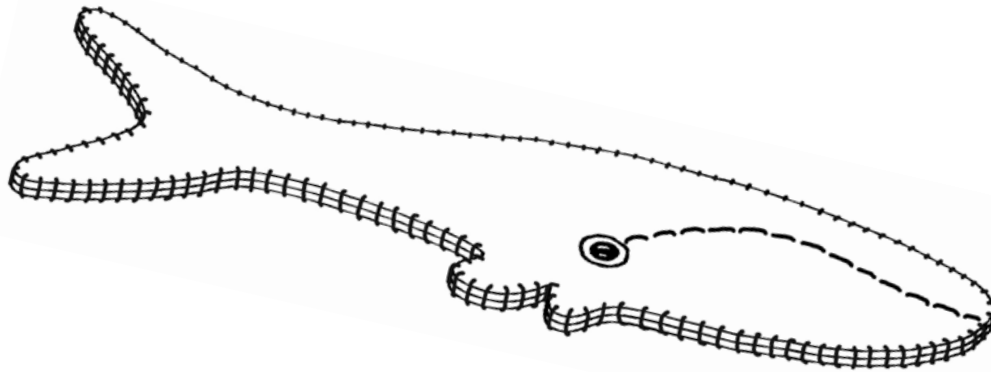# Make a whale bookmark

Here are the instructions to make your own Southern Right Whale bookmark.

**Please note:** Adult supervision is recommended for this activity. Also, this activity requires blanket, and back stitching. Ask an adult for help with these or there are simple tutorials online.



What you will need:

- Photocopy of your chosen template. These are on page 3.

- Black or white felt material. You will need enough to cut out 2 of your chosen pattern.

- Black or white cotton. Use black cotton if you are making a white whale, or white cotton if you are making a black whale.

- A sewing needle

- Scissors

- Sewing pins

- A piece of dressmaker's chalk (make sure you have a colour that can be seen on black or white felt)

- Two little eyes

- Craft glue (suitable for attaching the eyes to the felt)

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# TEMPLATES

Instructions:

1.  Cut out the pattern you wish to use (large or small).

2.  Lay the pattern on a piece of felt and pin it in place.

3.  Slowly cut around the pattern, then remove it and repeat this process so you have two whale pieces. Keep your paper pattern as you will need it in step 6.

4.  Place the two pieces of felt together and carefully use a few pins to secure them to each other.

5.  Thread your needle with cotton and use a blanket stitch to sew around the outside of the whale. (see Fig. 1)

Fig 1

6.  On your paper pattern (not your felt whale), carefully cut a slit along the 'mouth' line.

7.  Lay your pattern on the whale again and use dressmaker's chalk to draw a line along the mouth slit (so you can see this on the felt).

8.  Thread your needle again and sew a back stitch along the mouth line. You might need to turn the whale over when you have finished one side and do the other. (see Fig. 2)

Fig 2

9.  Lastly, take the two eyes and glue one on each side of your bookmark. Place them at the end of your mouth stitch (see Fig. 3)
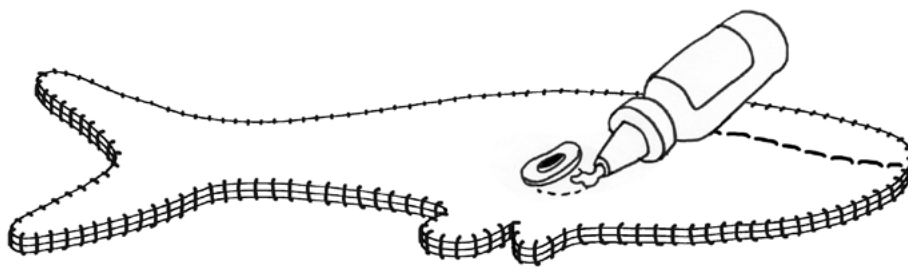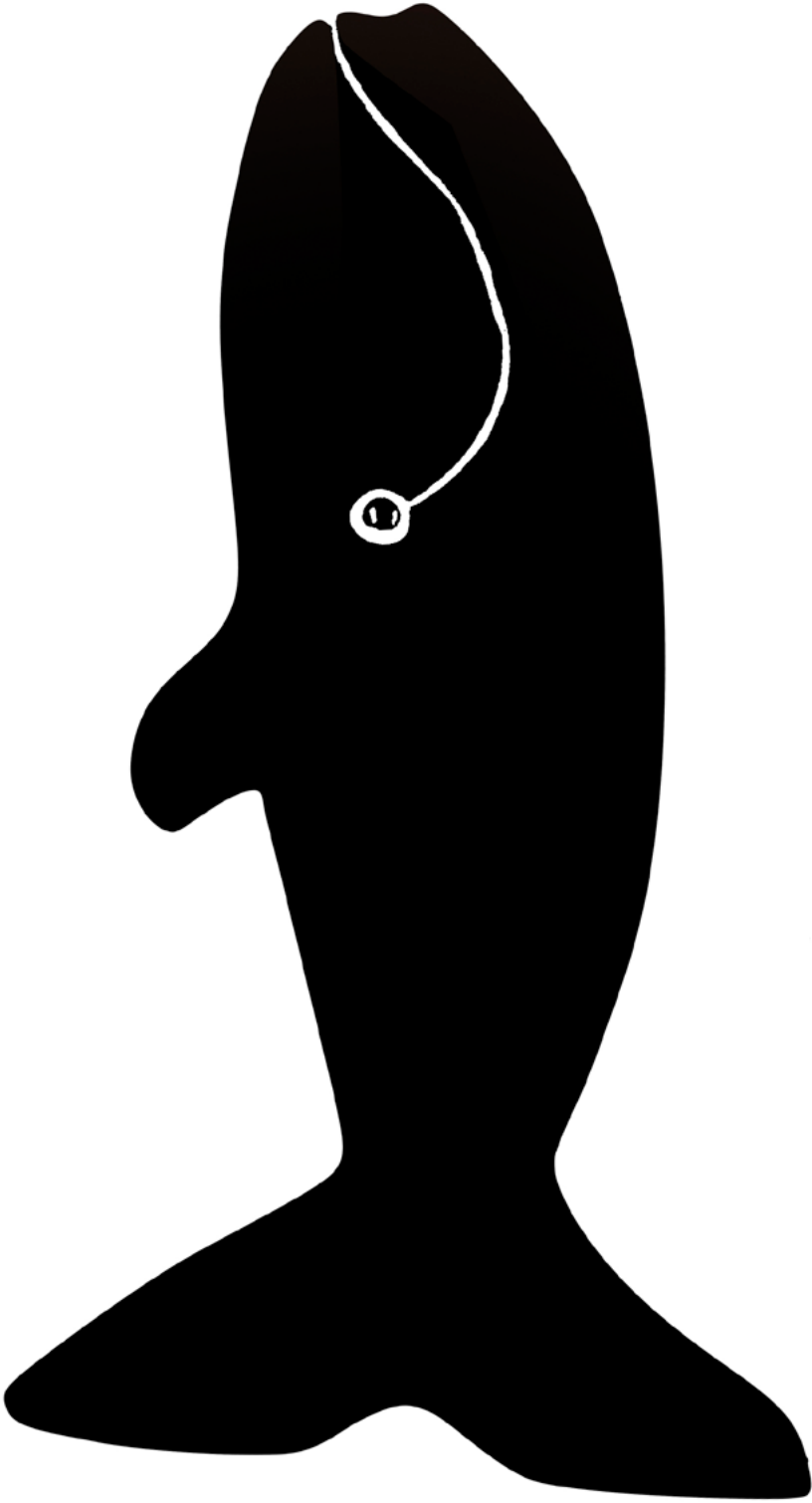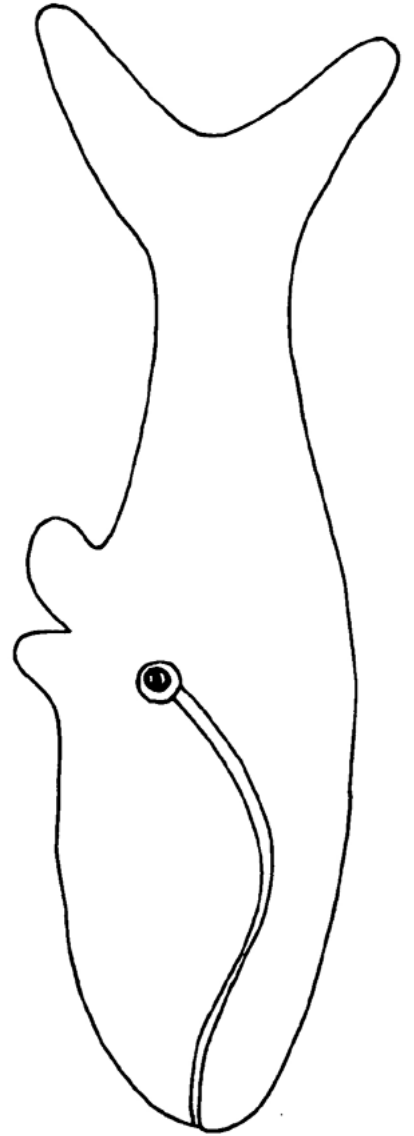
Fig 3

Your whale bookmark is now ready to slip into your favourite book or give to a family member or friend.

Template 1

Template 2