MAKING A SQUIRREL HAND PUPPET

Materials you will need are:
• Two 25cm x 25cm squares of pile material; gold (if you want a 'red squirrel') or grey (if you want a 'grey squirrel')
• A small amount of black felt - for the eyes, ears, and nose
• A needle, some cotton, and glue
• Stuffing

The outline drawings below are patterns for you to make your own hand puppet of a squirrel. On each of them there is a scale which is marked to show what 5cm was on the original drawing which was made on a sheet of A4 paper. Try printing them out to fill an A4 sheet first and adjust the size up or down to fit your own hand size before you cut them out and use them as patterns on your material.
Instructions:

1. Cut out the body shapes; two parts for the back; two parts for the tail; and one part for the tummy.
2. It is easiest to start work with the tail. Sew the two pieces together with the pile side on the inside leaving the bottom open for the stuffing. Turn the finished tail inside out and put in your stuffing.
3. Back: stitch the two parts together adding the tail about 2.5 cm from the bottom as you stitch.
4. Fold the ears and stitch on to the back where marked on the pattern.
5. Stitch the tummy on to the back starting at the top of the head, then going around the paws and down both sides. It is best to do this with the material inside out and to pull it the right side out when you have finished; the stitching will look neater this way.
6. Turn up the bottom edge inwards and stitch this up into a neat hem.