

CARL RAY: OUR ANIMALS

STEP 1: COLLECT AND ORGANIZE ALL OF YOUR MATERIALS

Gather the following materials:



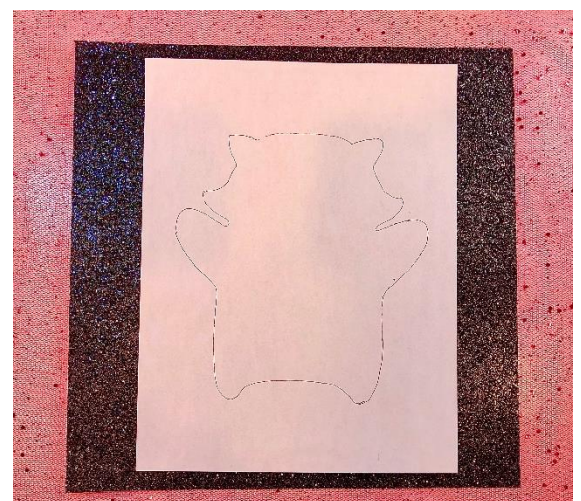
- Felt
- Needle (regular or plastic) and thread
- Hot glue gun
- Marker
- Pencil
- Paper
- Scissors
- Stuffing material (cotton balls, socks, soft fabric)
- Decorative material (sequins, loose buttons, beads)

SAFETY TIPS: Use a plastic needle for safety. If a plastic needle is not available, remember to ask your parent/guardian for permission and/or help to use a real needle. Be sure to also ask your parent/guardian for help when handling scissors or a hot glue gun.

STEP 2: CREATE A STENCIL OF YOUR ANIMAL

Think of an animal that has special significance in your life. It could be an animal you feel connected to, like your favourite animal at the zoo, or a pet that you feel responsible for. On a sheet of paper, draw a simple silhouette (outline) of your animal, leaving all the details out.

Cut out the silhouette and trace the pattern on two pieces of felt.



STEP 3: ADD DETAILS

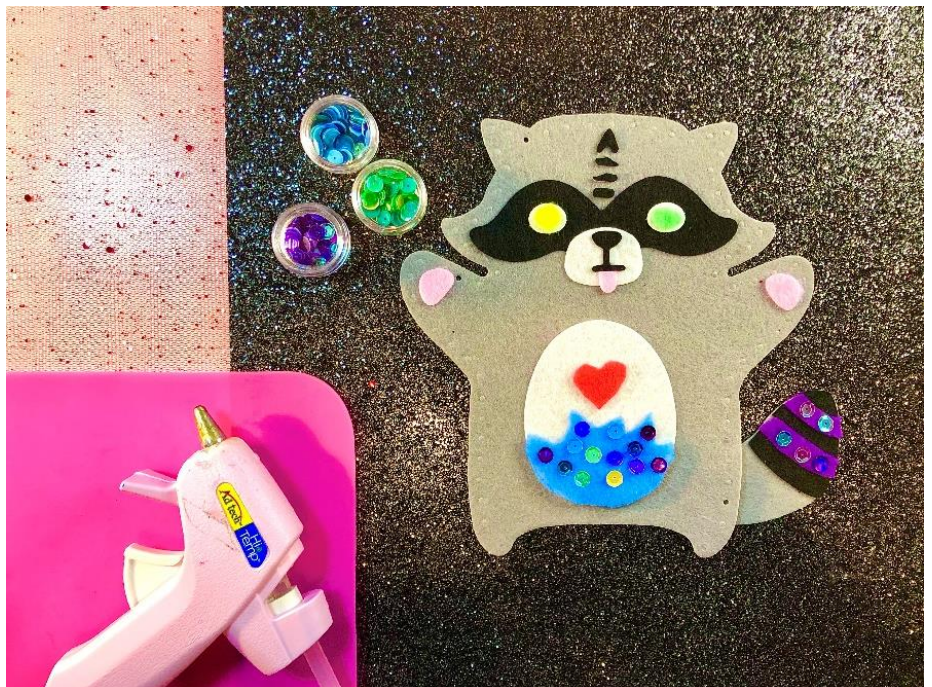
Trace the animal pattern on a new sheet of paper. Using a marker, draw in the important characteristics of your animal. Cut out the shapes of these characteristics and choose differently coloured pieces of felt to trace them on. Once you have cut out what you traced, arrange the shapes on your animal pattern.



STEP 4: GLUE DOWN ALL OF YOUR SHAPES

Use a hot glue gun to secure the shapes to your animal pattern. Felt pieces, sequins, buttons and beads can be used as decoration.

TIP: If you don't have a glue gun, you can always sew your decorations onto the animal pattern!



STEP 5: SEW YOUR ANIMAL TOGETHER

Using a needle and thread, connect the two pieces by sewing around the shapes, making sure to tighten the string as you stitch everything together. This will keep the stuffing inside and maintain the form of your animal. Be sure to leave the bottom of the animal open to add the stuffing in the next step.



STEP 6: ADD THE STUFFING

Add your stuffing (cotton balls, soft fabric, extra felt pieces) and sew together the bottom.

Congratulations! You have made your very own stuffed animal. Share a story about the animal you chose with your family!

CHALLENGE YOURSELF:

Try using acrylic paint to add new details to your animal!



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