



# Make a Mini Orangutan

Step-By-Step Directions

# What You Get



Orange Felt- 4 in. x 4 in.

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Tan Felt- 2 in. x 2 in.

Black Floss- 12 in.



Orange Floss- 21 in.



Tan Floss- 16 in.



Stuffing- 1 g



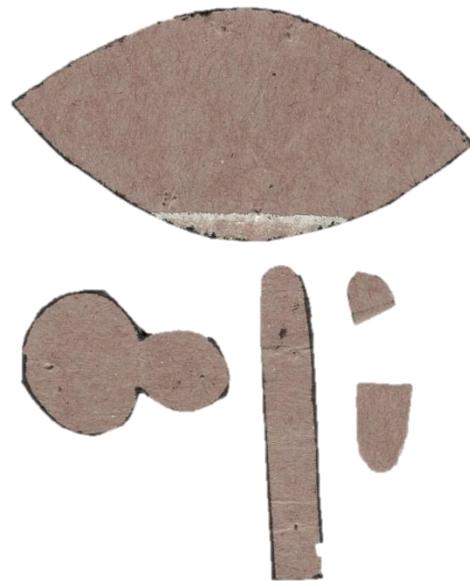
Embroidery Needle (with holder)



Scissors are not supplied, but you will need them for this project.

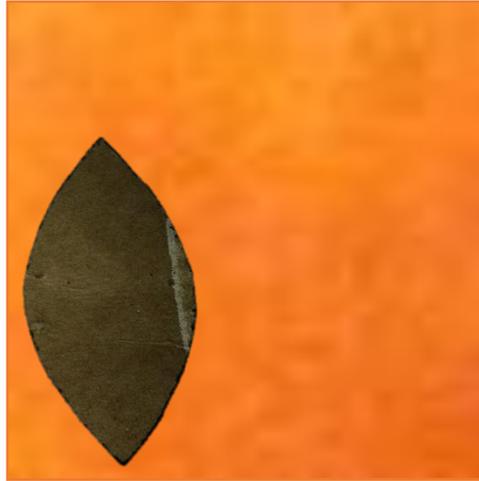
Carefully print page 3 only. Cut out the patterns and copy them onto cardboard. Don't waste unused cardboard- use a cereal box!

# Orangutan Patterns

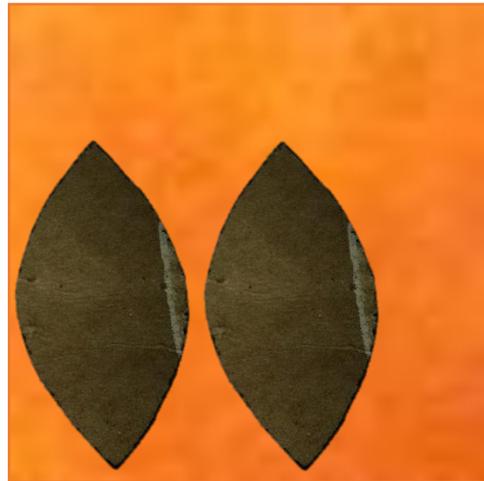


# Cutting the Patterns

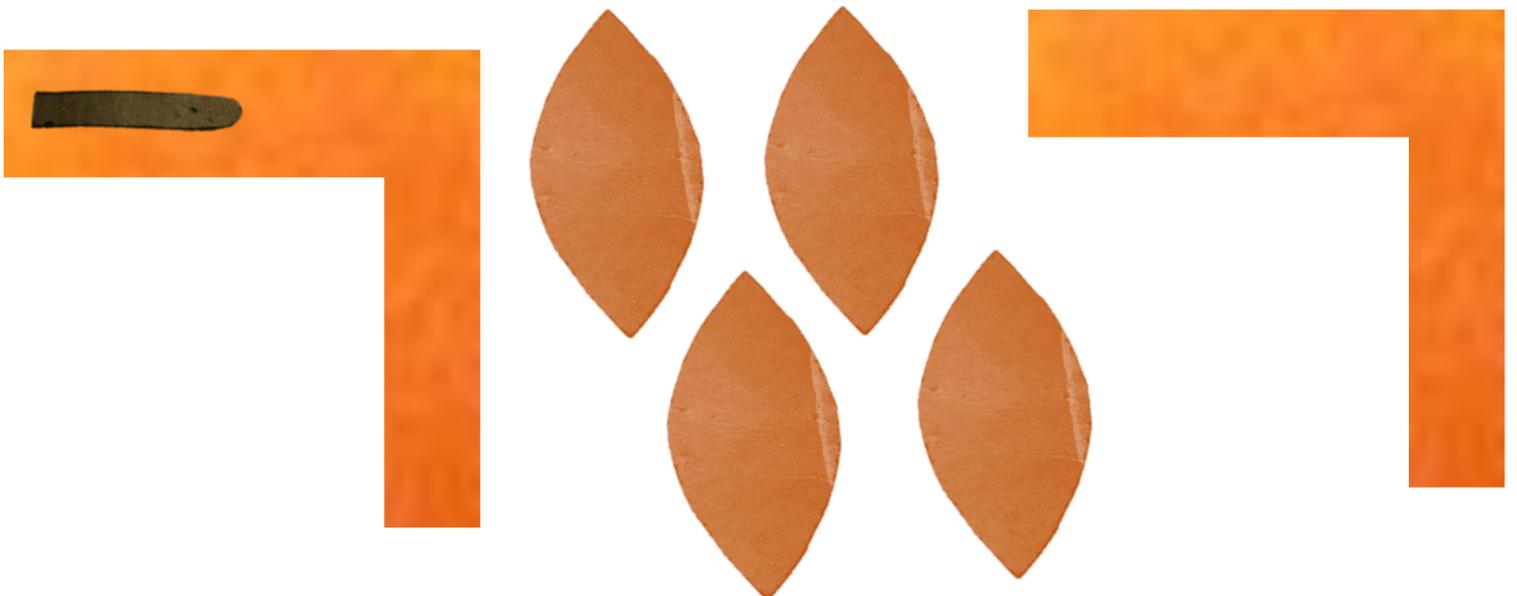
You will start with the body pattern and the orange felt.



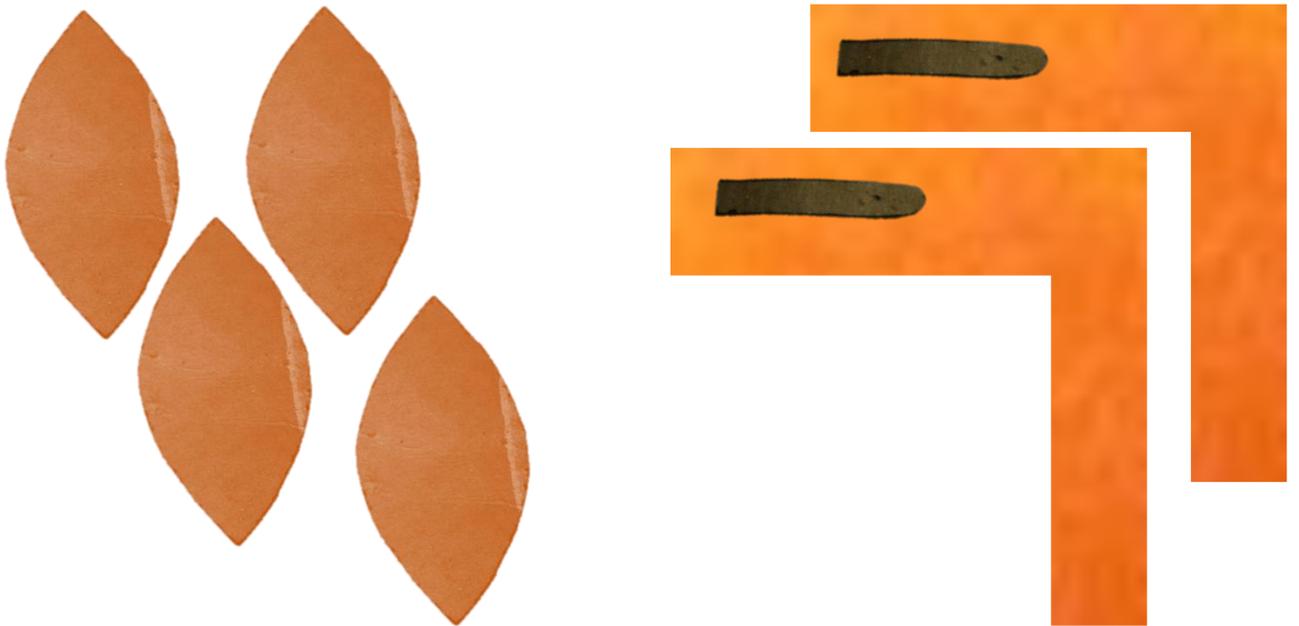
Hold the body pattern in place as you cut around it. Move it over and repeat until you have two body pieces. Repeat with the other piece of orange felt.



You should now have the remaining orange felt as well as four orange body pieces.



Cut out two arm patterns and discard the remaining felt.



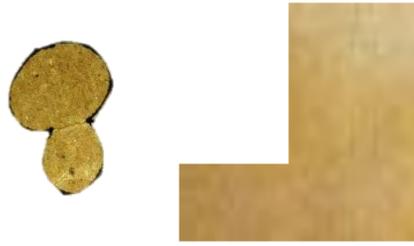
You should now be left with four body pieces and two arm pieces.



Take out the tan felt. Place the face pattern on top, making sure to leave room, and cut it out once.



You should now be left with the face piece and the remainder of the tan felt. (Set the orange pieces aside for now.)



Place the foot pattern on the felt and cut it out twice.



You should now have the face, the feet, and a smaller piece of tan felt.



Place the hand pattern on the felt and cut it out twice.



You should now be left with two hands, two feet, four body pieces, the face, and two arms. Discard any remaining felt.



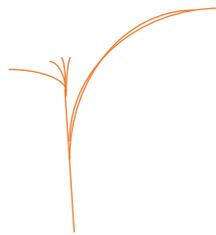
# Preparing the Floss

The embroidery floss provided has six strands, but for this project we'll be using only two-strand floss. Thread diagrams (for where to cut the thread) are provided on the bottom, but you will need to follow this procedure each time you cut floss.

Fray the ends of one of the pieces of floss until the strands are clearly visible.

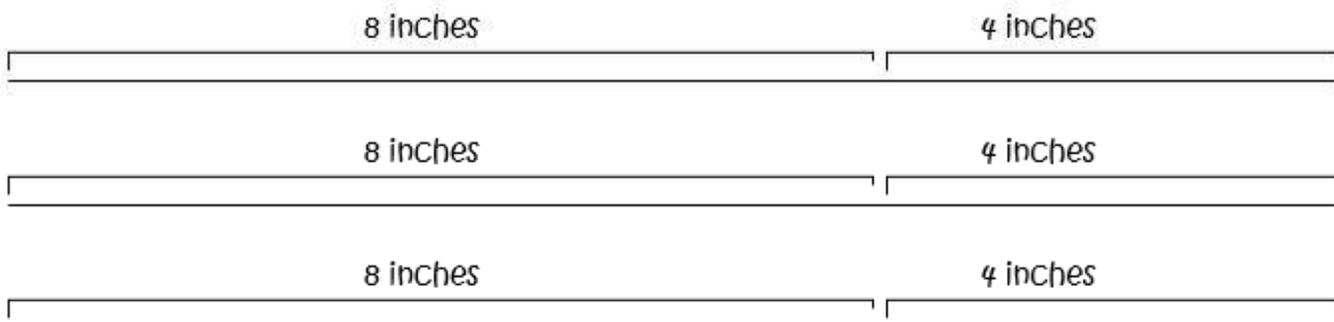


Pull two close strands up and out, holding the others steady. Let the two strands begin to come apart from the rest of the floss.

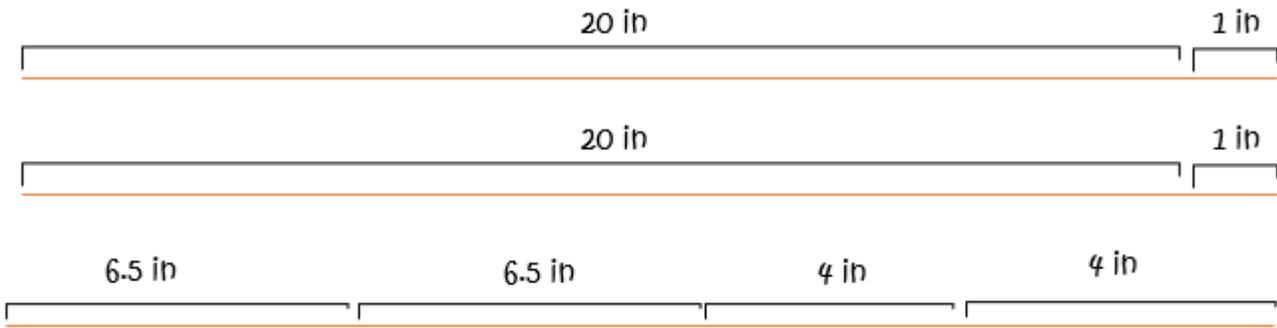


Pull the two strands completely off. Cut the length needed and set the floss aside. Do not discard any floss until you are done with the color.

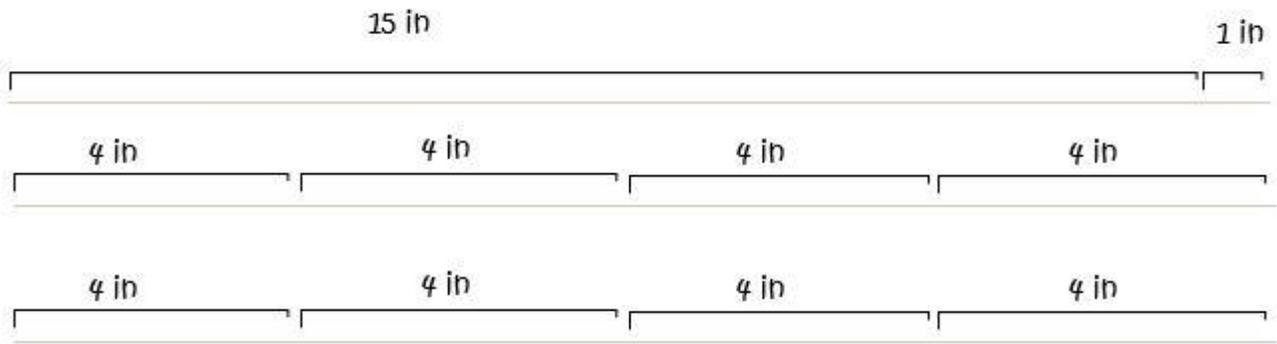
Thread diagrams  
(black)



(orange)



(tan)



In each thread diagram, the line represents two strands and the marks show where you will need to cut. Begin by cutting off 4 inches of black floss; this is what you will need for the next step.

# Threading the Needle

For the next step, you will need your four inches of black floss and your needle. Begin by removing the needle from the needle holder.



Moisten the floss. Poke it through the eye of the needle and pull it out on the other side.

Be careful with needles! The points are very sharp and can cause injuries if not handled carefully. Always store your needle in its holder and make sure to keep track of it over the course of this project.

You're done! Since these needles have very wide eyes, you will find it easy to thread them.

# 1. The Face

Start with the face pattern and your threaded needle. Carefully sew up through the face, leaving about 1 inch below the face, and down again, with the up stitch on the left as shown here.



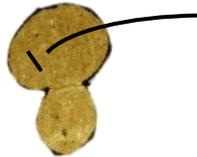
You will need:

4 in. Black Floss x3

8 in. Black Floss x1

Face Piece x1

Sew another stitch underneath, the thread coming out at a point further to the right.



Thread it down at the bottom point to make the orangutan's right eye. Tie the 1 inch and the remainder of the thread together securely below the face. Clip the ends, not too close to the knot.



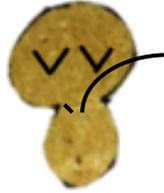
Thread the needle with 4 in. black and repeat with the orangutan's left eye.



Thread the needle again with 4 inches of black floss and begin on the nose. Sew up on the left and down on the right, making sure to leave that one inch, to make the stitch shown.



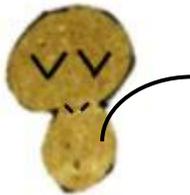
Sew up again, to the right of the lower stitch.



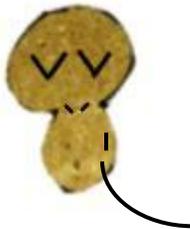
Sew down to make the other nostril. Tie behind.



Thread the needle with 8 inches of black floss. Sew up on the right side of the face, not too close to the edge. Don't forget that one inch!



Stitch down and up again, making a stitch on the right side of the face.



Continue stitching until you have stitched around the bottom part of the face. Stitch up again, making more stitches until your orangutan has a complete mouth.



Tie the ends and clip off the extra floss.



## 2. Face and Body

Get out the face pattern and one of the body pieces. Position the face pattern on top of the body piece and thread the needle with 15 inches of tan floss. Don't forget the one inch before you begin threading!



You will need:

Product of Step 1

15 in. Tan Floss x1

Body Piece x1

Small Amount of Stuffing

Begin by stitching up from a spot to the right of the orangutan's nose, where the upper and lower face meet. Stitch over the nose and to the other side.



Stitch up a bit above.



Stitch down outside the face and up again to make one stitch that seems to be pointing radially outward.



Continue stitching around the orangutan's face in this fashion until you reach the top of the forehead. Roll a ball of stuffing into the size shown here and insert it behind the top half of the orangutan's face. Stitch all the way down and back to where you started.



Stuffing

Begin to stitch the bottom half of the face, stopping at the chin to stuff the bottom part of the face with an amount of stuffing roughly the same. Make sure not to sew over the mouth.



Stuffing

# 3. Body Front

The next step will be to attach the body pieces. Place another orange piece of felt directly on top of the front body piece. Line them up as shown in the second picture.



You will need:  
Product of Step 2  
20 in. Orange Floss x1  
Body Piece x2

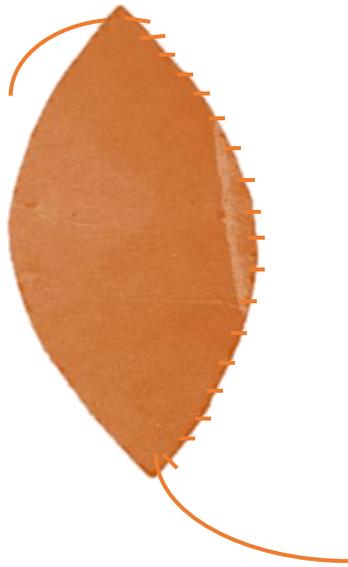
Starting at the top with 20 in of orange floss and leaving the one inch, sew up through the two layers of felt.



Wrap the floss around the back of the layers and make another stitch up.



Continue stitching down the side this way until you come to the bottom.



Open the left side of the shape and turn the whole thing inside out. Do not let either end of the floss slip out. The needle should still be threaded on the bottom.



Place another of the body pieces on top of the face piece. Stitch in the same way up and around to the top of the face, tying a knot at the very top and clipping the ends.



# 4. Sewing the Ears

Thread 4 in. of tan floss. Sew up through the right body piece and down again to make a short straight line.



You will need:

Product of Step 3

4 in. Tan Floss x2

Sew up over any orange stitches.



Sew down again to make a small ear on the side of the body. Tie behind and clip the ends.



Repeat on the opposite side.



# 5. Preparing the Arms

Thread the needle with 4 in. of tan floss. Position one of the hands on top of an arm and make one small stitch up and down through the hand. Tie behind and clip the ends.

You will need:

Arm Piece x2

4 in. Tan Floss x2

Hand Piece x2



Repeat with the other arm and hand.



# 6. Arms and Body

Thread the needle with 4 in. of orange floss. Place the arms on the body as shown. Stitch up and down through the edge of the body and the left arm. Tie behind. Repeat with the right arm.



You will need:

Product of Step 4

Products of Step 5

4 in. Orange Floss x2

6.5 in. Tan Floss x2

Thread the needle with 6.5 inches of orange floss. Stitch up and down through the middle of the body and the left arm, right below the hand and about a third of the way down from the top edge of the arm. Stitch down through the very edge of the hand. Stitch up again about a third of the way down from your last stitch and down to make three small fingers. Repeat on the right arm.



# 7. Finishing the Body

Turn the orangutan so that its right body piece with arm is facing you. Place the last body piece on top of it and begin to sew up the right side with 20 inches of orange floss, leaving that one inch and stopping when you come to the top. (The face and hands on the left piece are not shown.)



You will need:

Product of Step 6

Remainder of Stuffing

20 in. Orange Floss x2

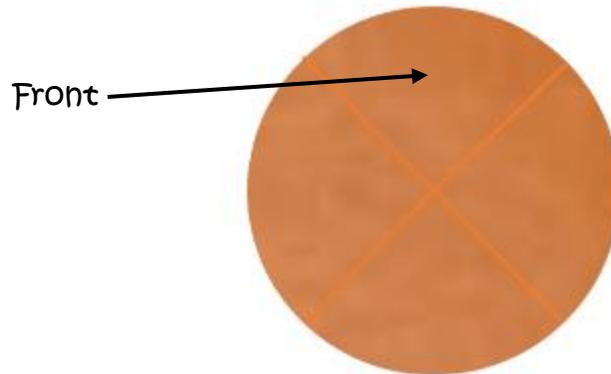
Turn this piece inside out, now viewing from the back. Stuff the orangutan with the remaining stuffing (or as much as will fit) and sew up the other side. (This is a view from the back.)



Only one more step before completion! You are now done with the orange floss. Discard any remaining orange floss and move on to the last step.

# 8. Sewing on the Feet

Turn the orangutan so that the bottom, with all four seams coming out, is visible.



Prepare the feet by using 8 in. black floss sewing 'toes' on each one by the method mentioned above in step 6. Use 4. in. tan floss and one small stitch to attach each foot to the bottom of the body.



You are now done with *everything*. Discard any remaining felt, floss, or stuffing. Put the scissors away and keep the needle someplace safe in case you ever want to use it again.

To demonstrate the Orangutan Gang's wide reach, we ask that you send us a picture of your orangutan, with your state (or country if outside the US), first name, last initial, and the name of your new mini orangutan. You can contact us at

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