

Want to be King of the Concrete Jungle this Halloween?

All you'll need is your imagination, some adult help and supervision and this carnivorous costume how-to.

Things You'll Need to Become the Second Largest Cat in the World:

- 1 yard of brown or orange felt
- 1 large square of darker brown felt
- Scissors
- Brown or gold hooded sweatshirt
- Brown or gold sweatpants
- Fabric glue
- Brown yarn for mane

LION
costume

Step 1

Cut about 40 strips of brown or orange felt, 1-inch wide and as long as you want the mane.

Step 2

Glue one end of each felt strip to the sweatshirt hood, just above the drawstring area. Overlap the strips slightly so there are no spaces.

Step 3:

Cut and glue strips of felt to the neck area of the sweatshirt to make the bottom of the lion's mane.

Step 4:

Cut two ears from felt. Glue the ears to the sides of the sweatshirt hood.

Step 5:

Let all the glue dry for at least half an hour before touching or moving the lion costume.

Step 6:

Cut a strip of felt about 2 inches wide and as long as you want the tail. Glue the end of the tail to the back of the sweatpants.

Step 7:

Cut about 10 strips of darker brown felt, each about 1/2 inch wide and 3 inches long. Glue one end of each strip to the end of the tail for the tail tip.

Step 8:

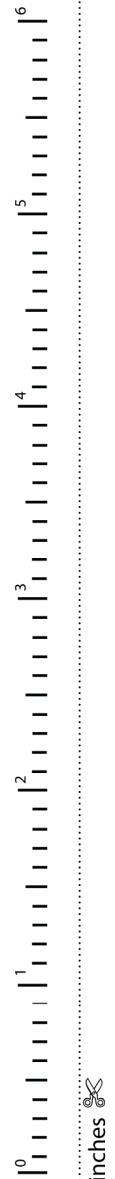
Have the child place his or her hand on a piece of paper. Draw a mitten shape around the child's hand, about 1 inch away from the fingers and thumb. Cut out the mitten shape to use as a pattern.

Step 9:

Cut circles of dark brown felt for paw prints and glue them to the mittens, if desired. Let the glue dry completely for at least half an hour before trying on the lion costume.

Option - Add yarn to mane for texture.

Use black eyeliner to draw whiskers, a black tip for nose



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Life as a Lemur is curious indeed, along with imagination here's what you'll need.

- 1 yards white faux fur
- 1 yard black faux fur
- 1 large square of grey felt
- 1 large square of yellow felt
- 2 small black buttons
- 2 large orange buttons
- Fabric glue
- Grey hooded sweatshirt
- Grey sweatpants
- Black and yellow face paint

LEMUR
costume

Step 1

Cut about 40 strips of brown or orange felt, 1-inch wide and as long as you want the mane.

Cut a strip of white faux fur about 5 inches wide and as long as you want the tail.

Fold in half with 1/2 inch of overlap and glue. Let dry for at least 30 minutes.

Step 2

Cut strips of black faux fur about 2 x 6 inches wide for black rings.

Place evenly apart every 2 inches along tail, wrap and glue.

Step 3:

Glue the end of the tail to the back of sweatpants.

Step 4:

Cut two ears from felt. Glue the ears to the sides of the sweatshirt hood.

Step 5:

Glue on top front of sweatshirt.

Cut circles from black felt for eyes.

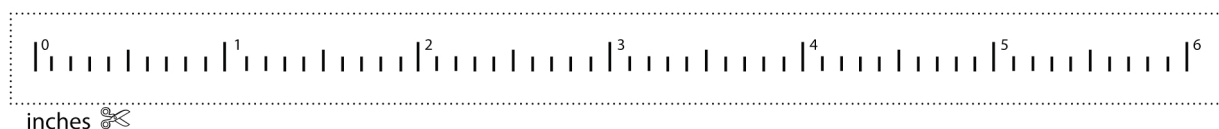
Glue small black buttons onto center of large orange buttons.

Cut out nose from felt fur.

Step 6:

Cut white patch of fur, and glue on front of sweatshirt for tummy.

Let entire costume dry for at least 30 minutes before trying it on.

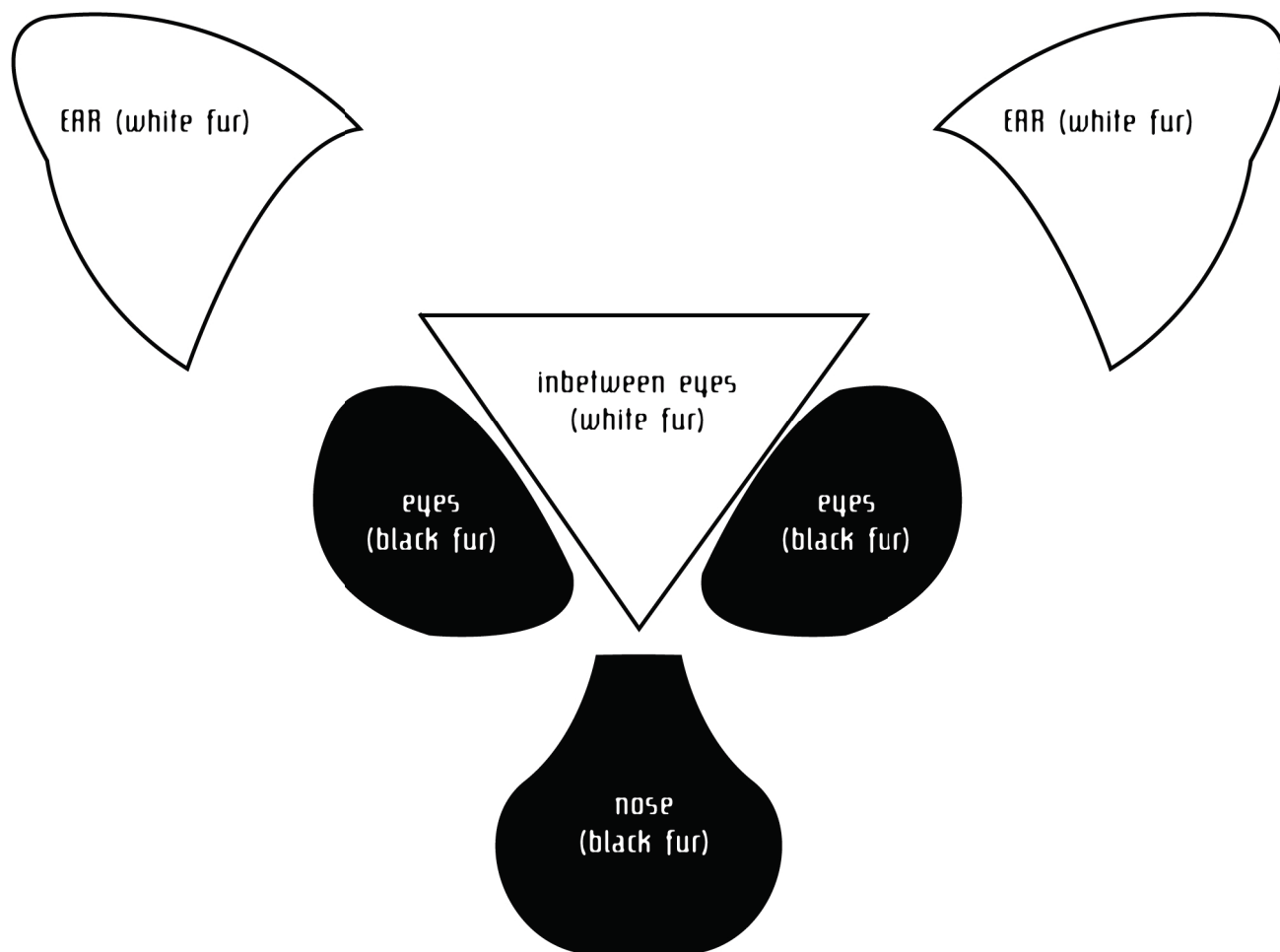


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RED TAILED LEMUR FEATURES

LEMUR
costume



face features
(enlarge to desired size)



BRONX
ZOO

Slide on some scales and make Halloween hisssstory.

You too can be the sliest of reptiles getting Halloween treats.

The specifics for serpent dress are a snap.

- Things you'll need: (some sewing required)
- White Hooded Sweatshirt
- Scissors
- Sewing Machine
- Thread
- Velcro fastener or safety pin
- Leopard Tights
- Green Fabric Dye (suggest organic)
- Large white bed sheet
- Red felt
- Black buttons

SNAKE
costume

Step 1

Dye bed sheet green and, if your sheet isn't already green. Let dry.

Step 2

Fold sheet in half lengthwise so it is doubled. Lay hood of sweatshirt on sheet close to the top edge. Cut along outline of hood through both layers of sheet. When you get to the bottom of the hood, fold back the sweatshirt hood to avoid snipping it, cut a straight line across fabric, following the horizontal line made by folding back the hood. Unfold sheet so it's no longer doubled.

Step 3:

With the right side of the fabric together, sew the two hood pieces along the curved edge. Turn pieces right side out

Step 4:

Cut a strip of green sheet as wide as the bottom of the hood and as long as needed to reach from the base of your neck to your ankles. Near the bottom of the strip, cut the sheet at an angle on each side to create a pointed tip for snake's tail.

Step 5:

Sew snakeskin scales on hood edge and along entire snake as desired.
(Option – Use a marker to draw on scales or you can cut felt scale pattern and glue).

Step 6:

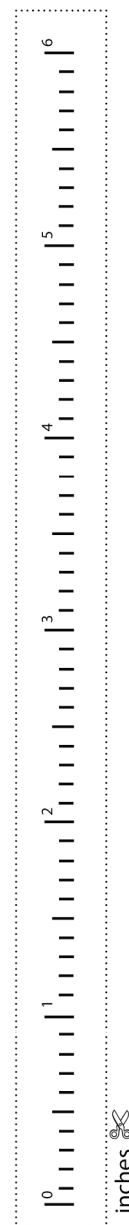
Cut a strip of felt about 2 inches wide and as long as you want the tail. Glue the end of the tail to the back of the sweatpants.

Step 7:

Sew black buttons to side of hood for eyes, and sew or glue a strip of red felt to top center of hood for tongue. Cut a triangle out of tongue's center tip for snakey shape (see pattern).

Step 8:

Wear your snake creation over leopard and tights, and slither into the unknown

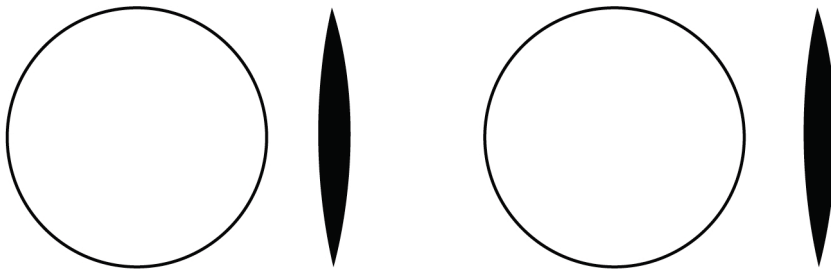


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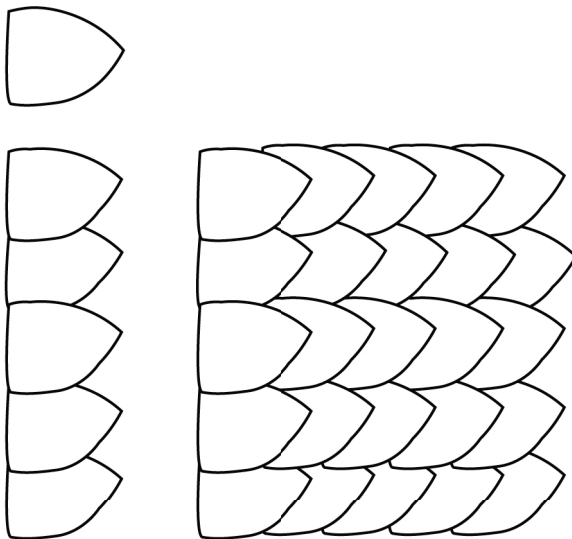
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GREEN TREE PYTHON FEATURES



eyes
optional
if you don't want to use buttons



snake scale
(enlarge 150% or as desired)



optional
for red felt tongue
(enlarge 150% or as desired)



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