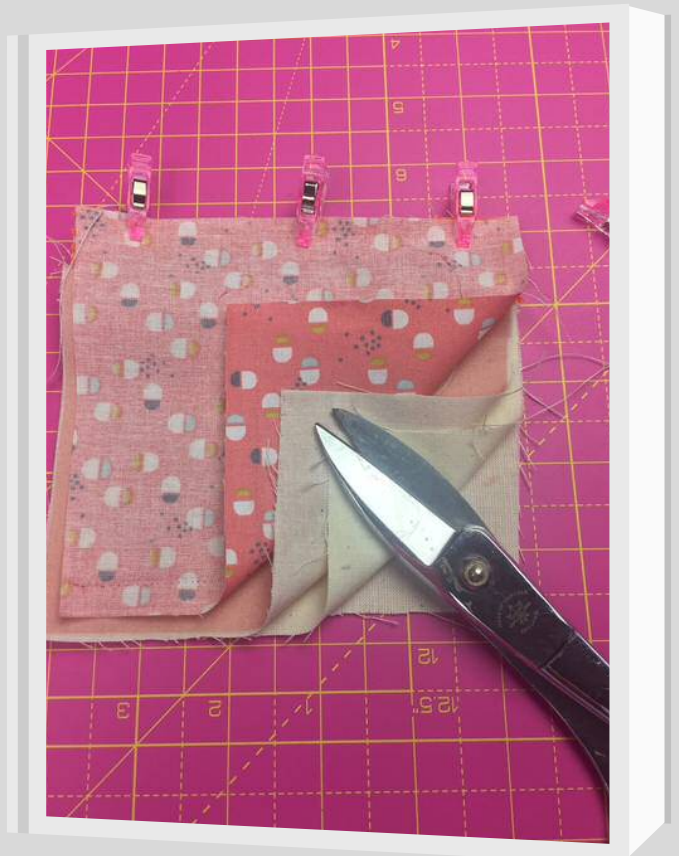


Zip right side up

Place the lining piece right side up as shown - take the zip (it has the front and other lining panel attached to it) and place the zip right side up on the lining piece.



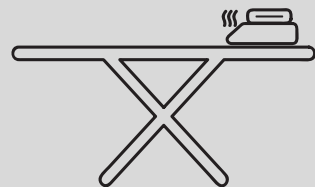
Place the zip to the edge of the lining piece
seam allowance.

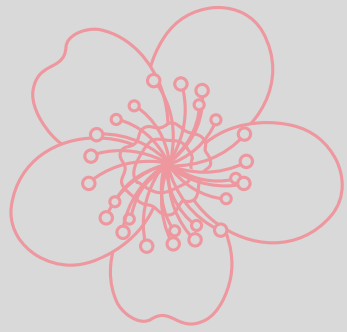


Place the back panel to the lining and zip
with the right side down

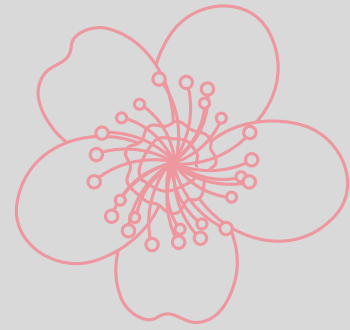


Stitch the 3 layers together
Check & press





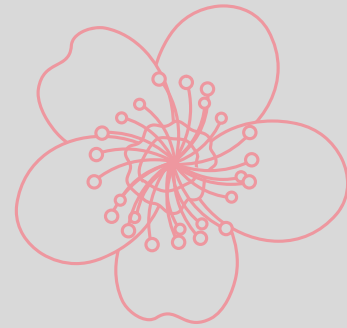
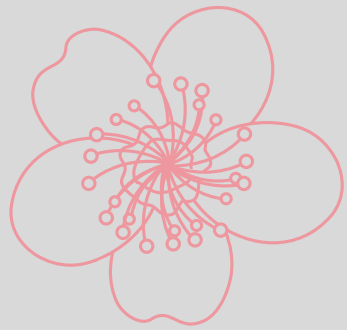
Make sure your sewing is even



- 4** At this point check your sewing is even - this is important - at this stage it is easy to correct any mistakes before it is too late.



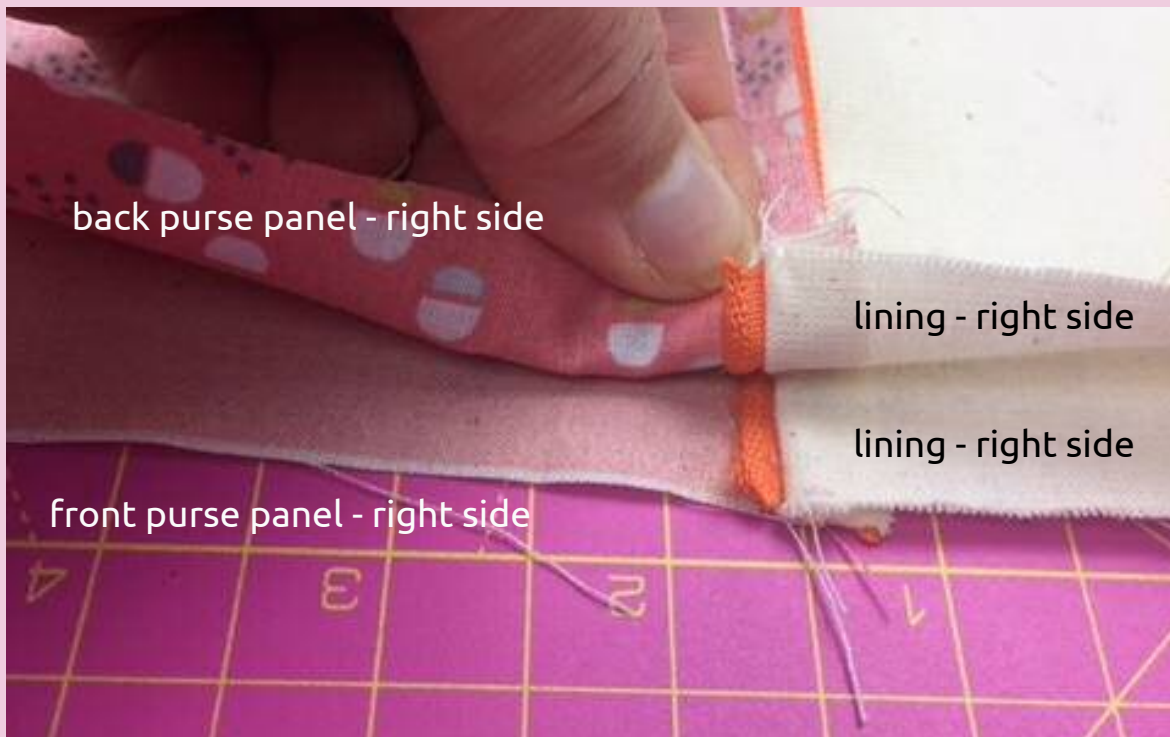
Make sure all seam allowance is even & lines up .



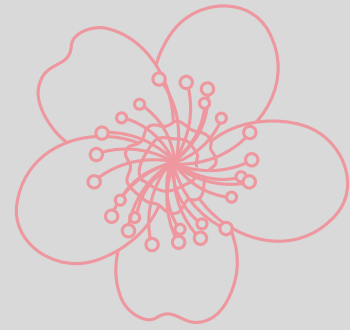
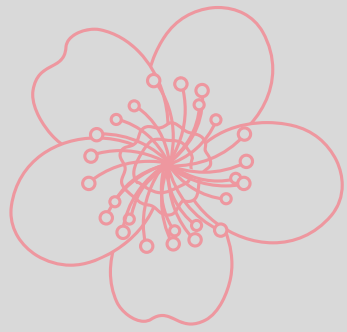
Position the zip seam allowance

4 Pull out the fabric layers as shown with all wrong sides of each fabric piece to the outside - this means that all right sides are together. The front panel and back panel should face each other and the lining pieces should also face each other.

The seam allowance should be even and should face towards the lining. The exposed zip tape ends should face in the direction they naturally lie, i.e towards the front and back panel pieces.



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Position the zip seam allowance

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At the opposite end of the zip, make sure the seam allowance matches up and the zip lies as shown. Use clips to hold the zip ends in place.

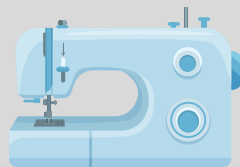


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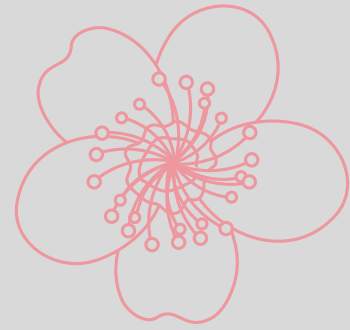
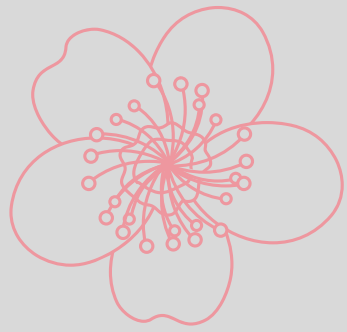
Sewing the outside seams

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Now make sure your zip is open - so that you can turn the bag through easily after the next step. Stitch all the way around the bag, leaving a small gap in the lining side seam so that you can pop your hand in and turn the bag through. Take care to make sure the zip tape is lying flat and has not turned back on itself and that your seam allowances are flat and even.



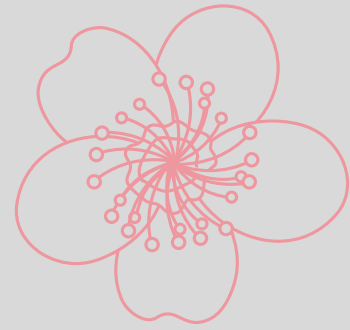
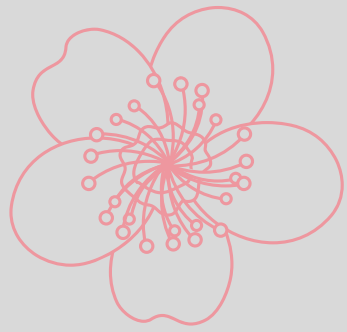
Stitch all the way around the bag taking 1 cm or 3/4 inch seam allowance and leave a gap.



Closing the gap

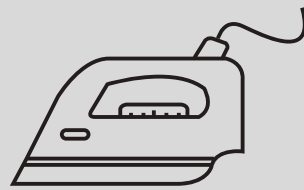
- 7** Now the bag or purse can be turned through so that you can stitch the gap closed with a hand stitched or a machine stitch - it's up to you.





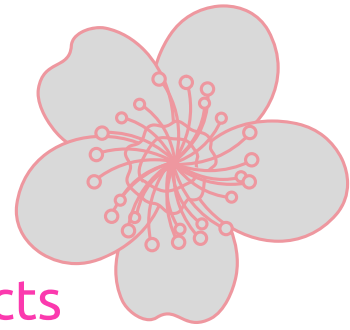
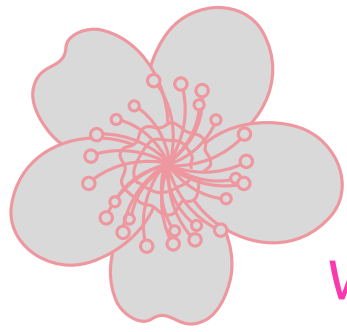
Finishing the bag

- 8 Turn through the bag / purse, pull the corners into position and press gently to finish .



You have finished your wabi-sabi bag/purse - why not try one of our other project - all available on our web site

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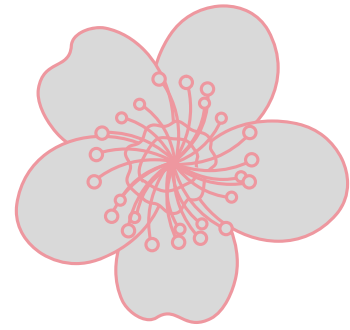
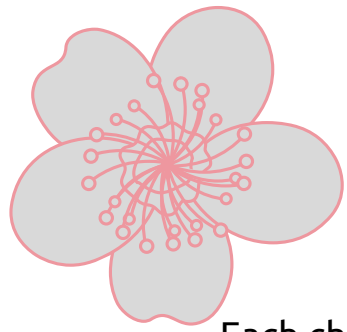
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We also have kits for our doll outfits, and each doll has it's own unique fabric and specially designed t-shirt.



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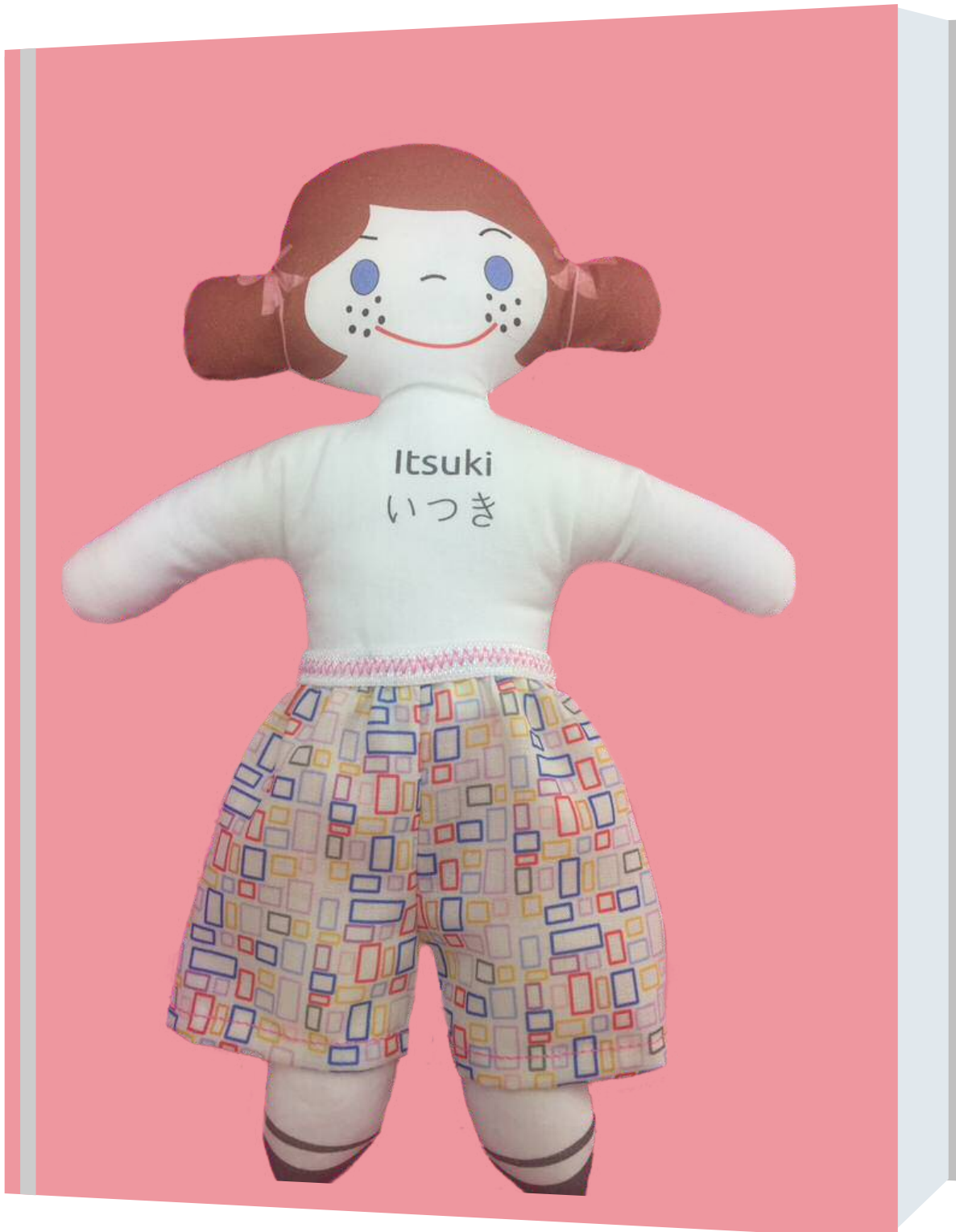
Itsuku wearing a unique t-shirt design and shorts made in a favorite fabric.



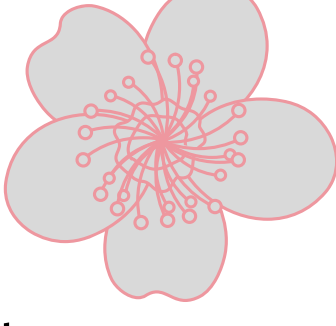
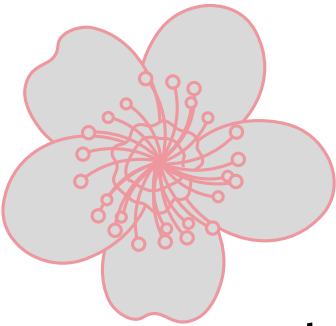
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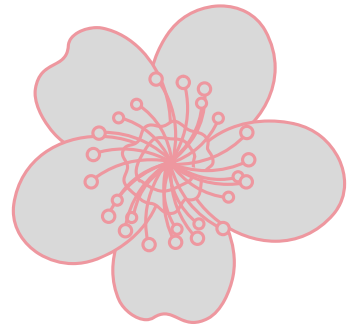
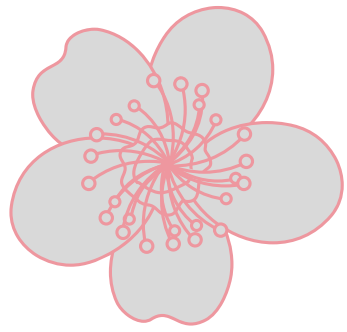
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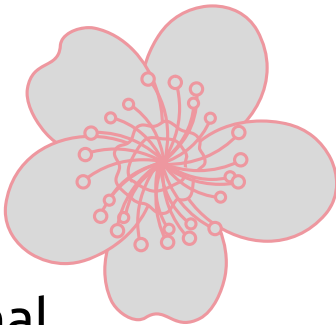
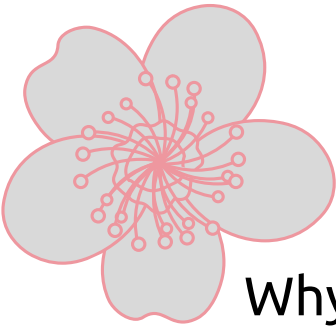


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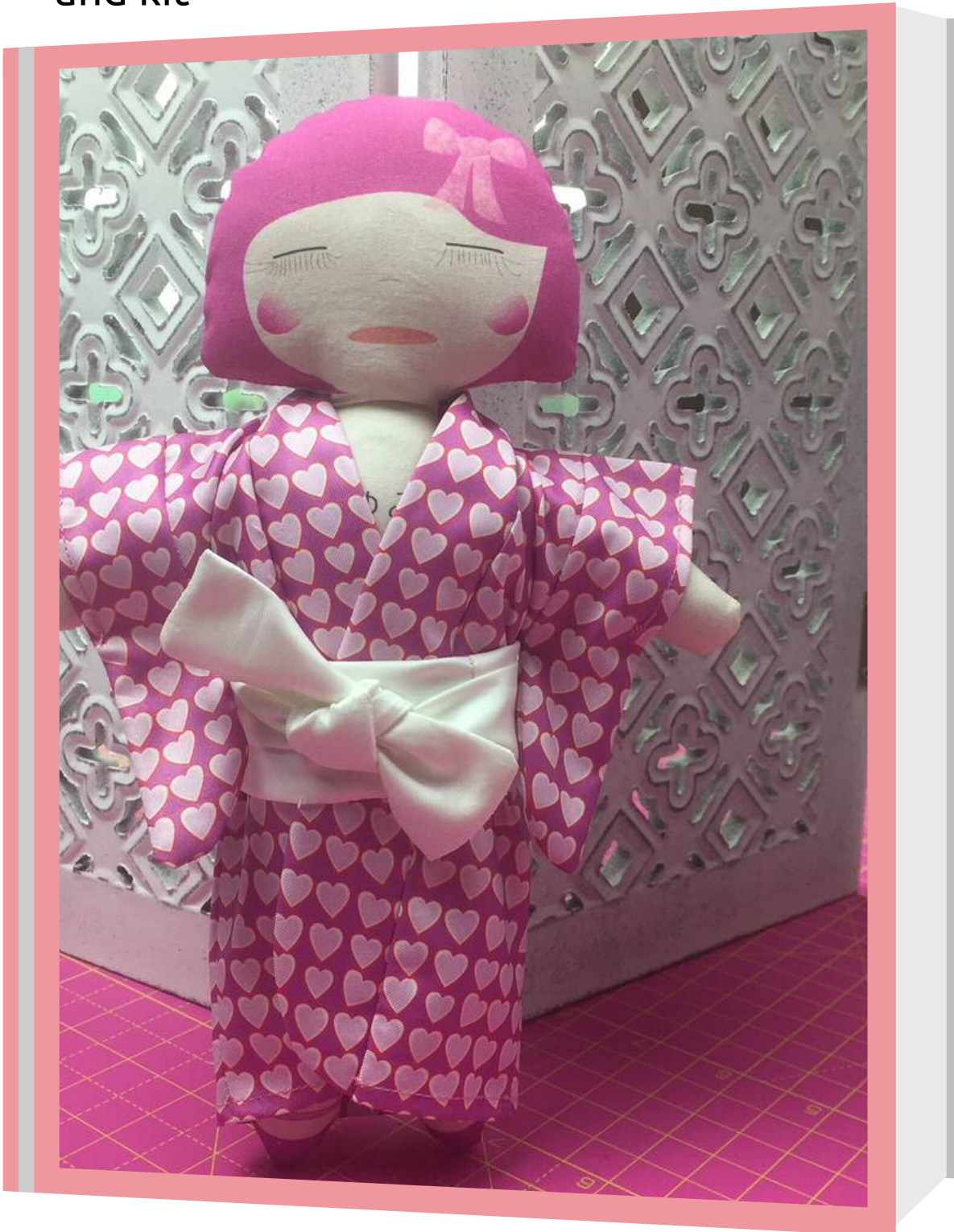


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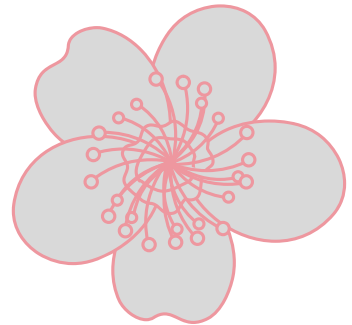
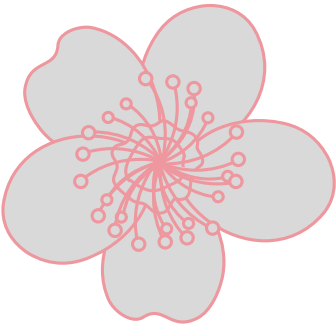




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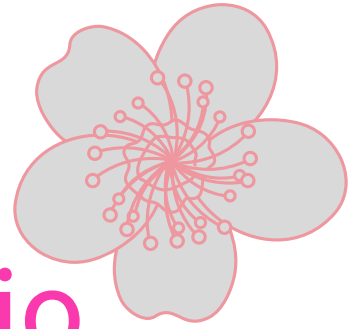
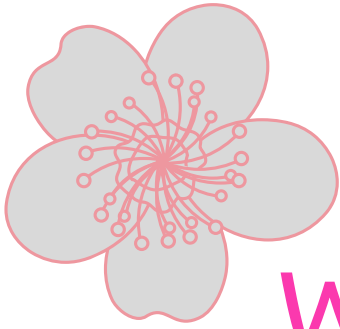
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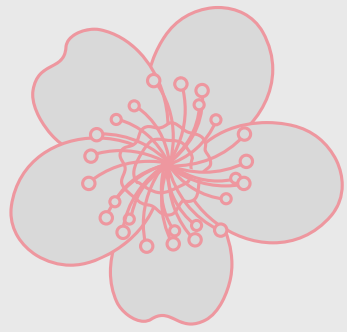
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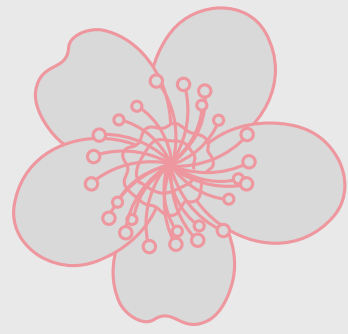
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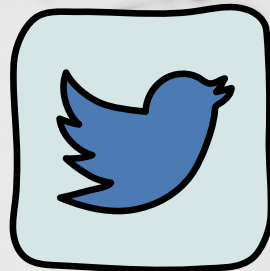
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