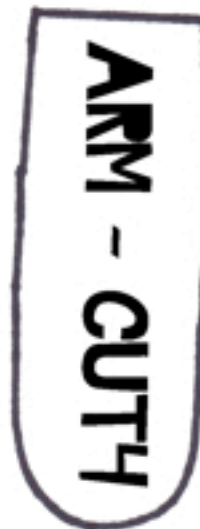


ADVENT ANGELS

Print this page out on card. Use the templates to cut out your chosen fabric. Fill your name into the card so that whoever finds your angel will know who made it.

When you've made your angel, you can upload a picture of it to the facebook page, fix your tag to your angel and let it loose in a public place during advent (2nd - 24th Dec) to delight and surprise anyone who comes across it.





Use the template to cut out all the pieces you need for your angel. I've used acrylic felt for this example because it doesn't fray. You'll also need a piece of ribbon, twine or yarn, a needle and thread and something to stuff your angel with - I'm using some soft toy stuffing.



We're going to start by sewing the legs and arms of our angels. Here I'm sewing one of the legs. Put two pieces together, right sides out and sew all the way around the edge.



Use a pencil to help you stuff the legs right down to the bottom.

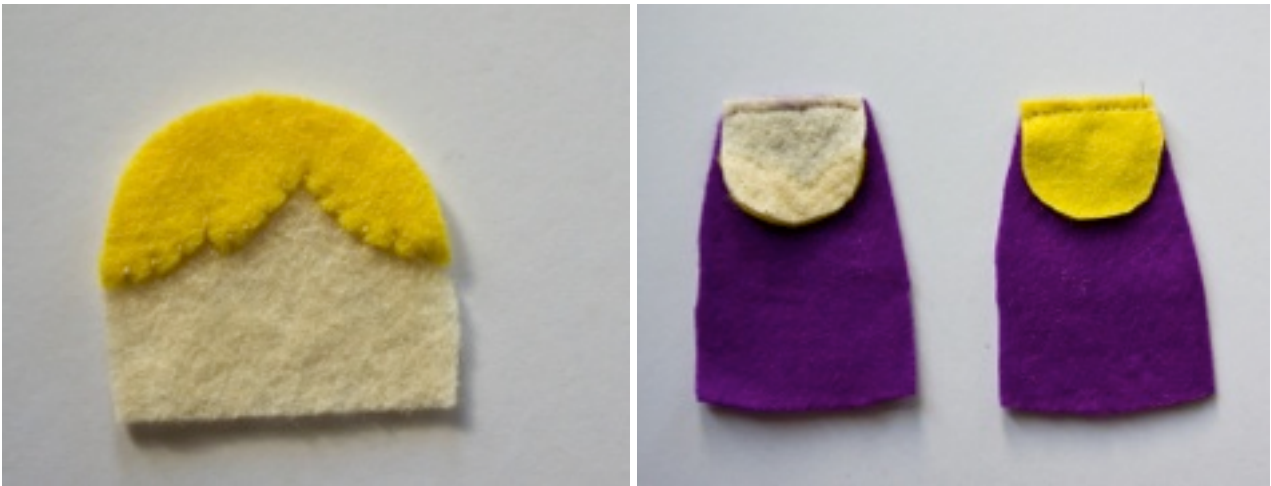


Make the arms in a similar way. Except stuff your arms halfway to start with, add a row of small stitches and then stuff the rest of the arm. This way your angel's arms will bend more easily.

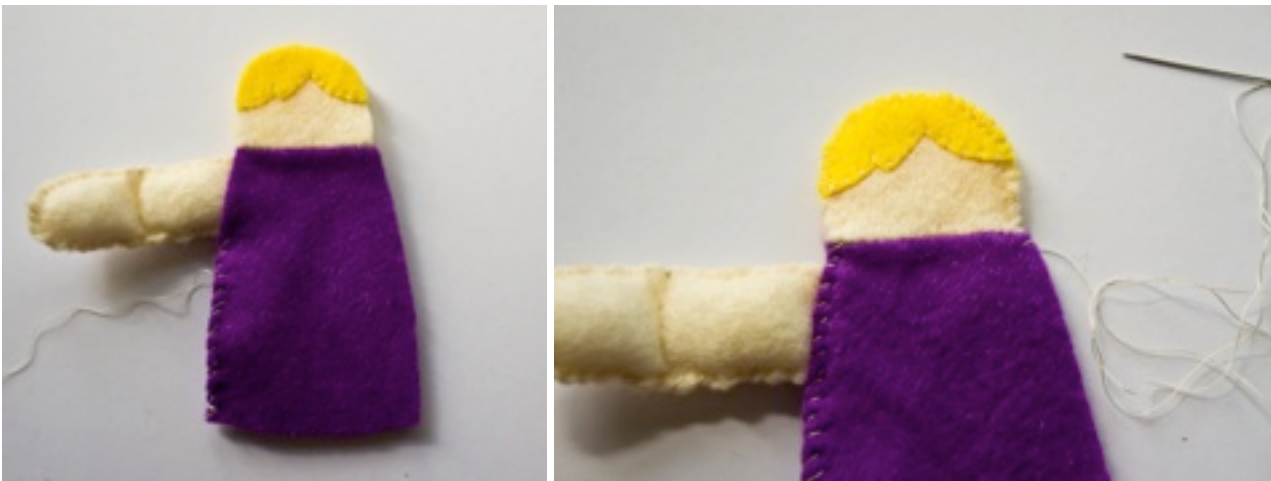


Completed arms and legs.

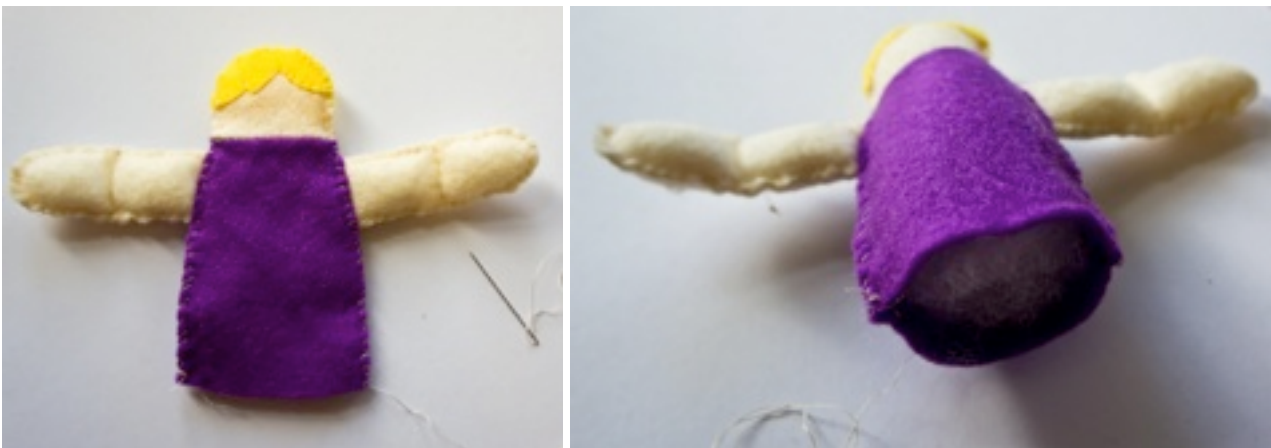
Next we construct the body and sew the arms and legs onto it.



Sew the hair onto the face with small stitches. Sew the heads to the bodies of your angel. Place the fabric right side together this time and stitch a row of stitches about half a centimetre from the edge.



Place the arm between the two body segments and sew it in place, carry on round the head, insert the other arm. Leave an opening at the bottom. Stuff the head and body, making sure your stuffing goes all the way into the head.

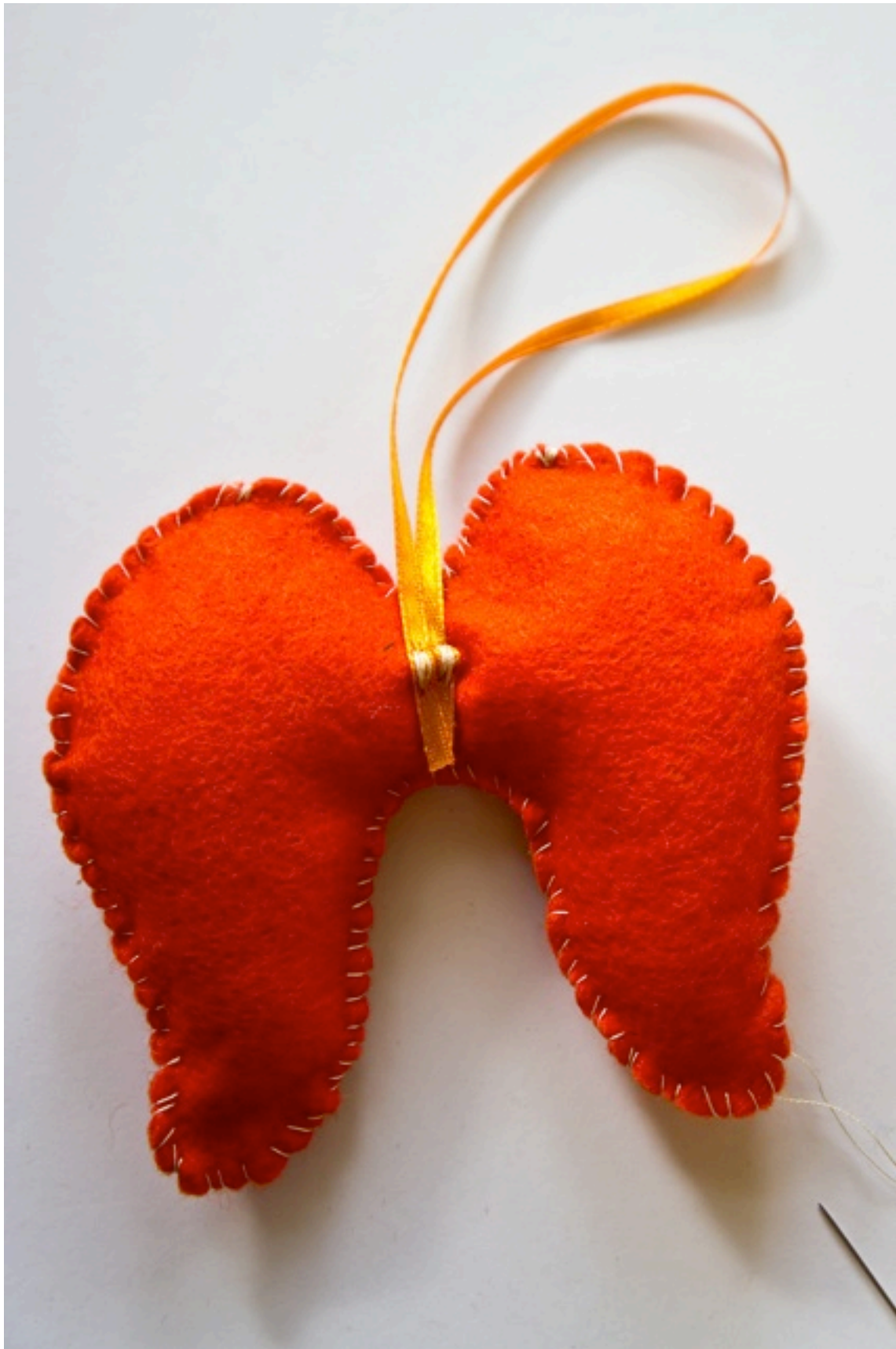




Sew the legs in place the same way you did the arms.



Make the wings by sewing most of the way round the edges, leave a small gap to poke stuffing through and then close it when you're done.



Attach a piece of ribbon to your completed wings. This will be what your angel hangs from.



You're now ready to construct your bagpipes. I've made all the pipes from two pieces of felt, stitched together. If you're using softer fabric, you might need to add some interfacing to make sure they don't flop over.



Sandwich the ends of the pipes between the two bag pieces, sew most of the way round, leaving a small gap for stuffing. Close up the gap when you're happy.



Attach the wings onto the back of your angel with a couple of small stitches. Add your bagpipes with another few stitches and stitch the angel's arms in place to make it look like it's being played.



Your angel is all ready now. Print off and attach the tag and think of a good public place where you can place your angel as a gift to your community.