

Felt donkey

Materials

- 2 pieces of felt – approximately 150 mm by 110 mm; you can use 2 different colours or 1 bigger piece of felt (grey or any shade of brown)
- 1 needle for sewing
- thread the same colour as the felt
- wool for the mane and tail (grey, brown or black), but contrasting in colour to the body
- stuffing

Method

The donkey pattern includes:

- 1 side piece (cut 2)
- 1 belly and inside of legs piece
- 1 ear (cut 2)
- 1 hoof base (cut 4)
- 1 inset for the donkey's head

1. Carefully pin the pattern pieces on to the felt and cut them out, making sure that you have the correct number of parts.
2. Place the belly piece between the 2 side pieces and sew them together. Start with the legs, but leave the feet open for the hoof base.
3. Sew a hoof base onto each leg and stuff the legs using small bits of stuffing at a time. Use a crochet hook or thin knitting needle to insert the stuffing.
4. Sew up the rest of the donkey's body (not the head) but leave an opening in the back in order to stuff it.
5. Carefully stuff the body using small bits of stuffing at a time and making sure you get the shape you want.
6. Sew up the rest of the body (not the head).
7. Place the head inset between the sides of the head and sew up.
8. Stuff the head and sew up the entire donkey.



Ears

Before sewing on the ears, pinch the bottom of the ears and sew together to create a v-shape at the bottom of the ears. Then sew on to head.

Mane

Cut the wool into pieces of approximately 35 mm and place on the back of the donkey, starting at the head. Sew in place.

Tail

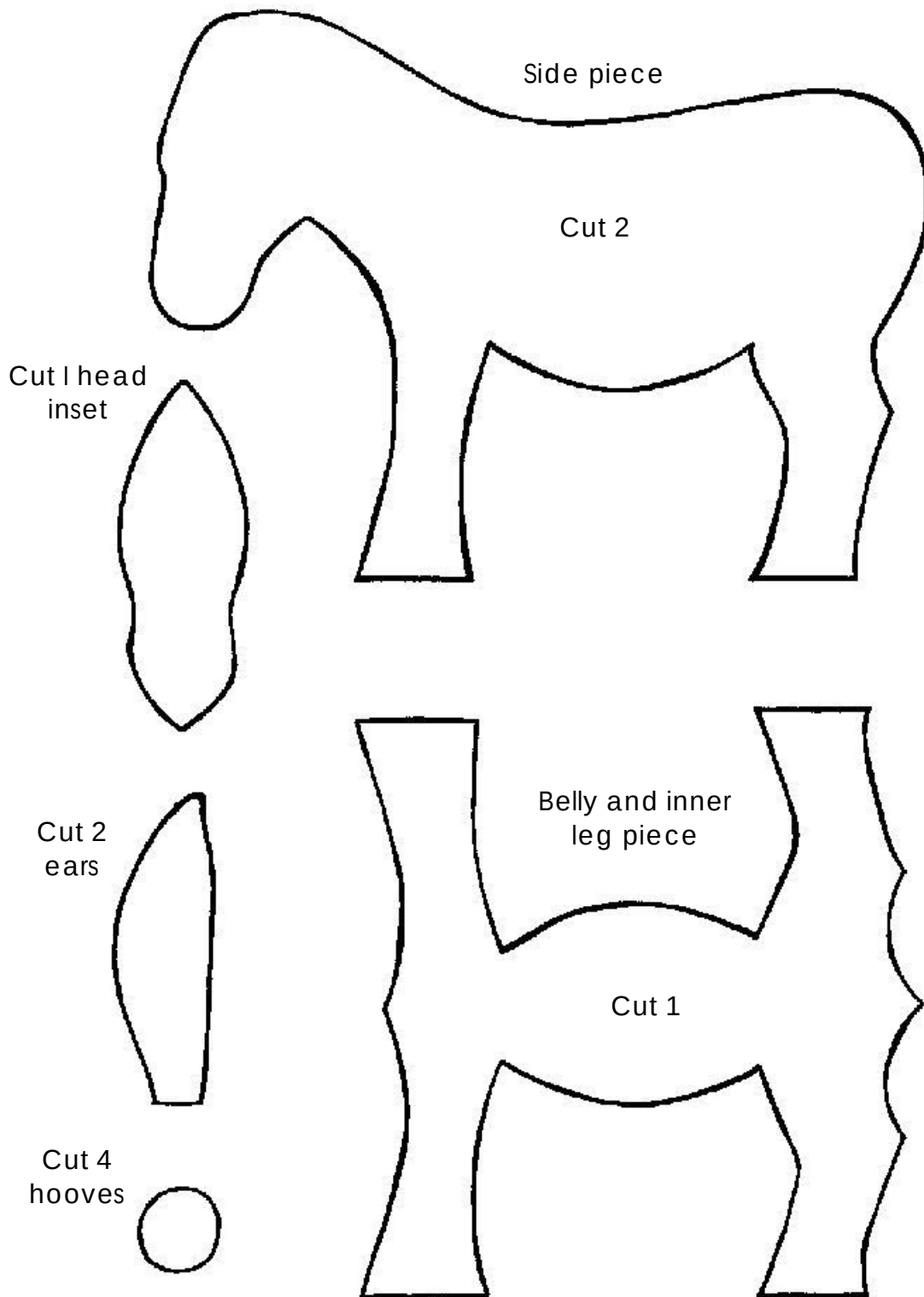
Cut some wool approximately 70 mm long and tie a knot in the top. Sew the knot into the correct position for the tail.

Eyes

Cut out tiny triangles and glue on to the side of the face.

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Pattern



Teachers please note that the legs in this pattern are quite narrow and therefore difficult to work with. In the interests of young learners you can broaden the legs slightly. Remember to do this to the legs on both the two side pieces, and on the belly and inner leg piece.