

Gentoo Penguin

Gentoo's are the third largest of the Antarctic penguins, reaching a height of 30 inches and weight of 12 pounds . Living on the islands around the Antarctic, they are also the only penguins officially to be found to be increasing in numbers on the Antarctic Peninsula.



You will need

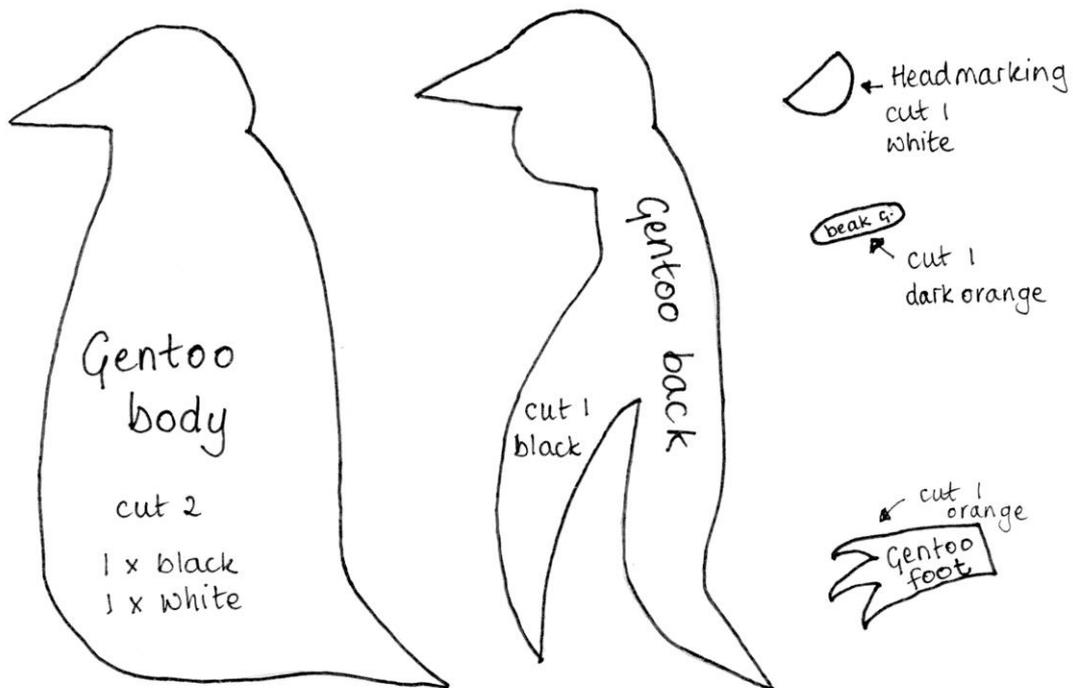
Felt: black, white and orange.

Scissors, needle and pins

Thread: black, white and orange (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 gentoo penguin

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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, an orange foot, a white head marking and 2 bodies- one white and one black. If you have 2 different shades of orange use the darker one for the beak.
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. Position the white head marking in place and stitch using white thread
7. Now place the orange beak in position and carefully sew around the edges using the orange thread.
8. Sew the eye at the base of the head marking.
9. Position the orange feet, rethread the needle with white cotton and sew the foot in place.
10. Sew the black body onto the back of the penguin leaving an opening along the lower side for your finger.
11. 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.
12. You now have a mini gentoo 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.

