

## Chinstrap Penguin

With the instantly recognisable black band which gives them their name, chinstrap penguins are very social and gather in enormous onshore colonies during breeding season. They are sometimes called "Stonebreaker Penguin", not because they collect stones when building nests, but because of their loud screech, which is so shrill that it could even break stones!



### You will need

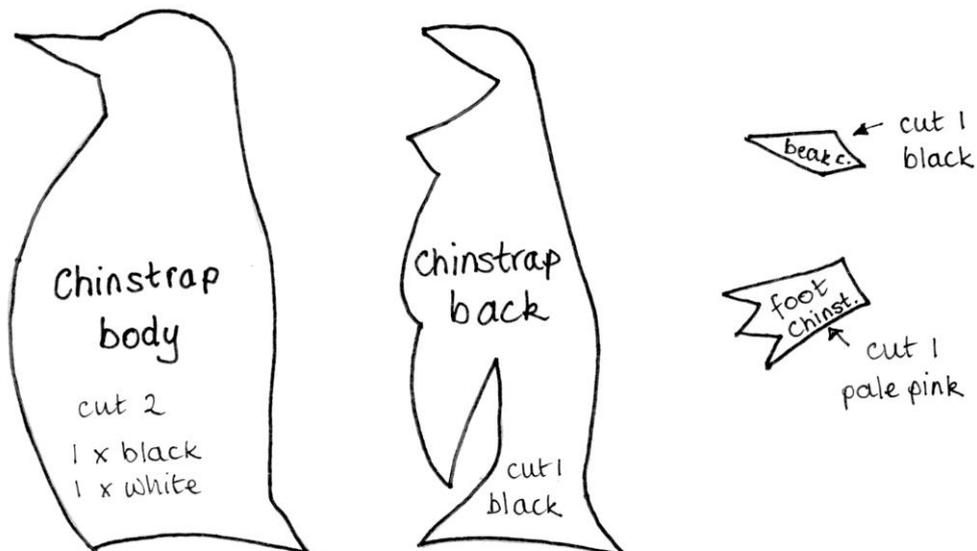
**Felt:** black, white and pale pink

**Scissors, needle and pins**

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

**Embroidery thread:** black and white (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 chinstrap 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, black beak, a pink foot 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 the wing that you need to leave unstitched.
6. Now place the black beak in position and carefully sew around the edges using the black thread.
7. Position the pink foot, rethread the needle with white cotton and sew the foot in place.
8. Using 2 strands of the black embroidery thread (or double of the black standard thread) sew the black chinstrap in place and then sew an eye.
9. Sew the black body onto the back of the penguin leaving an opening along the lower side for your finger.
10. Using 2 strands of the white embroidery thread (or double of the white standard thread) sew 2 lines to mark the edges of the wing.
11. You now have a mini chinstrap 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.

