

# Happy Little Carrot

A hand-sewn softie by Michelle Goggins



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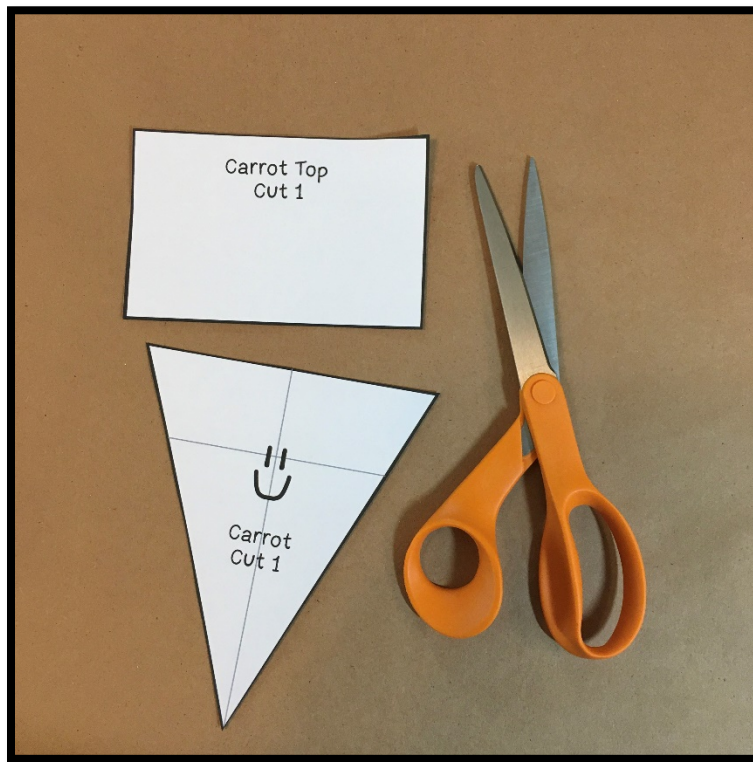
Please read through all the instructions before beginning this project.

**Supplies needed:**

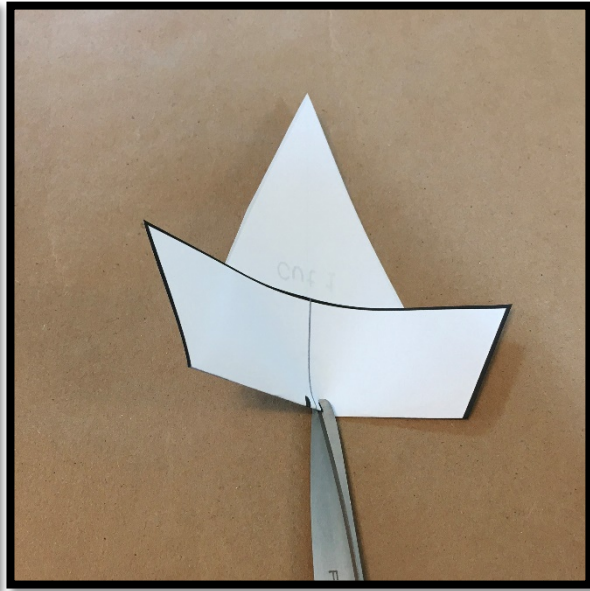
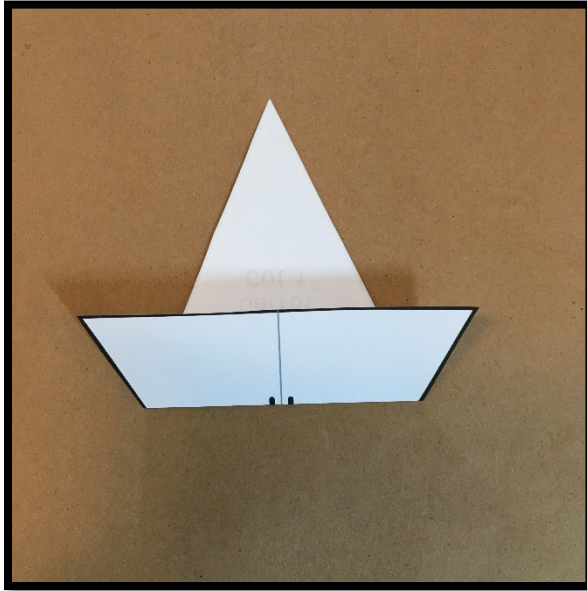
- A small piece of orange fabric
- A small piece of green fabric
- Orange and green thread
- Orange yarn
- Black fabric marker
- Stuffing

**How to sew:**

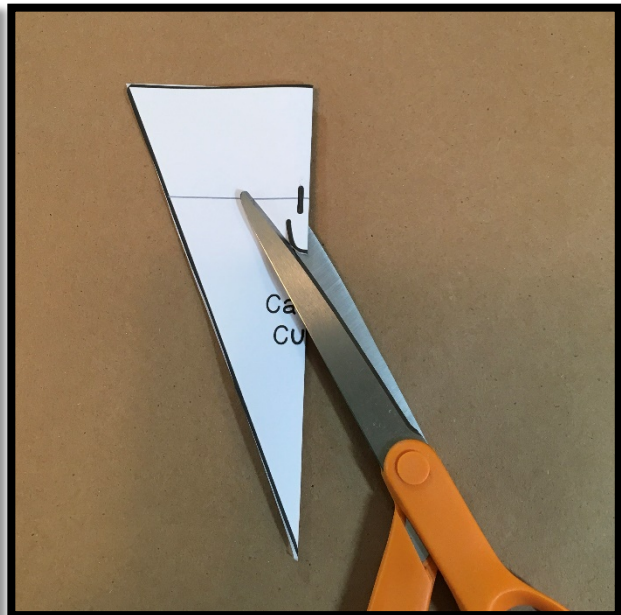
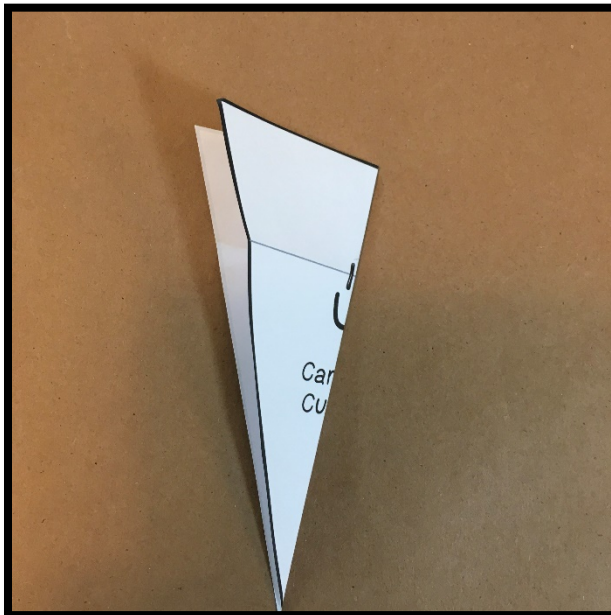
Print the pattern pieces and cut them out.



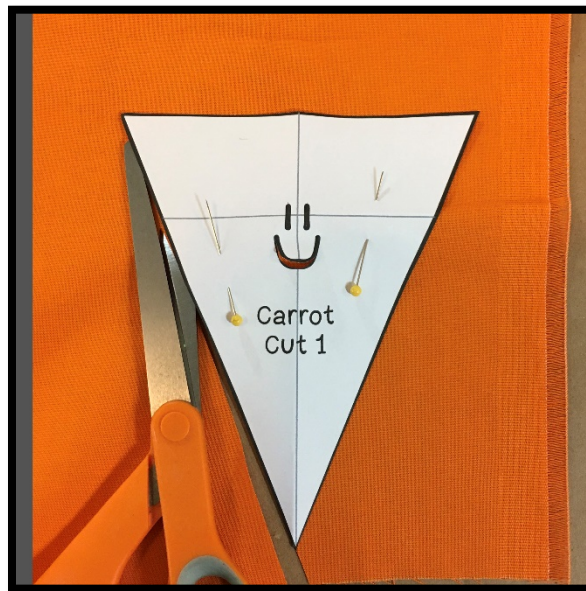
Fold the carrot pattern piece as shown and cut along each eye.



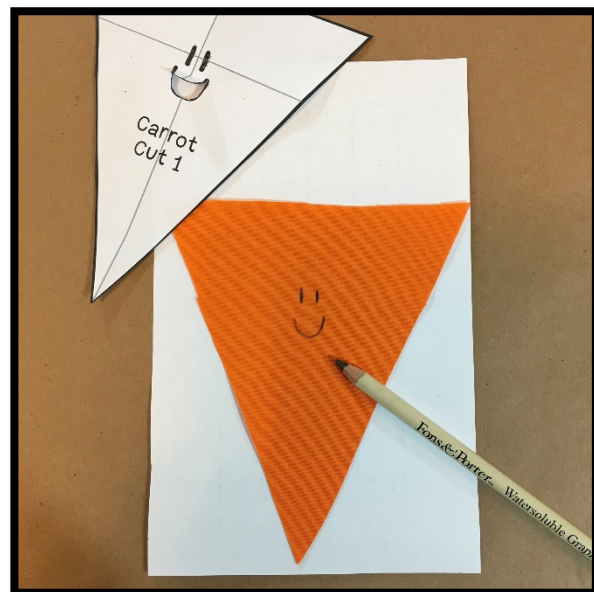
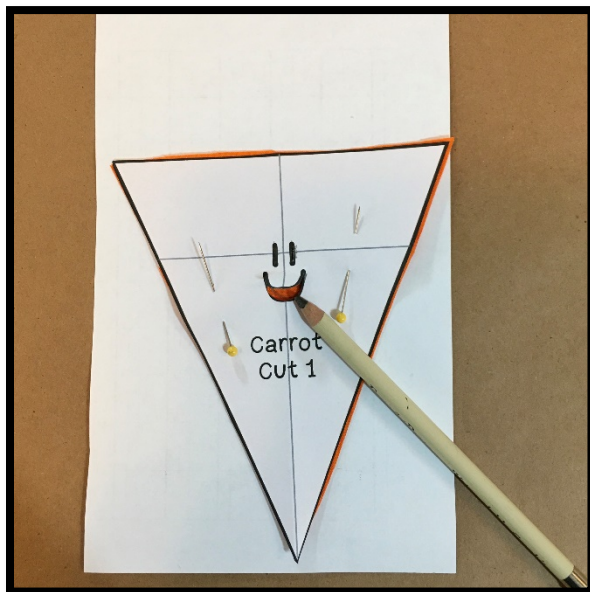
Unfold the carrot pattern piece and fold again, as shown. Cut along the mouth.



Pin the carrot pattern piece to the right side of the orange fabric.  
Cut it out.

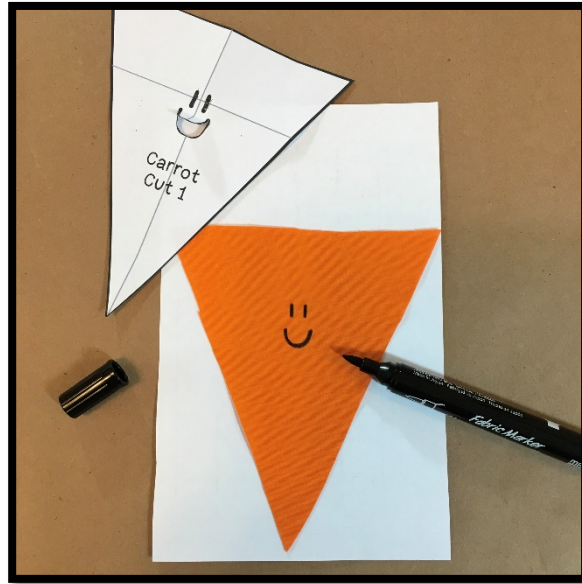


Use the carrot pattern piece as a template to draw the eyes and mouth with a fabric pencil.

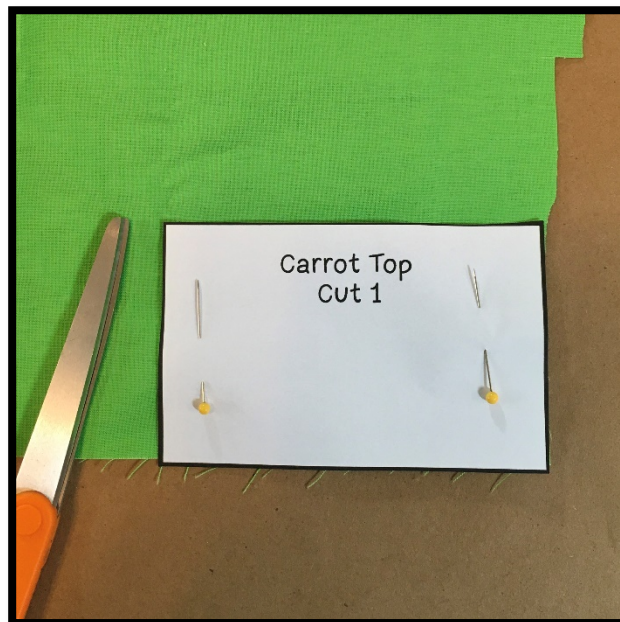


Tip: Place a piece of paper underneath the carrot to prevent your marking from bleeding through the fabric onto your table.

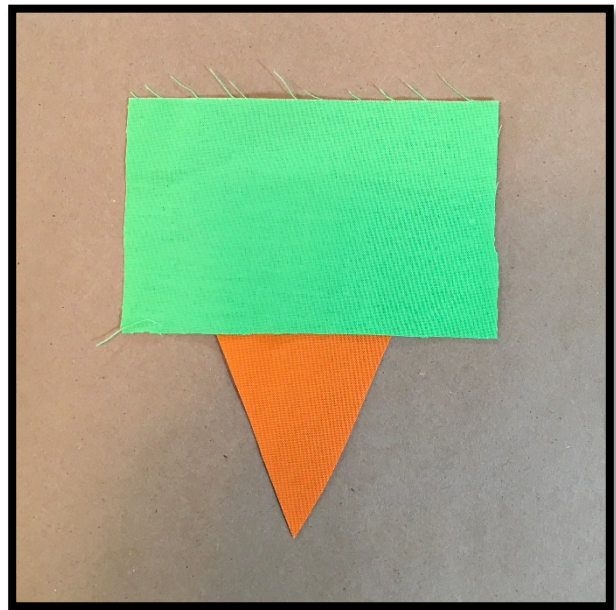
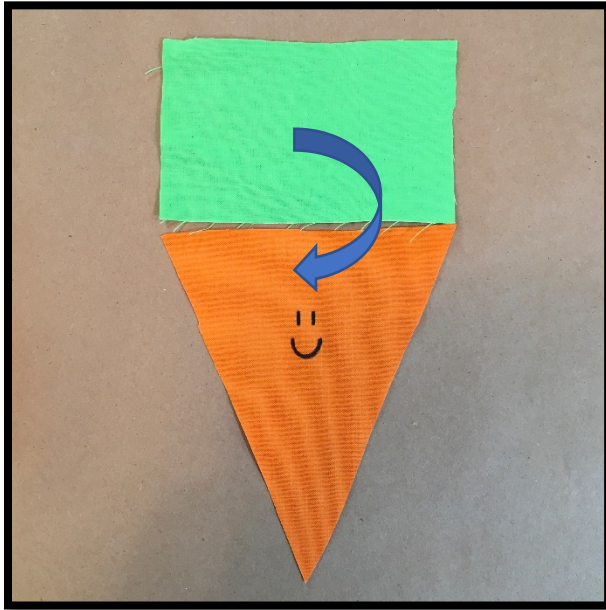
Trace over the pencil marks with the black fabric marker. Let it dry before continuing.



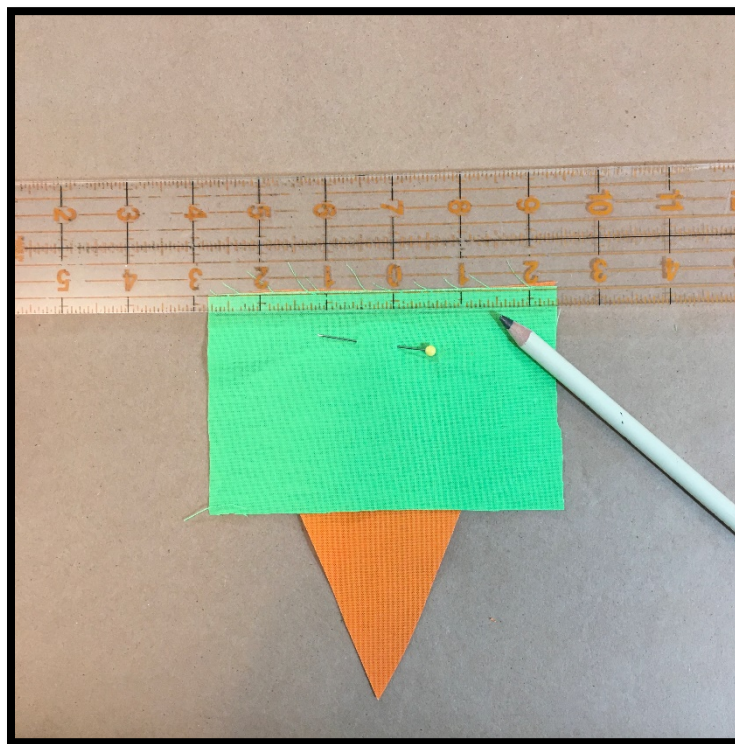
Pin the carrot top pattern piece to the right side of the green fabric and cut it out.



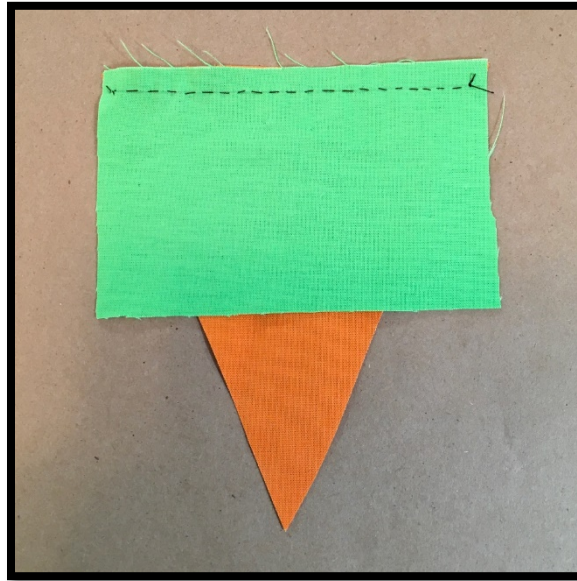
Place the carrot top and carrot with right sides facing.



Use a ruler and fabric pencil to draw a line  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch from the edge of the fabric.



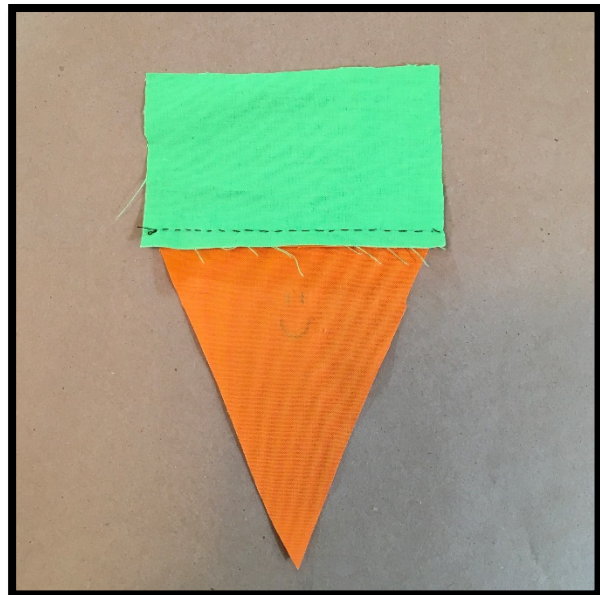
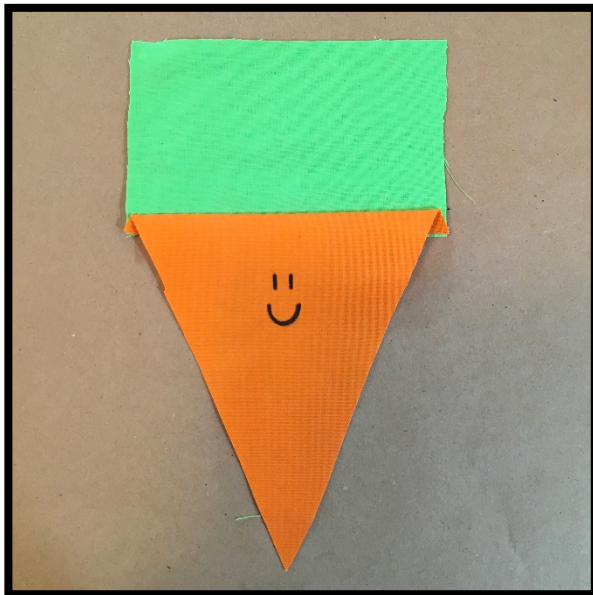
Thread your needle and tie a knot at the end of the thread.  
Sew along the pencil line with a running stitch. The stitches should be close together. You can sew it twice if needed. Tie a knot when finished.



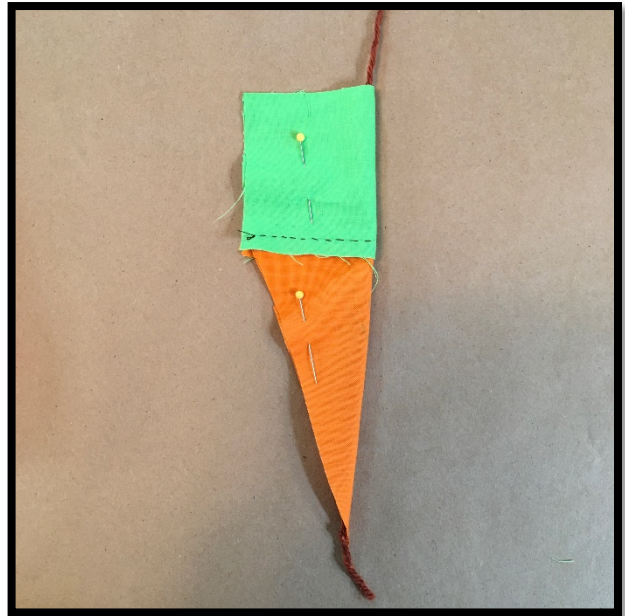
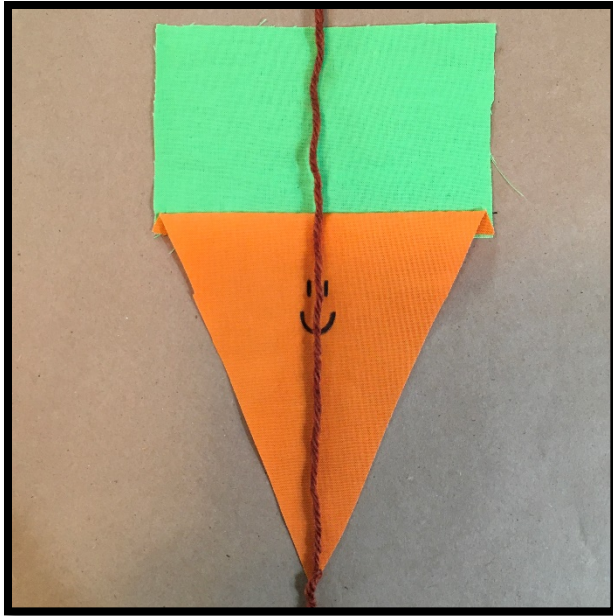
Note: I've used black thread, so you can see the stitch line.

But you should use orange or green thread on this seam.

Finger press the seam so that the seam goes toward the orange carrot.

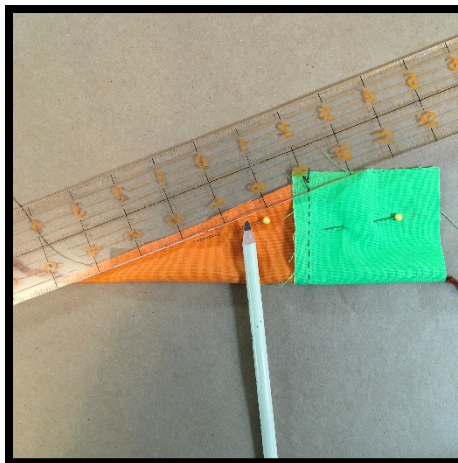


Get a piece of yarn that's longer than the carrot and tie a knot in one end. Place the yarn in the center of the carrot. Fold the carrot in half, around the yarn, so the face is on the inside.

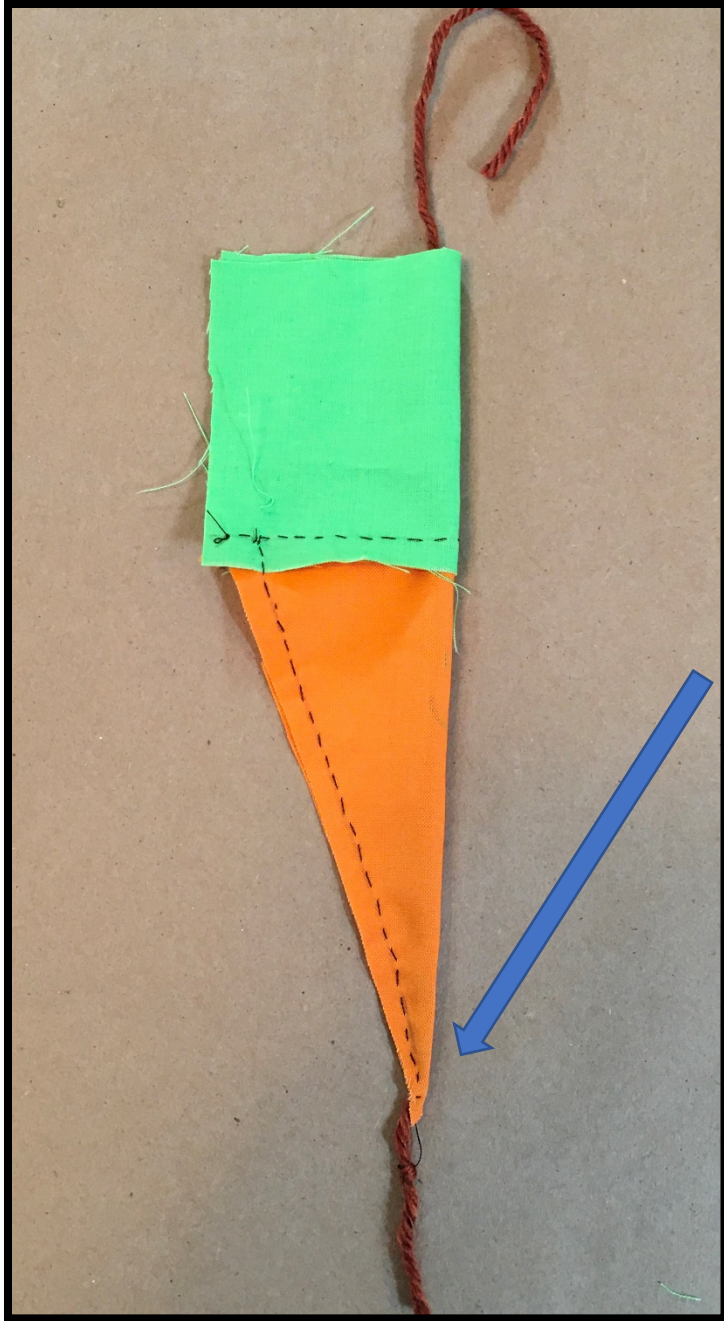


Note: I'm using brown yarn here so that you can see it. But you should use orange yarn.

If you are sewing by hand, use a ruler and fabric pencil to draw a line  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch from the edge of the orange fabric.



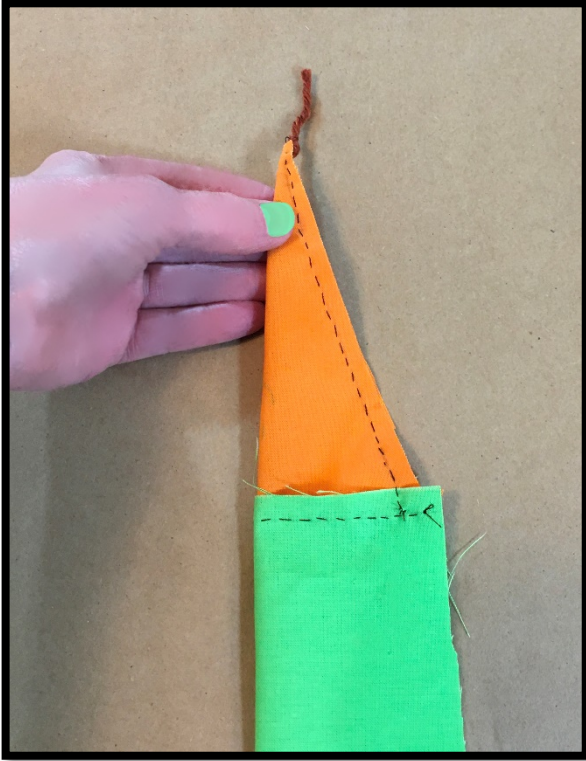




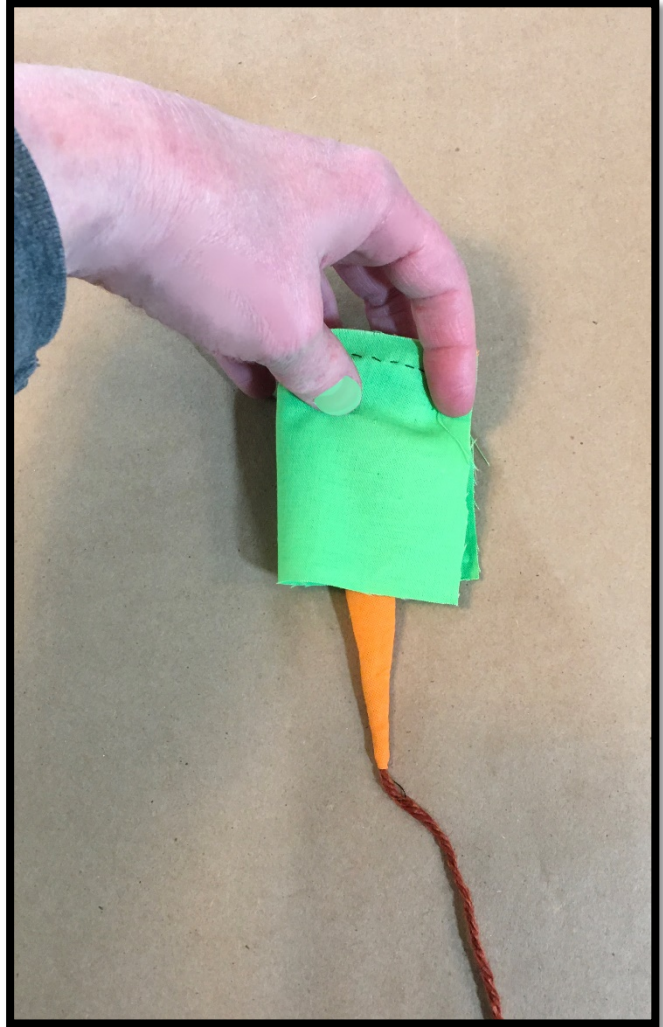
Sew along the pencil line with a running stitch.

Catch the knot of the yarn in the first stitch, but don't catch the yarn in any of the stitches after that – keep it out of the way.

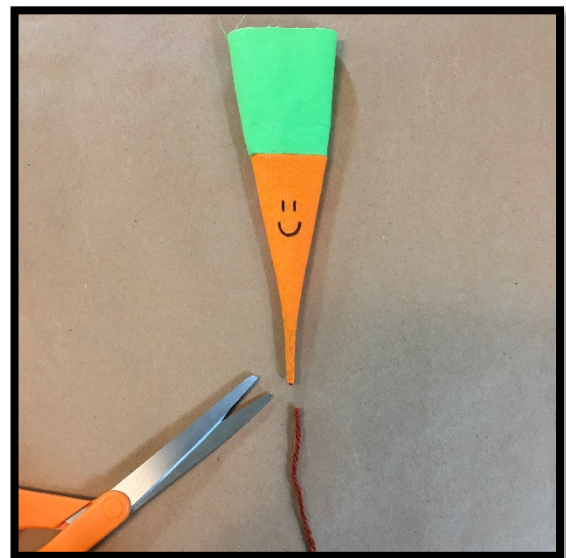
Sew the orange part of the carrot and tie a knot. You don't need to sew the green fabric.



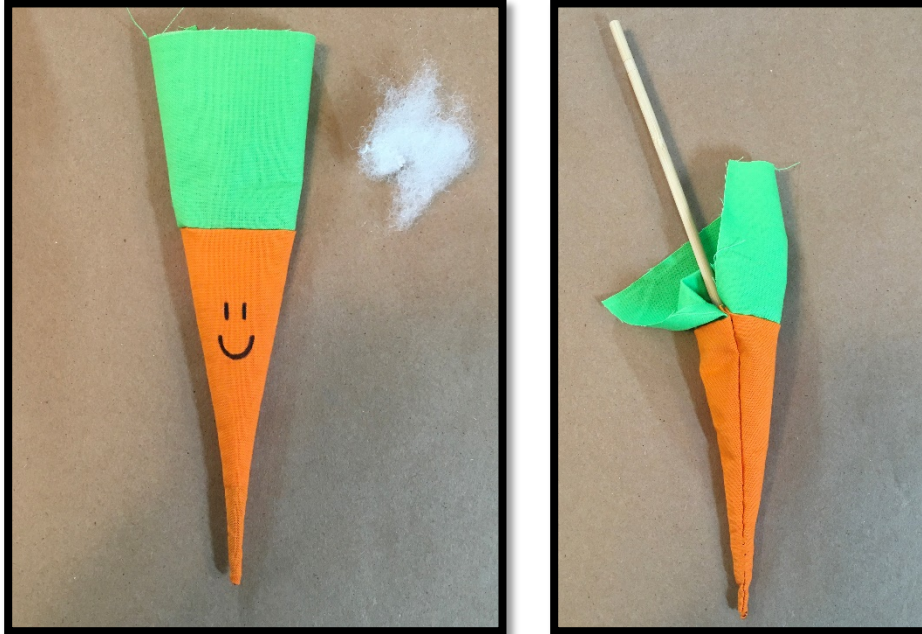
Hold the pointy end of the carrot loosely. Gently pull the yarn to turn the carrot right side out.



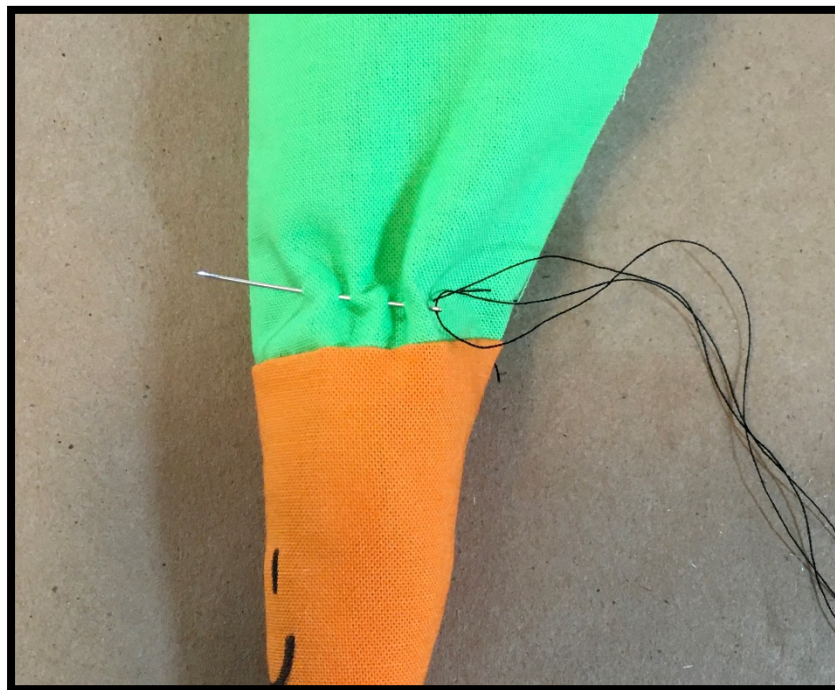
Cut off the yarn. Be sure not to cut your fabric!



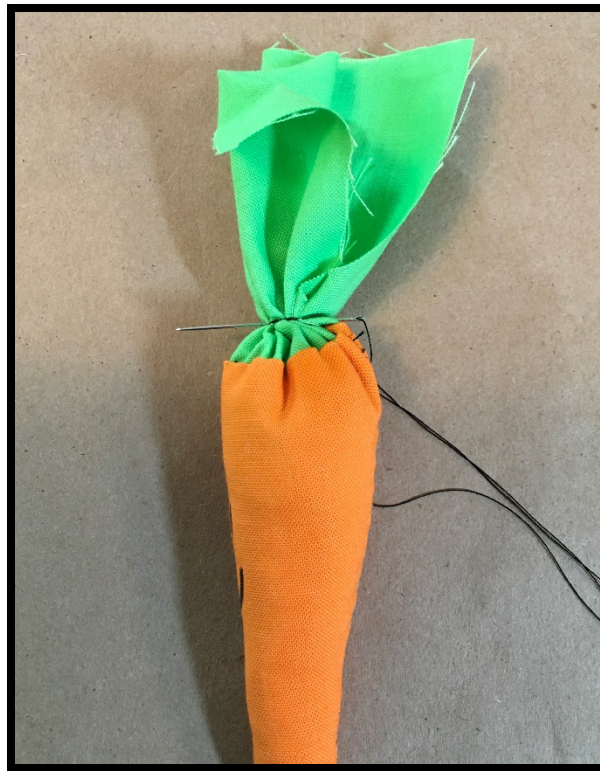
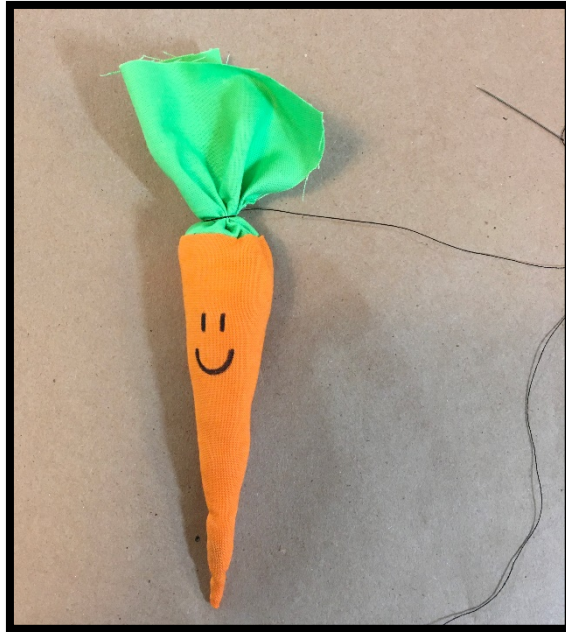
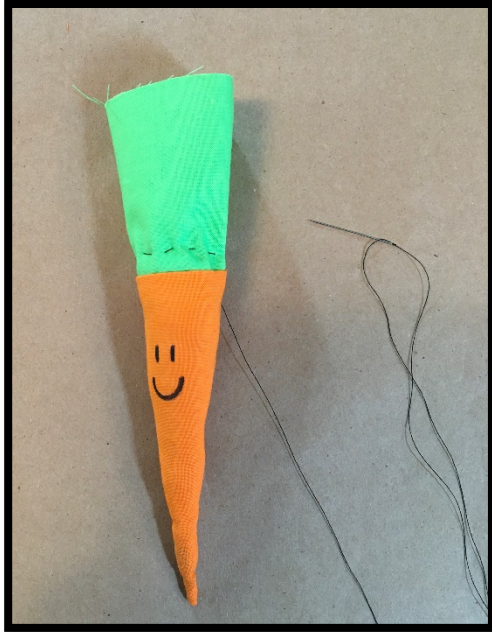
Put a very teeny, tiny amount of stuffing into the tip of the carrot. Push it in with a skewer, chopstick, or stuffing stick. Fill the orange part of the carrot with stuffing.



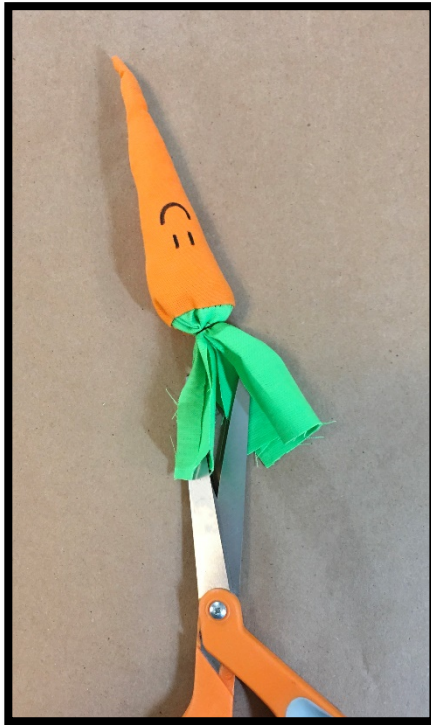
Use green thread to sew a gathering stitch about ¼ inch above the seam between the orange and green fabrics.



When you get to the end, pull the thread tight. Hold onto the thread and wrap it around the fabric three times. Then, sew back and forth through the carrot top several times. Tie a knot.



Carefully cut the green fabric into strips. They don't need to be even.



Your carrot is complete! I hope it looks delightfully silly and quirky! Now you can make a whole bunch of carrots.

Feel free to play around with facial expressions. Happy carrots are fun, but how about a surprised carrot, a cranky carrot, or a yawning carrot? Have fun and happy sewing!



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A pattern is just a guide, and sewists should feel free to make any modifications they desire. There's nothing more delightful than a quirky, hand-sewn character that wasn't made in a factory. Sewing is meant to be fun. Do what makes you happy!

Carrot Top  
Cut 1

