Emperor Penguin

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At heights of up to 120cm, Emperor penguins are the largest of the Antarctic species. Balancing a single egg on their feet, the males huddle together through the winter months.
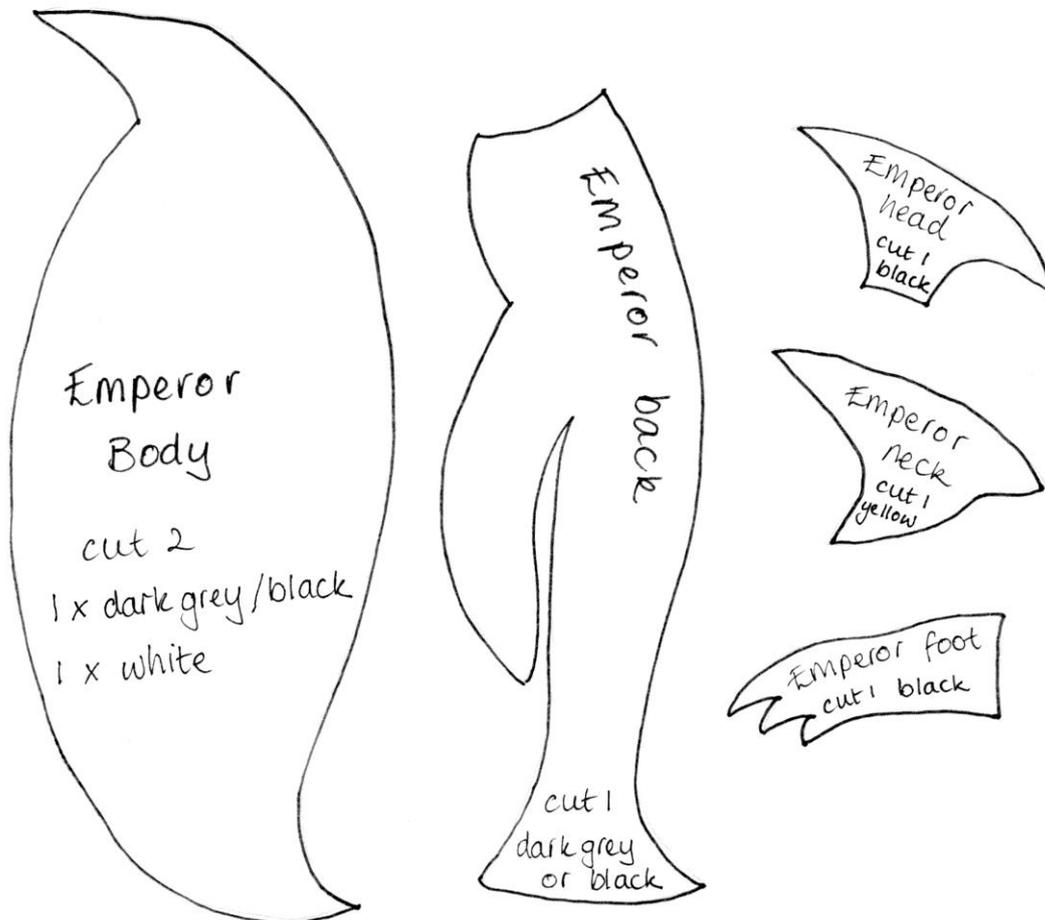
You will need

Felt: black, dark grey, white and yellow

Scissors, needle and pins

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

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

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

Emperor Body
cut 2
1 x dark grey/black
1 x white

Emperor back
cut 1
dark grey or black

Emperor head
cut 1
black

Emperor neck
cut 1
yellow

Emperor foot
cut 1 black

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 dark grey back, a black head, a yellow chest, a black foot and 2 bodies- one white and one black or dark grey.
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 head over the yellow head so that the yellow just shows beneath the black. Stitch into place with the yellow thread (If using embroidery thread use one strand only).
6. Now place black/orange/yellow piece over the white body and carefully sew around the edges using the orange and black thread.
7. Pin the black/grey back to the white body. Using black/grey thread, sew the back piece to the body all the way around the edge except the wing that you need to leave unstitched.
8. Position the black foot, rethread the needle with white cotton and sew the foot in place.
9. Using 2 strands of the black embroidery thread (or double of the black standard thread) sew a knot to make the eye.
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 Emperor 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.