



# JINNY BEYER STUDIO

## Quilt Patterns

With right sides together, pin the base (F) to the bottom edge of the doorstop, matching the notches on the base with the critter side seams. Sew the base to the critter in two seams: stitch from one notch to the opposite notch, locking the stitches at both ends. Repeat on the other side of the base.

*Make the Tail.* Pin the two tail pieces right sides together and stitch, leaving open the straight end where the tail will meet the body. Turn the tail right side out.

*Clip & Turn.* Carefully trim the points of the ears close to the stitching, and clip the inside angles of the ears, the curve of the back and the front foot. Turn the critter right side out. Use a wooden skewer or similar tool to carefully push into the ears until they are completely turned and are pointed.

*Stuff.* Firmly stuff the critter head and body as far as the opening, and stuff the foot tightly. Stuff the tail and baste the raw edge shut. (The cat tail should not be stuffed too tightly as it must be bent forward to the front of the body.)

*Insert Weight.* Fill the two quart plastic bags half full with sand or cat litter. Push all the air out of the bags and seal. Work the bags into the cavity of the critter. (You may have to remove stuffing to accommodate the bags and/or add stuffing after they are in place.

*Add Tail.* Whip stitch the body opening closed, leaving an opening at the bottom for the tail: 1 1/2" for the cat or 3" for the dog. Insert the tail into the opening and whip stitch it closed. Bend the tail toward the front of the cat or toward the back of the dog. Tack the tip of the tail firmly to the body.

### Project Requirements (2 Critters)

- Two fat quarters for critter back, base, tail (one per critter)
- Ten shaded fat eighths and one very dark fat eighth for critter front
- 1/3 yard of border print fabric

*For each critter, you will also need:*

- Firm batting, approximately 24" x 30"
- Cotton or Poly stuffing
- Two quart-size, zipper-closure plastic freezer bags
- About 10 cups cat litter or sand
- Template plastic or freezer paper
- Walking foot for sewing machine (optional)

*Critters finish approx. 14" tall*

## Critter Doorstops

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*This crazy cat and patchwork puppy make fun gifts. They sit upright and are heavy enough to hold a door open. When completed, each stands about 14 inches tall. Instructions are for making one critter, but there is sufficient fabric to make two so you don't have to choose!*

Please read the entire pattern before beginning. All seam allowances are  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch.

### General Method

The base fabric for the front of the critter is made from four sections cut from a strip-pieced panel, four pieces of border print stripe, and a strip of half-square triangles. Once all those elements are sewn together, you will use either the full-size dog or cat pattern to cut out the shape. The base, tail and back are cut from a single piece of quilted fabric.

### Step 1: Make Templates

Enlarge pattern pieces A - D, and your choice of the complete cat or dog, 200%. E, F and G are provided full size and do not need to be enlarged.

Using template plastic or freezer paper, make templates of the complete critter, plus the E and F corresponding to your choice of dog or cat. Transfer the collar lines (Border Print 2) from the critter pattern to the template.

Template G on page 4 is full size; do not enlarge. Copy it to template plastic, transferring the markings.

### Step 2: Prepare & Cut Fabric Pieces

*Batting.* Cut one measuring 18" x 20" (for critter back, base and tail), and one 11" x 24" (for strip-pieced fabric).

*Fabric 1.* Cut one measuring 18" x 20" for critter back, base and tail.

*Fabrics 2-11.* Cut one strip measuring  $1\frac{3}{8}$ " x 22" from each fabric, and cut one Template G triangle from each of the nine lightest fabrics.

*Fabric 12.* Cut five squares measuring  $2\frac{1}{8}$ ". Cut each on the diagonal once to make ten triangles; only nine are used.

*Fabric 13.* Cut two narrow and two wide border stripes including a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch seam allowance on each side. From each stripe, cut one piece 12" long.

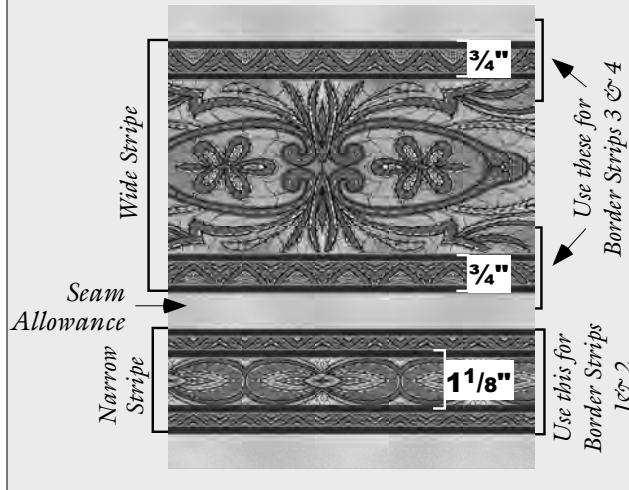
Referring to the *Note on Cutting Border Print Strips*, trim the width of the strips to match the guidelines.

### Note on Cutting Border Print Strips

Jinny Beyer's border print fabrics all have narrow and wide stripes but the width of these stripes vary from design to design. The pattern has been written to accommodate these variations. Regardless of the fabric you are using:

- for Border Strips 1 and 2, choose a section of the narrow stripe that will finish approximately 1"- $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wide
- for Border Strips 3 and 4, always use the very narrow design stripe that is printed on both long sides of the wide stripe. The size will vary but it should always be approximately  $\frac{3}{8}$ " -  $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide.
- try to incorporate into the finished size of the strip the dark line that outlines the section of the border print you are using. It provides an excellent sewing guide and gives a strong visual edge to the strip when sewn.

Here's an example using one of Jinny's border print fabrics. Note that the  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance required on both long sides may incorporate the seam allowance area between the stripes or a printed area of the stripe itself.



### Step 3: Make Triangle Strip & Stripset

*Triangle Strip.* Sew a Fabric 12 triangle to the nine G-triangles along the long side to make nine squares measuring  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " including seam allowance.

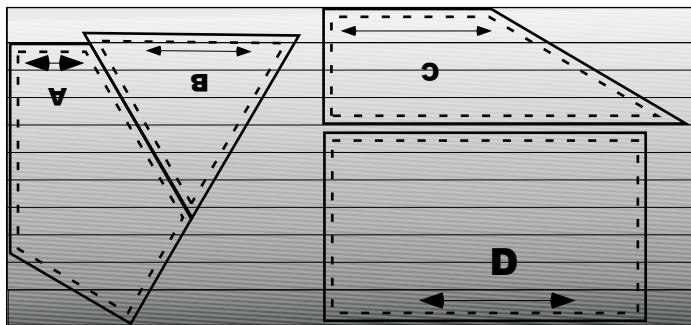


Sew the squares together into a strip measuring  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " x  $11\frac{3}{4}$ ".



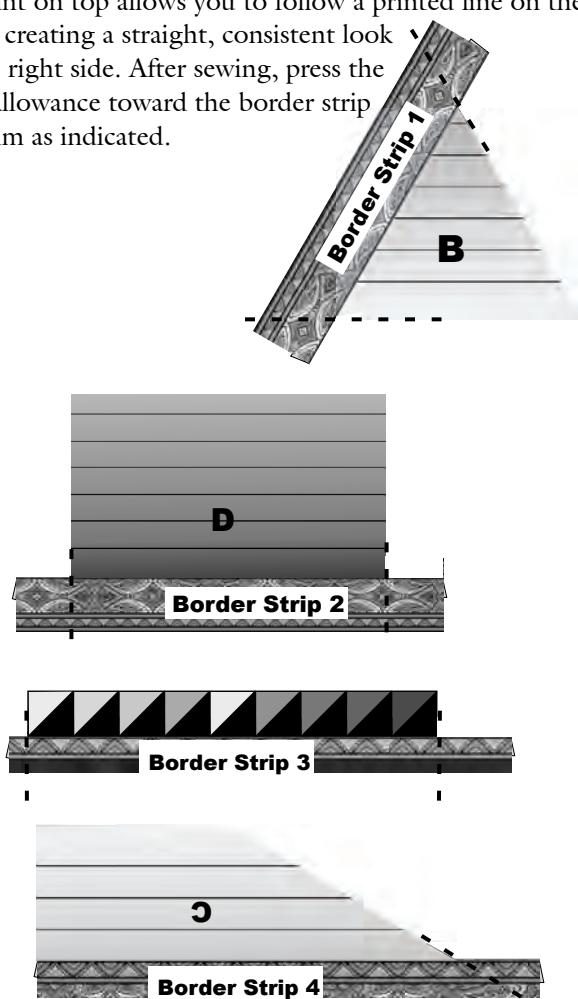
**Stripset.** Arrange the strips in order, 2-11. Place the Fabric 2 strip right-side up on the batting, aligning the long sides. Place the Fabric 3 strip on top of Fabric 2, right sides together. Sew the long inside edges together through all three layers. Open the strip and press toward the batting. Repeat for the remaining strips. (A walking foot is helpful when sewing these seams.) Trim the batting and strips even.

Following the diagram below, arrange Templates A, B, C and D on the strip-pieced fabric and cut one of each.



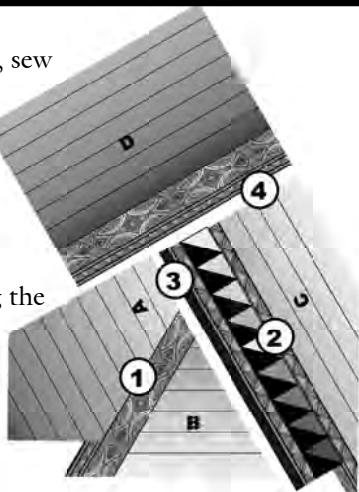
#### Step 4: Make Front Panel

Referring to the illustrations below, sew the border strips to the sections made in the previous step. Sewing with the border print on top allows you to follow a printed line on the fabric, creating a straight, consistent look on the right side. After sewing, press the seam allowance toward the border strip and trim as indicated.

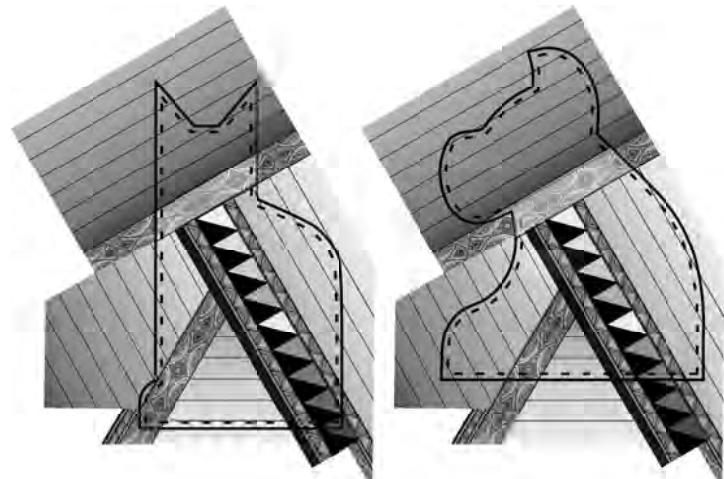


Referring to the illustration, sew the units together in the order indicated to make a panel for the critter front. Always sew with the border strip on top, and press the seam allowance toward the border strip before stitching the next seam.

Press the entire panel. Add any additional quilting or embellishments as desired.



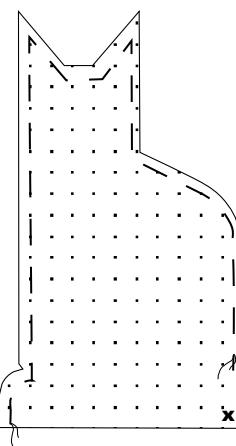
Place the full-size critter template on the panel, lining up the collar markings with the border strip. Mark around the template, then cut out the critter shape on the lines.



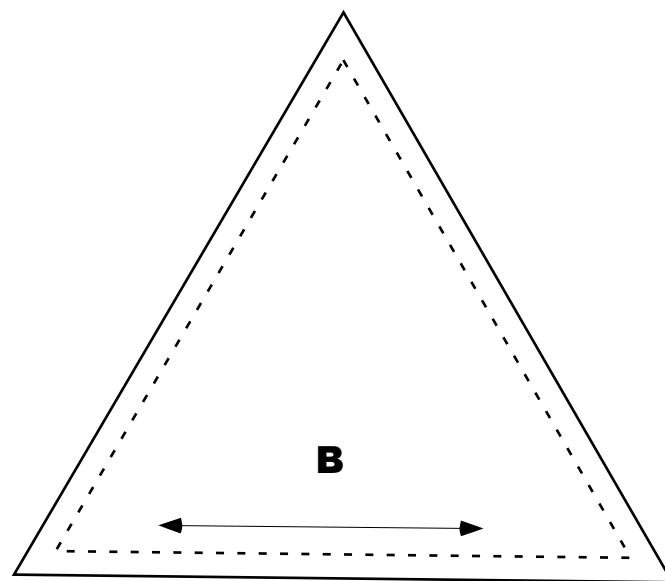
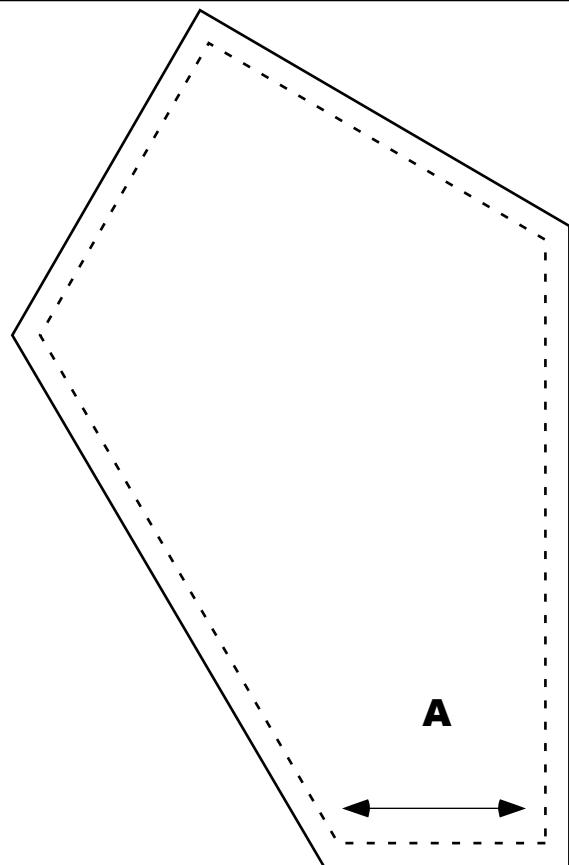
#### Step 5: Finish the Critter

Baste and quilt the 18" x 20" pieces of Fabric 1 and batting together. Quilt following the design on the fabric or in a simple grid pattern. Placing the templates on the **batting side**, mark and cut one F, two E and one full-size critter.

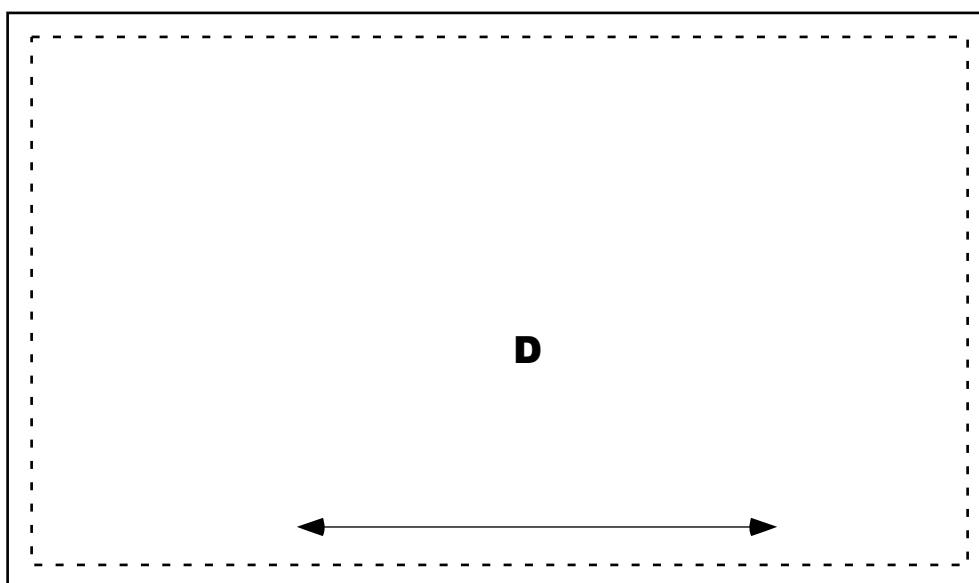
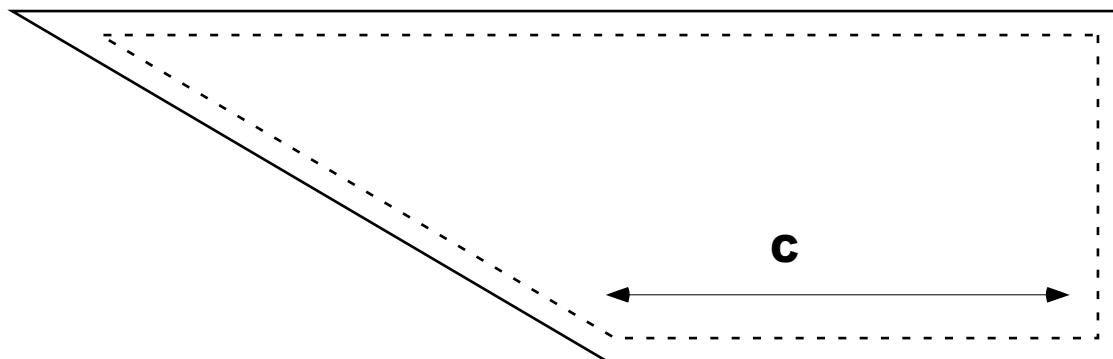
**Sew Critter & Base.** With right sides together, pin the critter front and back pieces together. Begin stitching at the bottom of the foot side and stitch towards the top and around, stopping about 4½" from the bottom, as in the diagram. Lock the stitches at the beginning and end of the seam. Tack the open edges together at the base of the critter (marked with an **x**) with one or two secure stitches.



Instructions continue on back cover.



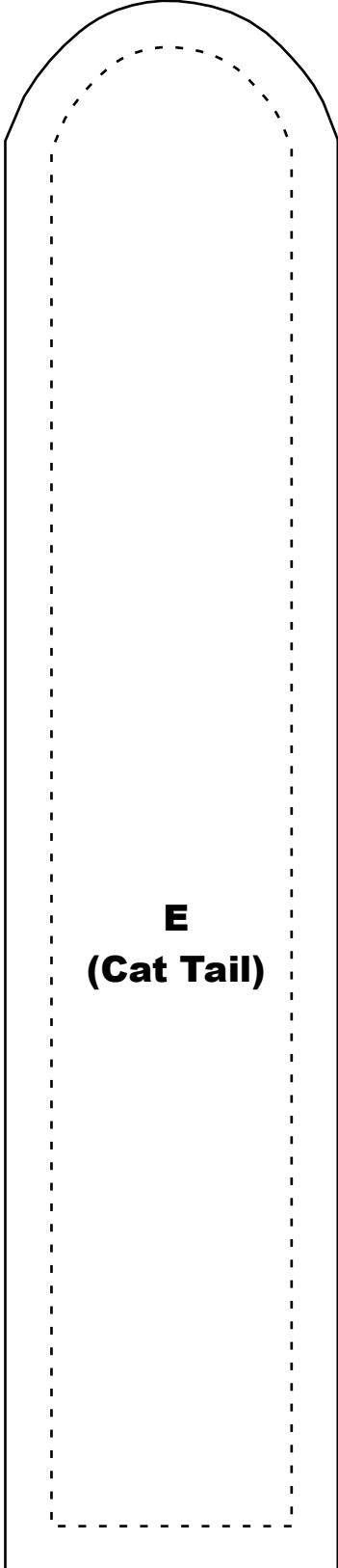
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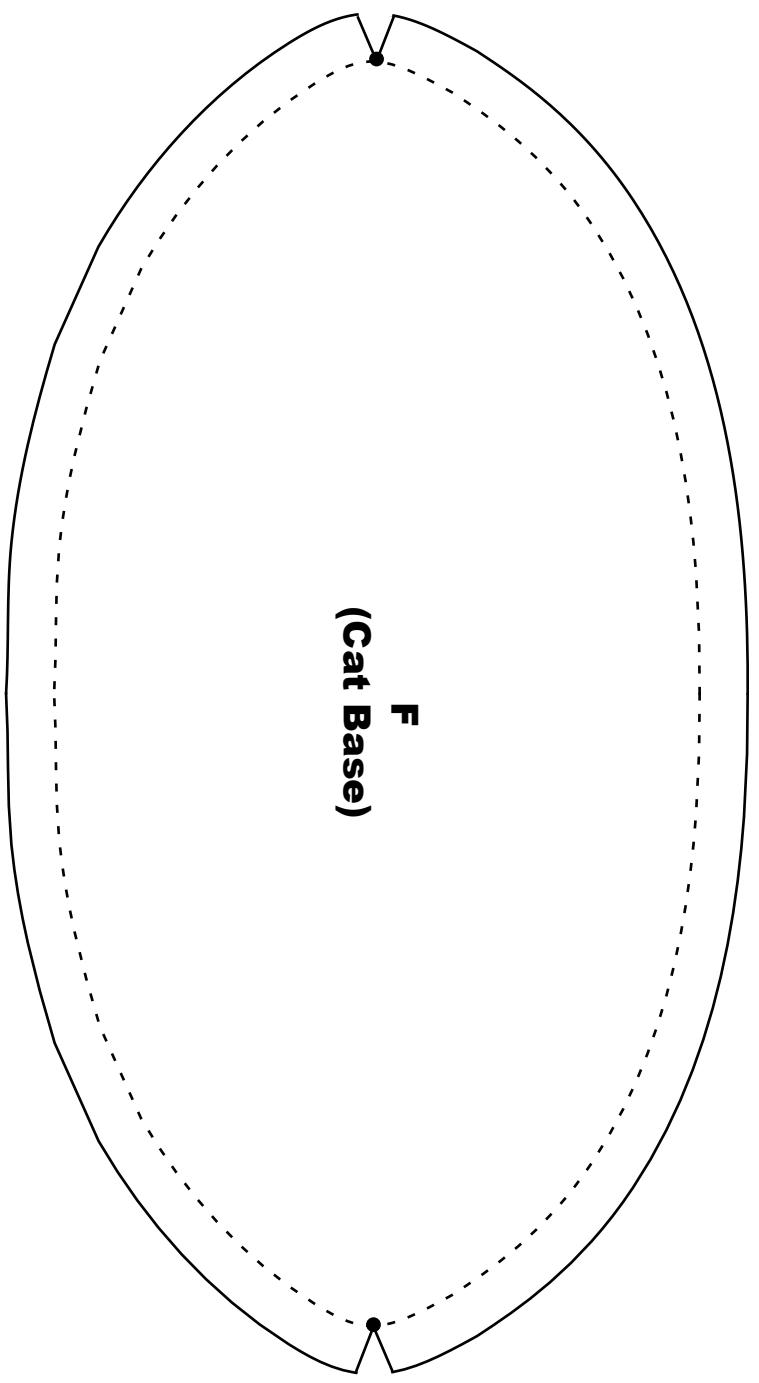
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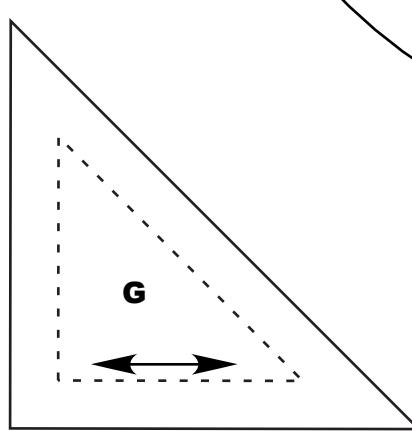
**E**  
**(Cat Tail)**

Template E is a vertical rectangle with a semi-circular top. The top edge is solid, while the bottom edge is dashed. A small dashed square is located at the bottom right corner.



**F**  
**(Cat Base)**

Template F is a large semi-circle with a solid top edge and a dashed bottom edge. Two small black dots are located on the solid top edge, one near the top and one near the bottom.



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must be enlarged 200%.*

