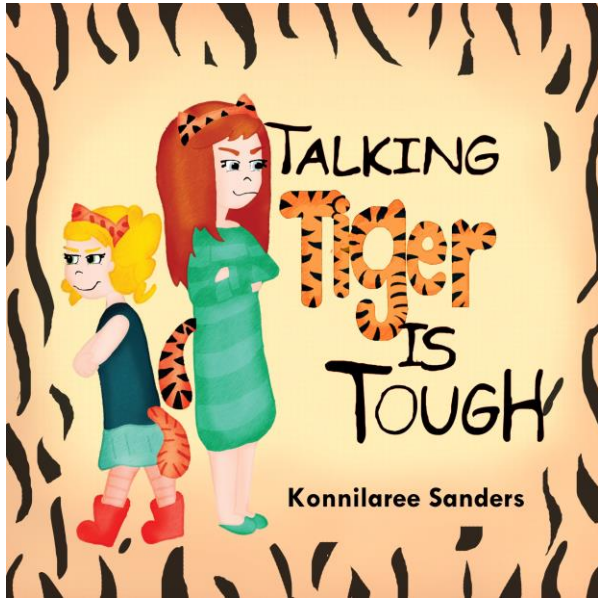


NO SEW TIGER TAIL AND EARS

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This project is inspired by my latest children's book, [Talking Tiger is Tough](#). It is a story about two sisters pretending to be tigers. They are frustrated when their mother cannot understand their growls. It is based upon my two girls.

My oldest was the first to design this no-sew costume when she was 4-years old. She made it out of paper taped to a headband. I modified it to use painted felt.

This project is relatively inexpensive, especially when you use the dollar store or craft store coupons. I do use hot glue and scissors, so please take that into consideration when making this with little ones.



SUPPLIES:

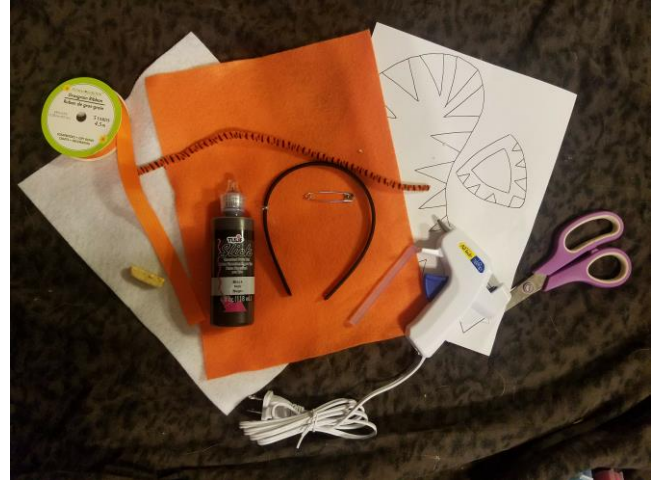
- 1 - 9 x 12 Orange Square Felt
- 1 - 9 x 12 White Square Felt
- 1 Large Safety Pin
- 1 Black or Orange Headband
- Chalk – Dark enough to show on the felt
- Black Fabric Paint
- Hot Glue Gun and Glue
- 1 Orange Pipe Cleaner
- Tiger Tail and Ear Blank Template
- 24" - ½" Orange Ribbon *Optional

Note: There are so many ways you could make these, so get creative. You can use different colors of felt, or even make these out of paper. I have included a template that is print-and-go. You can use fabric paint, puffy paint, or black felt pieces for the stripes. If you don't want to use a safety pin, you can use yarn to secure to tie the tail. If you want the tail to stick out, use another pipe cleaner. Make a fabulous tiger by adding glitter or jewels. Your imagination is the limit!

INSTRUCTIONS:

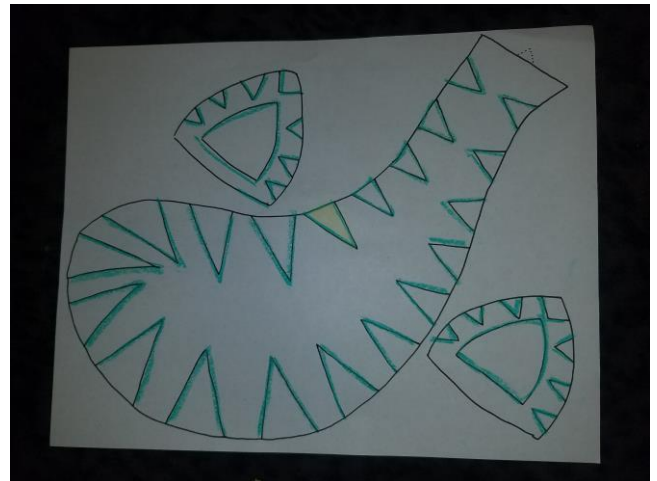
1. Gather Supplies

I included a colored template; in case you want to bypass this work and make it out of cardstock paper. Skip to step 11.



2. Trace template with chalk

This will be used to transfer the pattern on to the felt. You could skip this step and cut out the template to use like a stencil.



3. Cut out the tail and ears using the orange felt

You can use straight sewing pins or tape to keep it in place.



Your pattern pieces should look like this →



4. Flip the felt and template over



5. Transfer the chalk template

Using a ruler, slide it over the template. It may take a few passes to transfer the chalk.

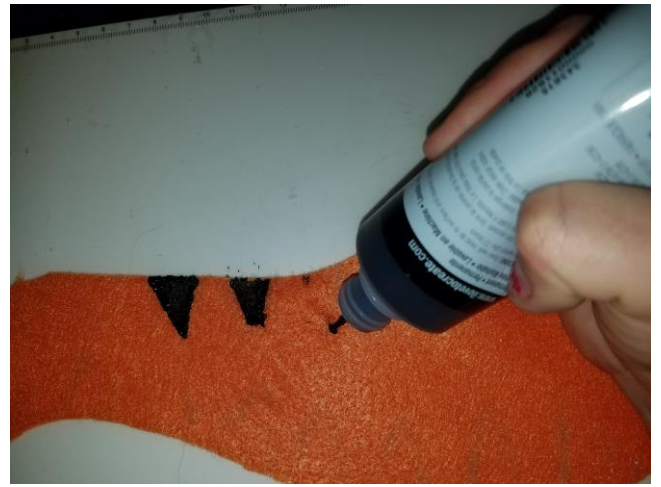


It may be hard to see in this picture, but the chalk should outline the stripes. You want it just dark enough so you can paint the design.



6. Paint the stripes

I like using the squeeze bottle for more accurate stripes.



7. Let your stripes dry

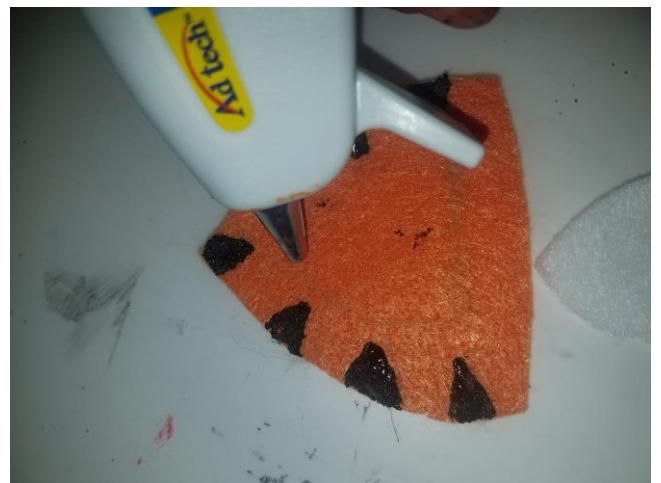
I painted a thin coat and it was dry within the hour. But you should follow the manufacture directions.



8. Cut out the white inner ear



9. Glue the white inner ear to the orange felt ears



10. Create triangles with the pipe cleaner and attached to headband.

You will have to play with them to get them the right distance apart.



11. Glue Ears in place

I found these cool striped pipe cleaners, but orange or black work. The pipe cleaners are to keep the ears upright.



12. Wrap headband in ribbon

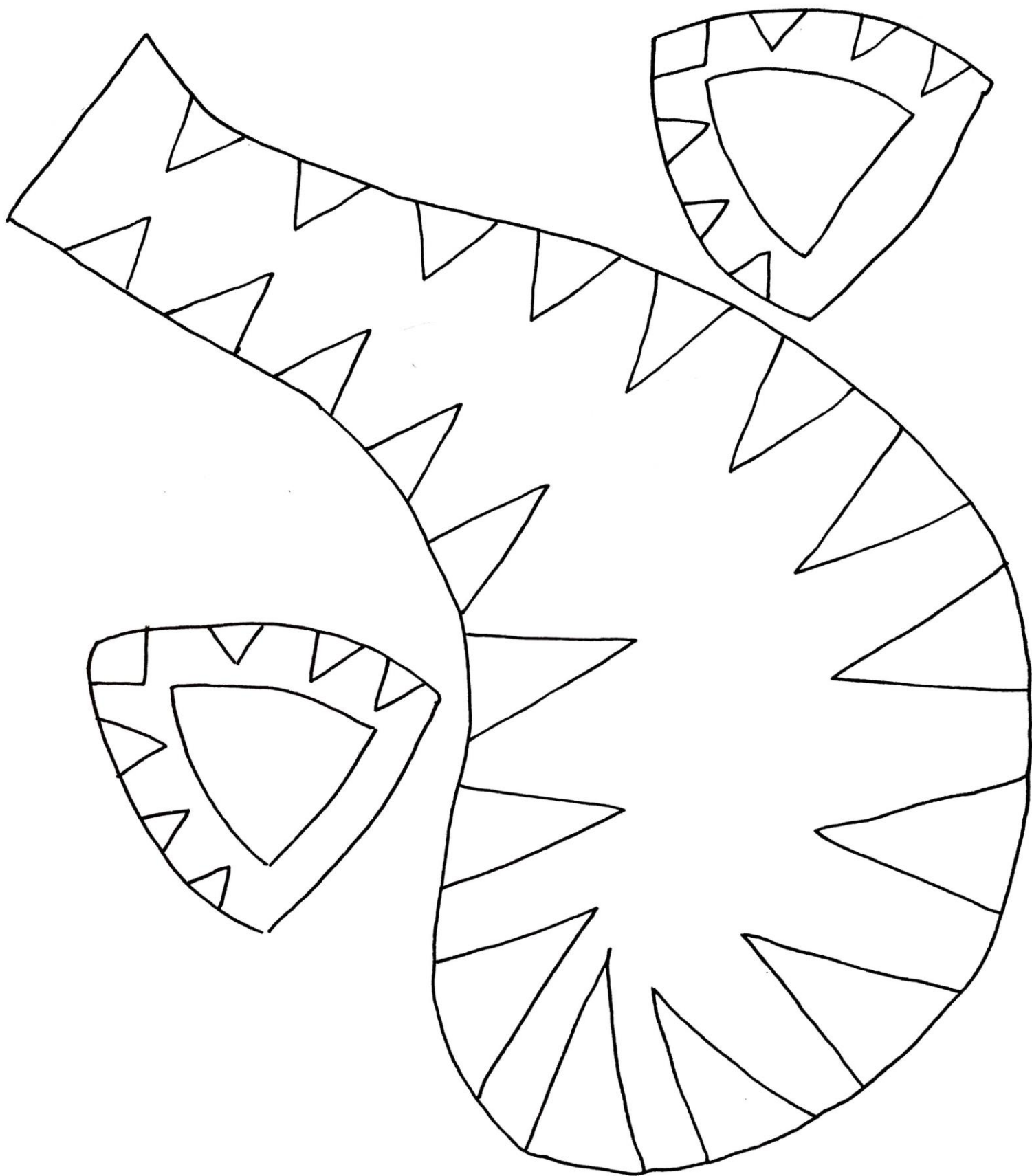
This is optional. The black looks fine, but it is nice if you had the wrong color headband or wanted it to look more finished.



13. Add safety pin to your tail

It is ready for hours of tiger fun.







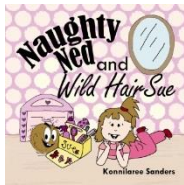
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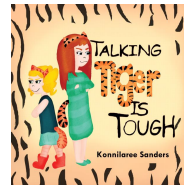
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