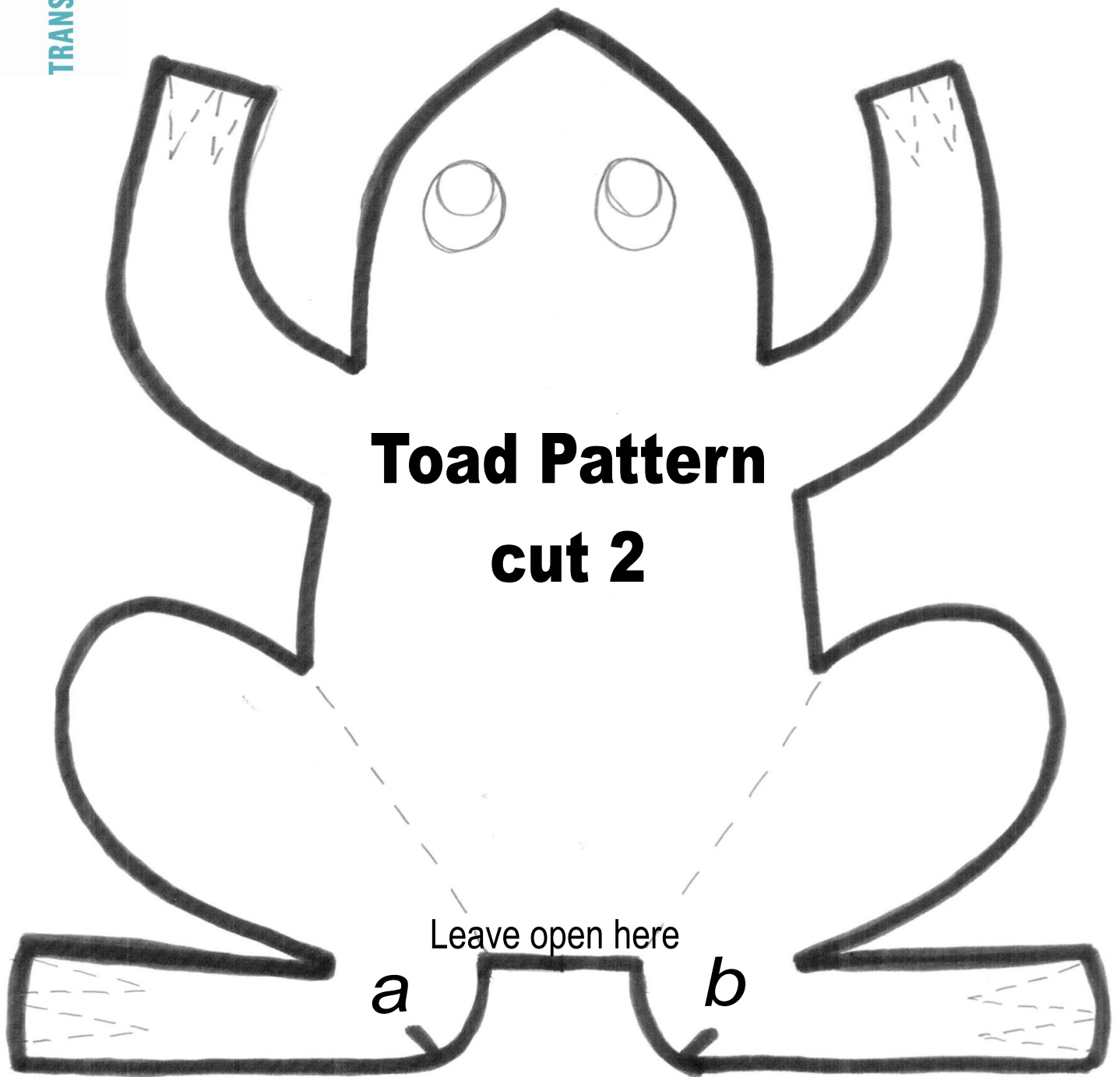


# Swineshead Toad (easier version)

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To make your toad:-

1. Sew two body pieces together all round, leaving a gap from a to b.
2. Stuff body and sew up opening. (You can use rice or lentils for a beanbag type toad).
3. Stitch along the line of dashes, making a crease.
4. Sew on felt, bead or button eyes.

To decorate you can add sequins, beads, buttons, embroidery etc. If you wish to use machine embroidery, decorate toad pieces while flat, before sewing together.

We aim to have hundreds of toads made by June 2016 to display at the Swineshead Pageant. Local tradition states that in October 1216 King John stayed overnight at Swineshead Abbey. It was here that Simon the Monk used poison collected from a toad's back to kill the King (allegedly!).

You can upload a photo of your completed toad to the "Swineshead Pageant" facebook page and also bring it along to the Pageant on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Details will be in local press, on the Transported website and on the facebook page nearer the time.

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## Common toad

*(Bufo bufo)* **Up to 10cm long**



A warty skinned amphibian, generally various shades of brown. Males are smaller than females. Toads are common in gardens and are mostly nocturnal. They feed on invertebrates – insects, slugs, worms and snails. Toads hibernate from October and November until March or April. They lay their spawn in long strings which are attached to vegetation. The common toad has poison glands that help to protect them from would be predators.

If you need help with making your toad, please email Julie on [zoomorphia@btinternet.com](mailto:zoomorphia@btinternet.com) or call 01909 485497. You can photocopy these pages as often as you like and pass them on to your friends.

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