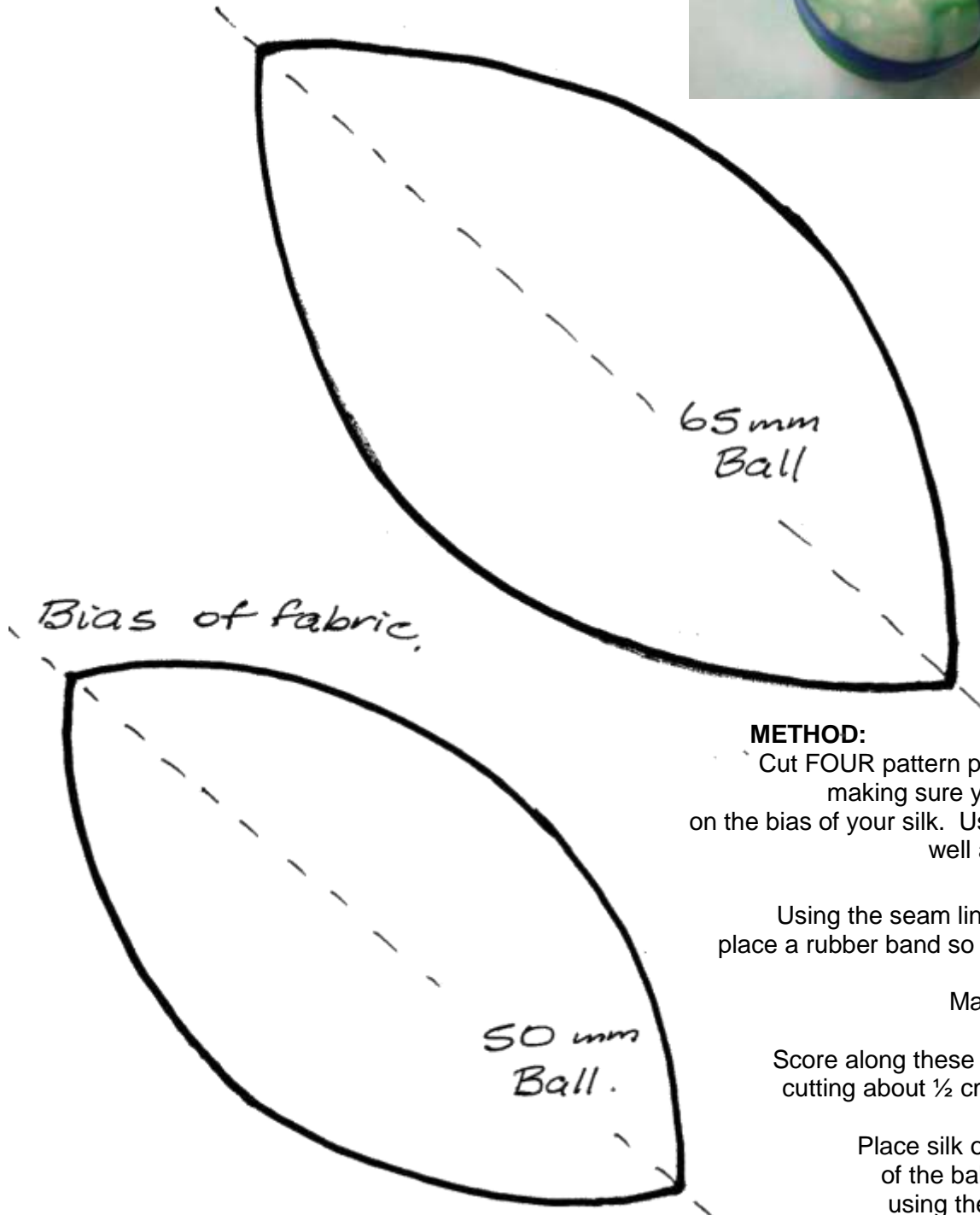


Silk Christmas Baubles

These are a perennial favourite ... but we give them a new look using hand-coloured silk.

REQUIREMENTS:

Styrene foam balls – 50 mm or 65 mm
Marking pen
Scraps of coloured silk
Coloured ribbon to match or contrast
Sharp knife
Beads
Pearl headed pins



METHOD:

Cut FOUR pattern pieces for each ball size, making sure you place the centre line on the bias of your silk. Use two colours that tone well and look good together.

Using the seam line of the ball as a guide, place a rubber band so that it divides the ball in four equal portions. Mark these with a felt pen.

Score along these lines with a sharp knife, cutting about ½ cm into the styrene foam.

Place silk over the scored sections of the ball, and tuck in the edges using the knife to press them in.

Using narrow coloured ribbon, hide the 'joins' in the ball. Secure the ribbon with pearl headed pins. For extra decorations, thread a couple of beads onto the shaft of the pin before pushing it into the ball.

Happy creating! ...

Anne