Directions for making the bag for Billy and Charlie's pewter framed coin purse

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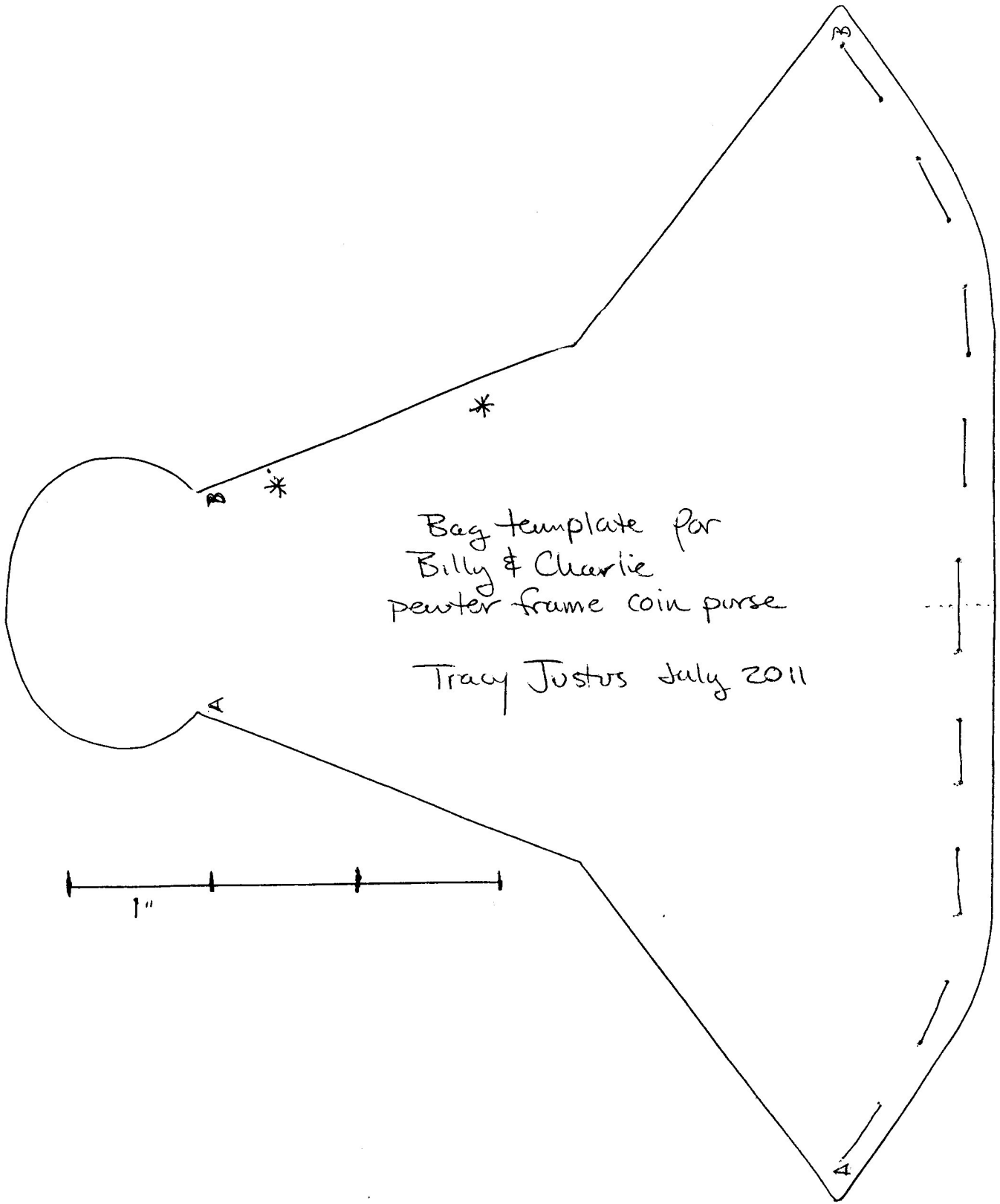

Materials: 8"x10" piece of fabric for shell
          8"x10" piece of fabric for lining
          15" of 1/16" to 1/4" ribbon ribbon
          2 very small or 1 larger bead, sized so that 2 lenghts of ribbon fit snuggly inside
          2 tassels
          Thread to match shell fabric

Fabric suggestions: lightweight (handkerchief) linen; tropical weight wool. Avoid stiff or thick fabrics. With fabrics that fray easily, use Fraychek or a similar product.

1. Cut out template.

2. Lay template on wrong side of lining. Lightly trace around template with pencil or pen.

3. Pin lining to shell fabric right sides together.

4. Using a short machine stitch, carefully stitch on top of traced line. Leave about a 1 ½" gap (between ** on the template) for turning.

5. Trim seam allowance to 1/8", clipping outside corners and snipping inside corners.

6. Turn right side out and iron flat.

7. Run the ribbon drawstring along the long curved edge. Thread a large needle with the ribbon and make running stitches along the edge as indicated on the template. The first stitch should start on the lining side and the last stitch end on the lining side. Remove the needle and knot both ends of the ribbon. Make sure the fabric is flat. Pull the slack out of the drawstring at the center stitch and snip the ribbon in half. Thread both ribbon ends through the bead(s) and knot the ends. The beads will act as slides to help keep the bag closed.

8. Lay the pewter frame against the right side of the lid and hand stitch the curved edge of the frame to the outside edge of the fabric, being careful to keep the frame even. Fold the lid down and stitch across the four horizontal holes, going through all layers of fabric (lid plus back of bag).

9. Fold the fabric to bring the corner to the base of the lid and hand stitch from the bag opening to the corner (A to A and B to B). Be sure to catch the lining at the opening where the bag was turned.

10. Attach tassels to the corners.

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Bag template for
Billy & Charlie
pewter frame coin purse

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