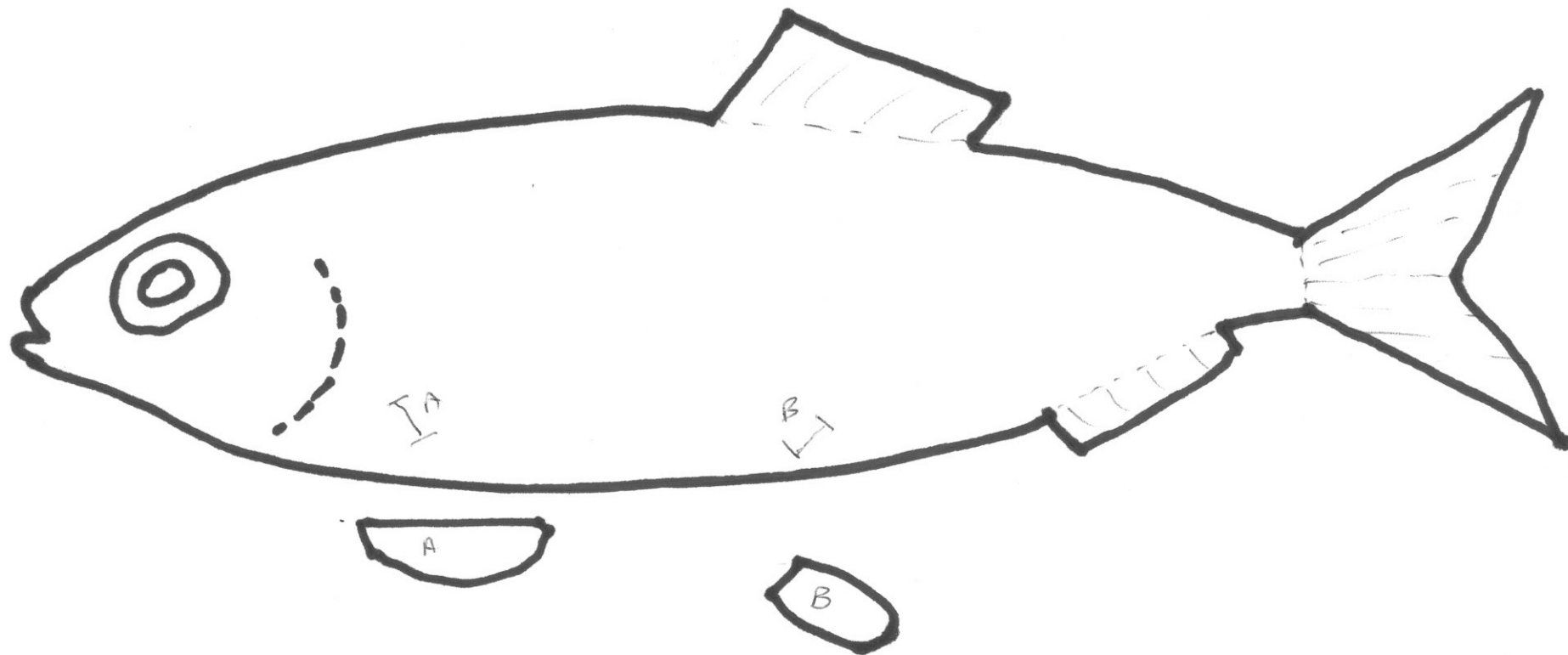


# Make a herring for *Knit the Shoreline*

A textile tribute to Edinburgh's shoreline made by community groups along its coast led by textile artist Madeleine Shepherd, *Knit the Shoreline* is one of six community projects in the Edinburgh Shoreline project at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh. The exhibition of community projects will take place at Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh, 28 July to mid-September. We want to have a shoal of herring made from recycled fabrics as part of the installation so all contributions are welcome. Here's how to make a herring to contribute to the shoal. Have fun and be creative!



Cut two fish shapes and two of each fin (A and B) from grey or blue fabric that won't fray. An old woolly jumper that's shrunk in the wash is ideal or maybe a polyester fleece or a piece of felt. Use blanket stitch or slip stitch to join the fish shapes, leaving a gap for stuffing. Scraps of cloth or "toy stuffing" fibres can be used to fill your fish. Don't fill up the tail or the fins. Stitch along the gap and stitch the tail and fins flat. Attach one each of fin A and B to each side as shown. Add a button or embroider an eye. Stitch along the gill line and the rays of the fins if you like.

Bring your finished herring to **Shoreline in Progress** exhibition and workshops at Coburg House Gallery, 15 Coburg Street, Edinburgh, EH6 6ET - 11:00-16:00, Saturday and Sunday 21 and 22 July. Drop-in workshops (no booking). If you can't do that then email Madeleine to arrange something else. [madeleineshepherd@gmail.com](mailto:madeleineshepherd@gmail.com)

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