

Bot Camp Miniquilts

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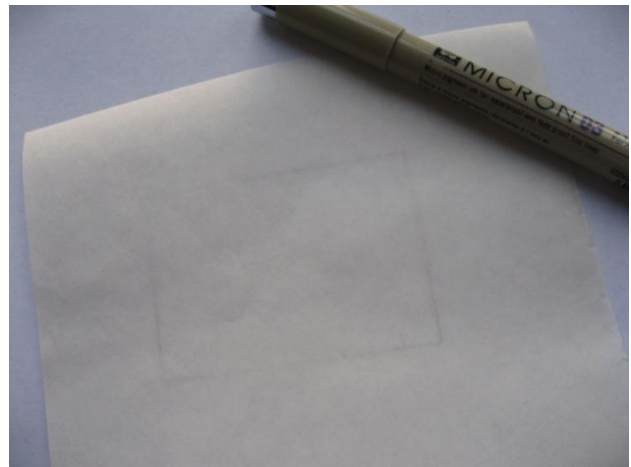


These miniquilts are 8" x 10". Templates are located at the end of this tutorial.

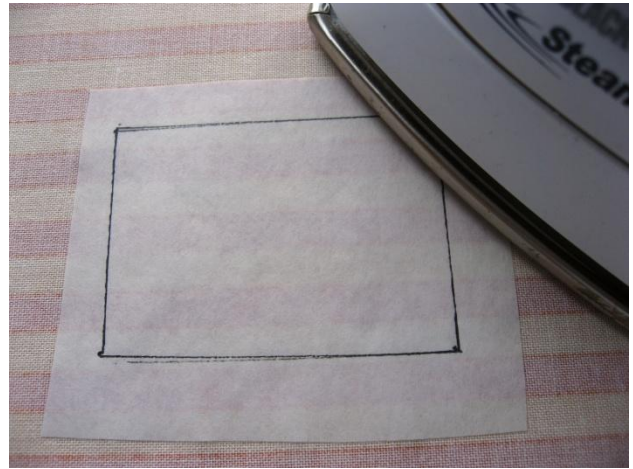
Applique the Quilt Top:

When you use fusible web to appliqué, it's important that your pattern is printed in mirror image. *The templates at the end of this tutorial are already mirror images of the quilts above.*

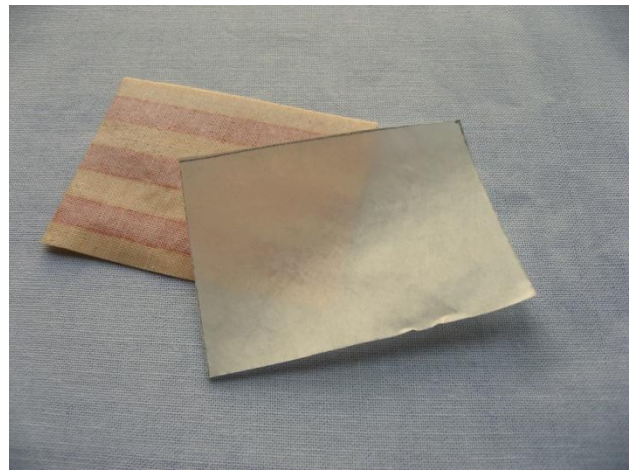
Cut your piece of fusible web a little larger than the pattern. Place it sticky side down (paper side up) on top of the pattern you wish to trace. Use a marker or pencil to do your tracing.



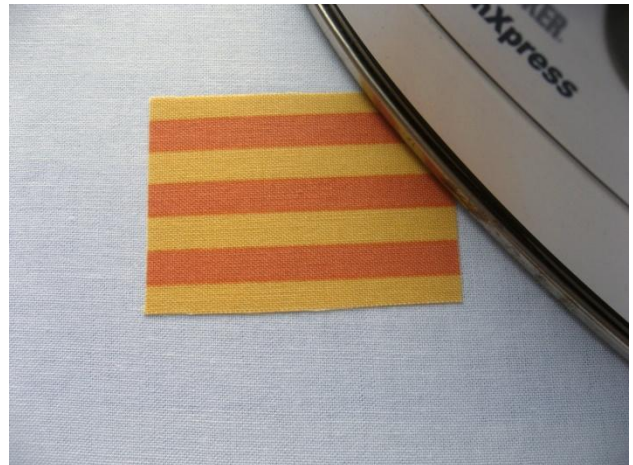
Place the fabric wrong side up on your ironing board. Place the fusible web sticky side down on top of the fabric, and iron (follow the manufacturer's directions).



Peel off the paper backing. You have just turned the fabric into an iron-on patch that will adhere to fabric and will not fray around the edges.



Position your appliqué piece onto your base fabric and iron it in place.



When it cools, stitch around the edges as pictured. You may use any variety of decorative stitches you wish.



Quilt It:

To create a quilt sandwich, place the quilt top face up on top of a piece of batting and backing fabric, which should be wrong side up. The batting and backing fabric should be cut so that they are larger than the quilt top. This allows for shifting that naturally occurs when quilting.



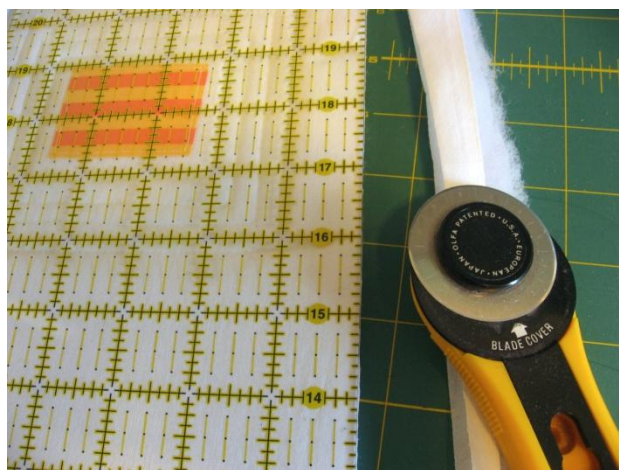
The miniquilts above use a method called echo quilting, in which the quilting outlines the basic shape of the design feature. The feed dogs do not need to be lowered, and you don't need to change your presser foot. Simply use your presser foot edge as a guide and trace around the subject. When you get to a corner and need to turn, stop sewing (with your needle in the down position), raise your presser foot, rotate the miniquilt, lower the presser foot and continue sewing.



When you've traced around once, do it again. Keep going until you've filled in all the white space.



Using a straight edge and rotary cutter, cut your miniquilt to the desired size. Make sure to square the edges.



Create Binding:

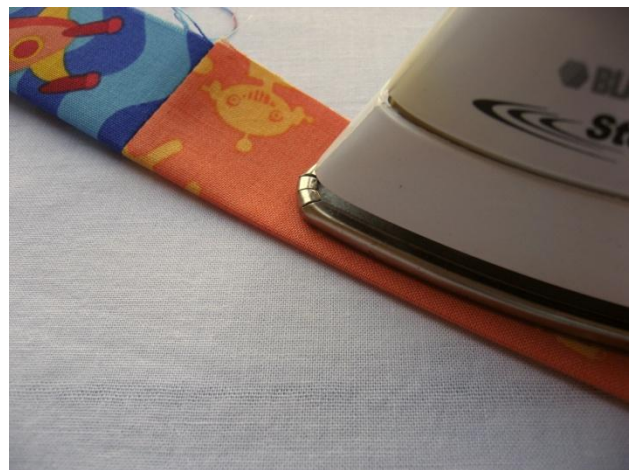
I used straight-grain binding (NOT bias) for these quilts, although bias binding may be used too. Cut strips that are 2-1/2" wide and as long as desired. Sew them together as pictured.



Iron them open at the seam.

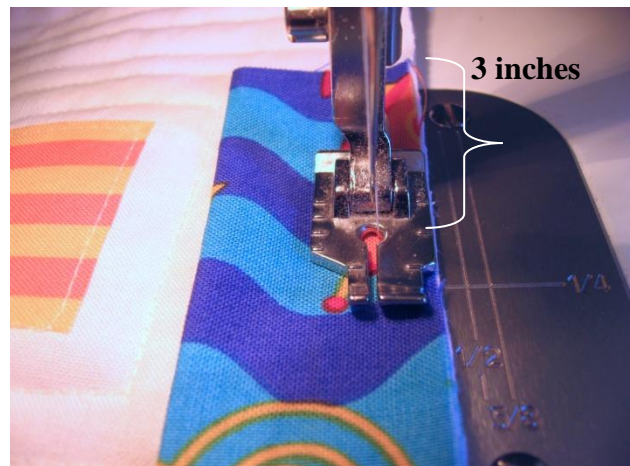


Fold raw edges together with wrong sides facing and iron flat.



Attach the Binding:

The binding needs to be attached to the front of the quilt using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Start somewhere near the center of one side. Do not sew the first 3 inches of the binding.

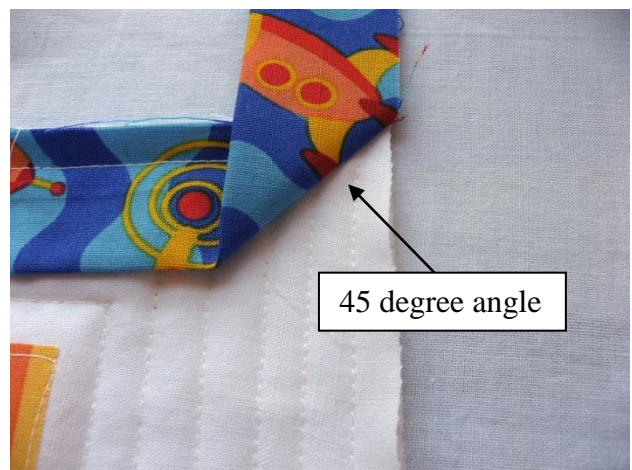


Create a Mitered Corner:

Stop sewing $\frac{1}{4}$ " shy of the corner. Backstitch to reinforce, and then remove the quilt from your machine.



Fold the binding up and away to create a 45 degree angle, as pictured. Fingerpress flat.



Hold the angle in position and fold the binding down on top of it, lining up the raw edges to the edge of the quilt. Pin in place.



Continue sewing the binding starting at the very top edge of the corner.



Finish the Binding:

Stop sewing about 3 inches before you get to the beginning of the binding and remove the quilt from the machine. Fold the beginning binding in on itself about an inch and iron flat. Tuck the end of the binding into the beginning. Continue sewing on the binding.



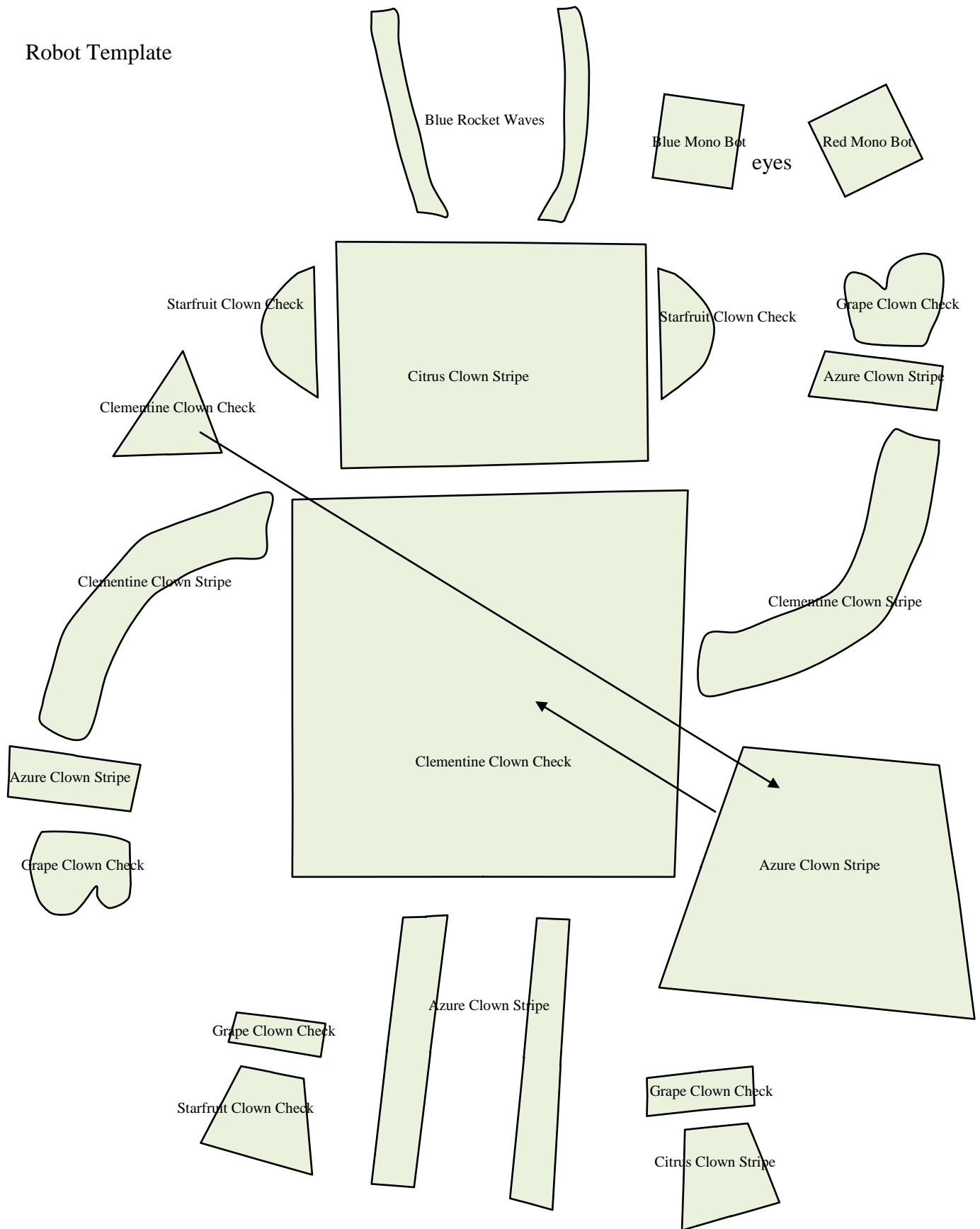
Iron the front of the binding and then flip it over to the back. Using a blind-hem stitch, sew the binding on the back. Use the 1/4" seam allowance on the back as your guide.



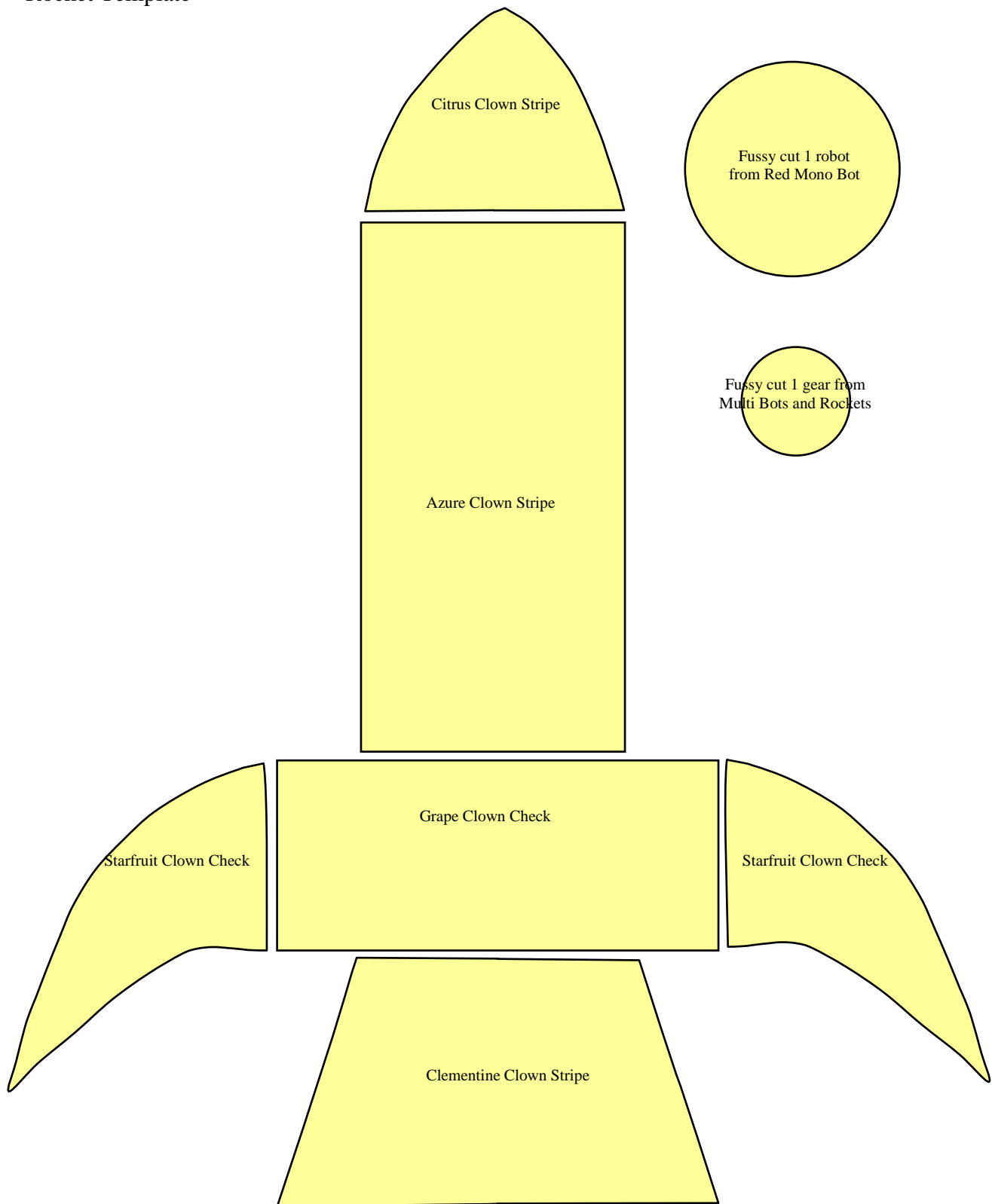
When you get to the corner, make an extra stitch or two to make the mitered corner stay put. ♦



Robot Template



Rocket Template



Sprocket Template

