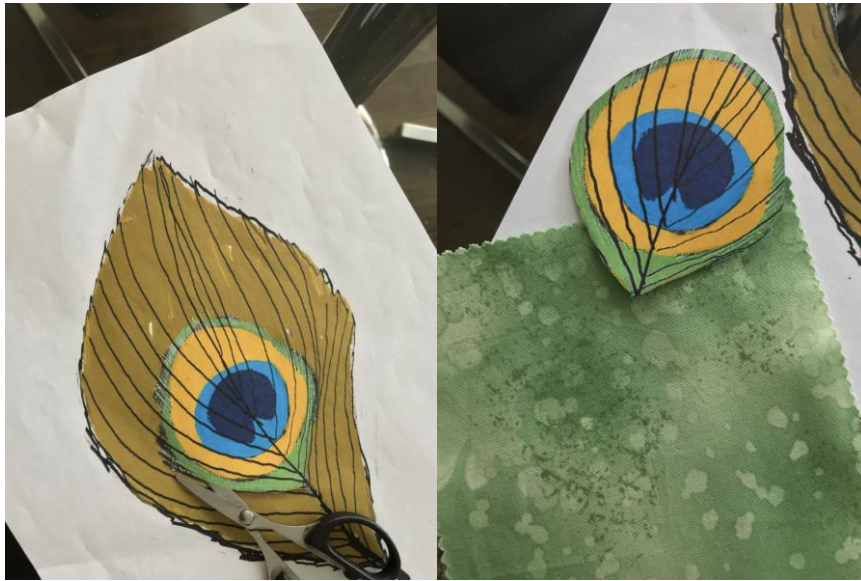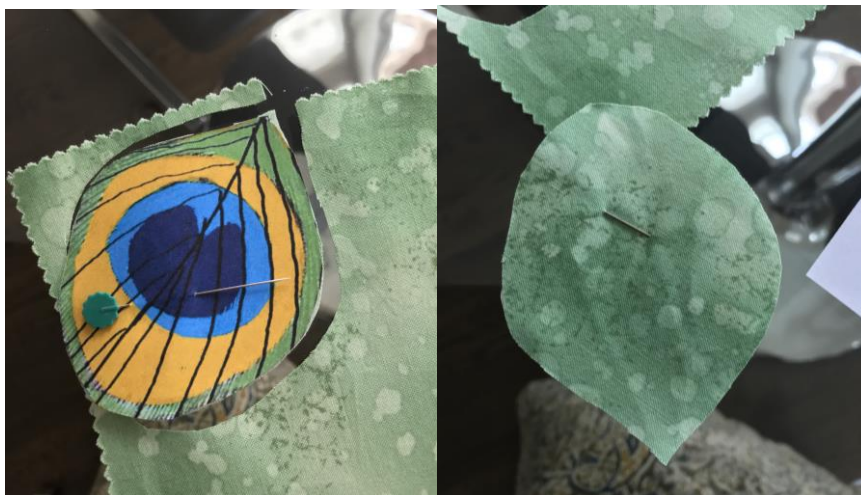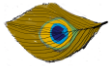## Cutting the Fabric

I am ready to start cutting out the fabric for the feather! Are you?

1. I first cut the fabric for the centre of the feather, which has the four colours from inside out–deep blue, light blue, deep yellow and green.
I begin with the outermost green portion of the centre of the coloured print out. I carefully insert my scissors along the outer outline of the green and cut out the entire centre.

2. I pin it on the **right side** of the green fabric and cut out the oval pointed piece. I do love this pretty green, don't you?
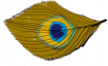
3. I now trim the centre of the print out to the next, yellow portion. I pin it on the **right** side of the yellow fabric and cut out the fabric, just like I did the green.
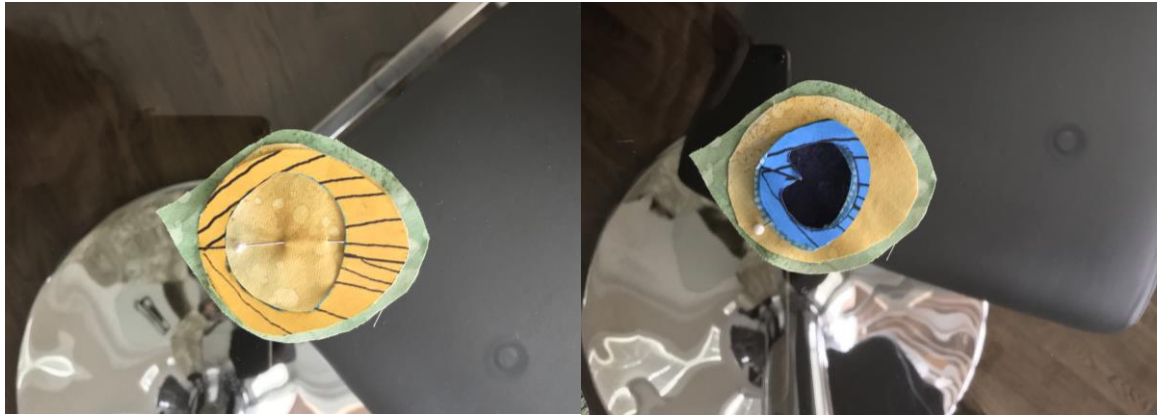

I could have printed the pattern on freezer paper and avoided the pinning! For a more complicated pattern, I would definitely use freezer paper. Then I could iron it on to the fabric instead of having to pin intricate pieces and struggling to keep them in place.

4. I pin the yellow piece in its place on top of the green one. To ensure that I have it correct, I place the green paper ring on top of the green fabric and then adjust the yellow fabric inside the ring.
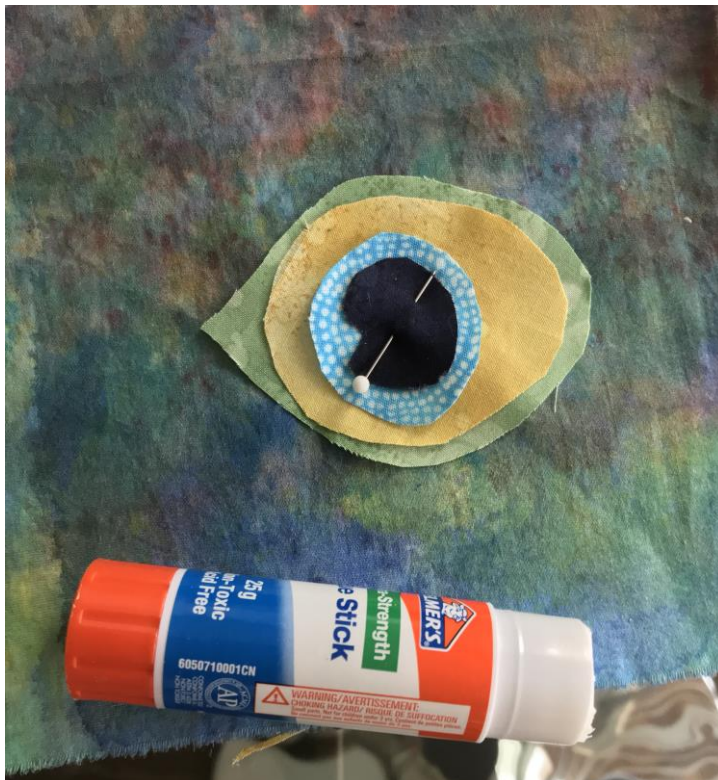
5. I am now ready for the next part of the centre, the light blue. Again, I trim away the yellow ring, cut out the light blue fabric and pin it in place. And so, the deep blue!

I finally have the entire centre fabric cut out and I place it on the fabric for the main body of the feather to see how it looks. Ooh, I do love this, I think that hand-dyed fabric is just so perfect for the peacock feather!

Before I sign off, I put the tiniest dab of glue on each layer of the centre so that it doesn't shift while I am away! Note that I am **not going to stick it** on the blue-green fabric; it is there only keep the four layers of the centre together.