

King Penguin

At heights of 70-100cm, these are the second largest of the Antarctic penguins. Their particularly colourful markings are so different to their brown fuzzy chicks that early explorers thought they were 2 different species.



You will need

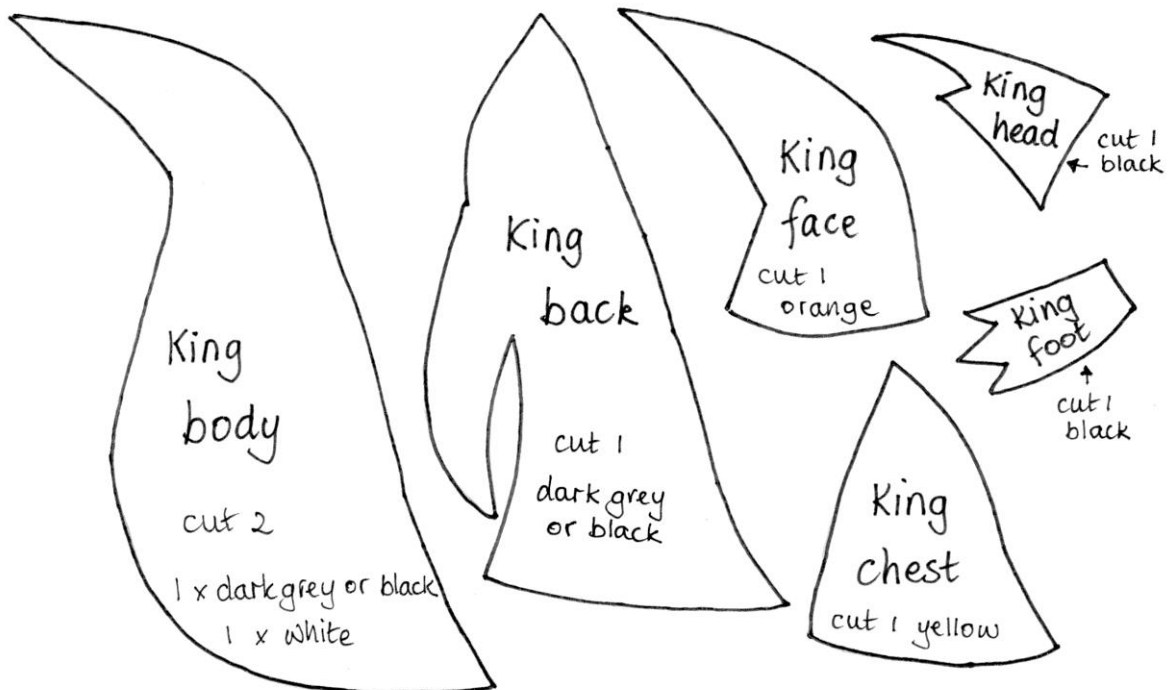
Felt: black, dark grey, white, orange and yellow

Scissors, needle and pins

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

Embroidery thread: black

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



To make your king 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 dark grey back, a black head, an orange upper body, 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 yellow chest to the white body and stitch into place using the yellow thread (If using embroidery thread use one strand only).
6. Now add the orange head so that yellow chest shows just underneath. Stitch into place with the orange thread (If using embroidery thread use one strand only).
7. Finally add black head piece over the top of the orange/yellow piece and carefully sew around the edges using the black thread.
8. 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.
9. Position the black foot, rethread the needle with white cotton and sew the foot in place.
10. Using 2 strands of the black embroidery thread (or double of the black standard thread) sew the eye.
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 king 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.

