

Adélie Penguin

Along with Emperor penguins, Adélies are the only other penguins that live on the Antarctic mainland. Following the sun around the edges of the coast in large groups, these small birds (40-70cm) are famously plucky.



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You will need

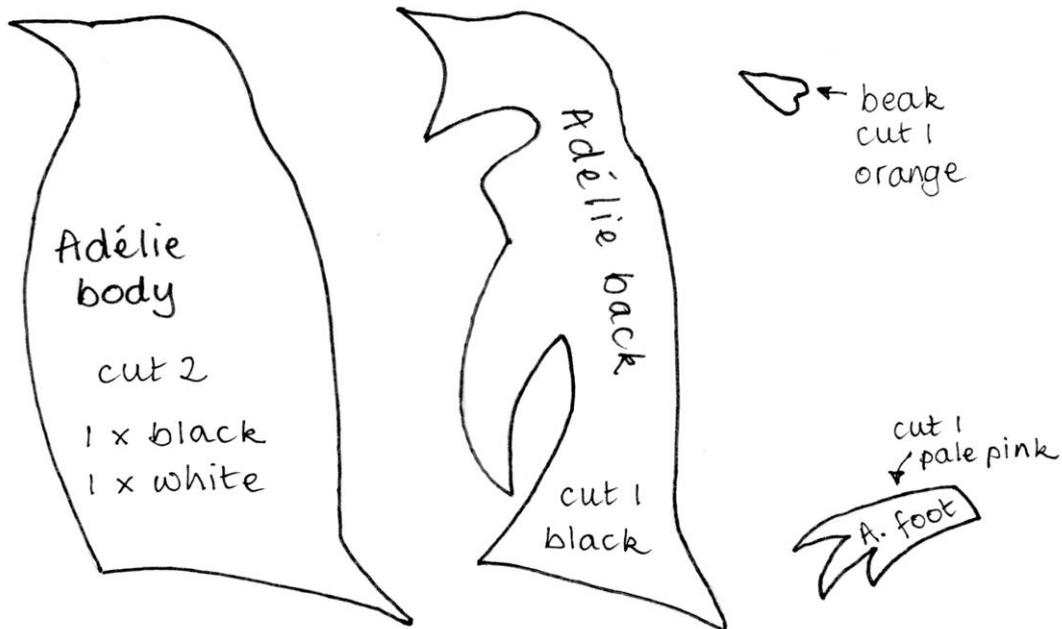
Felt: black, white and pale pink

Scissors, needle and pins

Thread: black, white and orange (if you only have embroidery thread just use one strand)

Embroidery thread: black, white, orange (If you don't have embroidery thread use double cotton)

Ribbon/ lobster clip: If you're making it as a hanging decoration



To make your Adélie penguin

Watch the video here

1. Cut out the paper pattern pieces.
2. Decide if you want to make a finger puppet, a key chain ornament or a decoration.
3. Pin the paper pattern to the felt and cut out the pieces.
You will need a black back, an orange beak, a pink foot, a white head marking and 2 bodies: one white and one black.
4. When you are cutting the pieces out, take extra care to get smooth edges. Before starting stitching, place the pieces together to check that they fit properly.
5. Pin the black back to the white body. Using black thread, sew the back piece to the body all the way around the edge except for the wing which you need to leave unstitched.
6. Now place the orange beak in position and carefully sew.
7. For the eye, cut a small circle from white felt, place in position and sew the eye with black thread.
8. Sew a black 'v' on to the beak.
9. Position the pink foot, rethread the needle with white cotton and sew the foot in place.
10. Using 2 strands of the white embroidery thread (or 4 strands if using standard thread) sew 2 lines to mark the edges of the wing.
11. You now have a mini Adélie penguin.

If you want to make a finger puppet **sew the black body onto the back of the penguin leaving an opening along the lower side for your finger.**

If you want to make your penguin into a hanging ornament, stitch a hanging thread or ribbon into place at the back-topside of the head then sew the backing on all the way round.

