

# Lambs and Sheep Ornaments

Follow the illustrated instructions below to make sheep or lamb ornaments that are inspired by the visit of the shepherds to the baby Jesus.

Glencairn Museum also features many images of rams, ewes, and lambs, representing family.

In this PDF you will find instructions for two ways to make sheep ornaments.

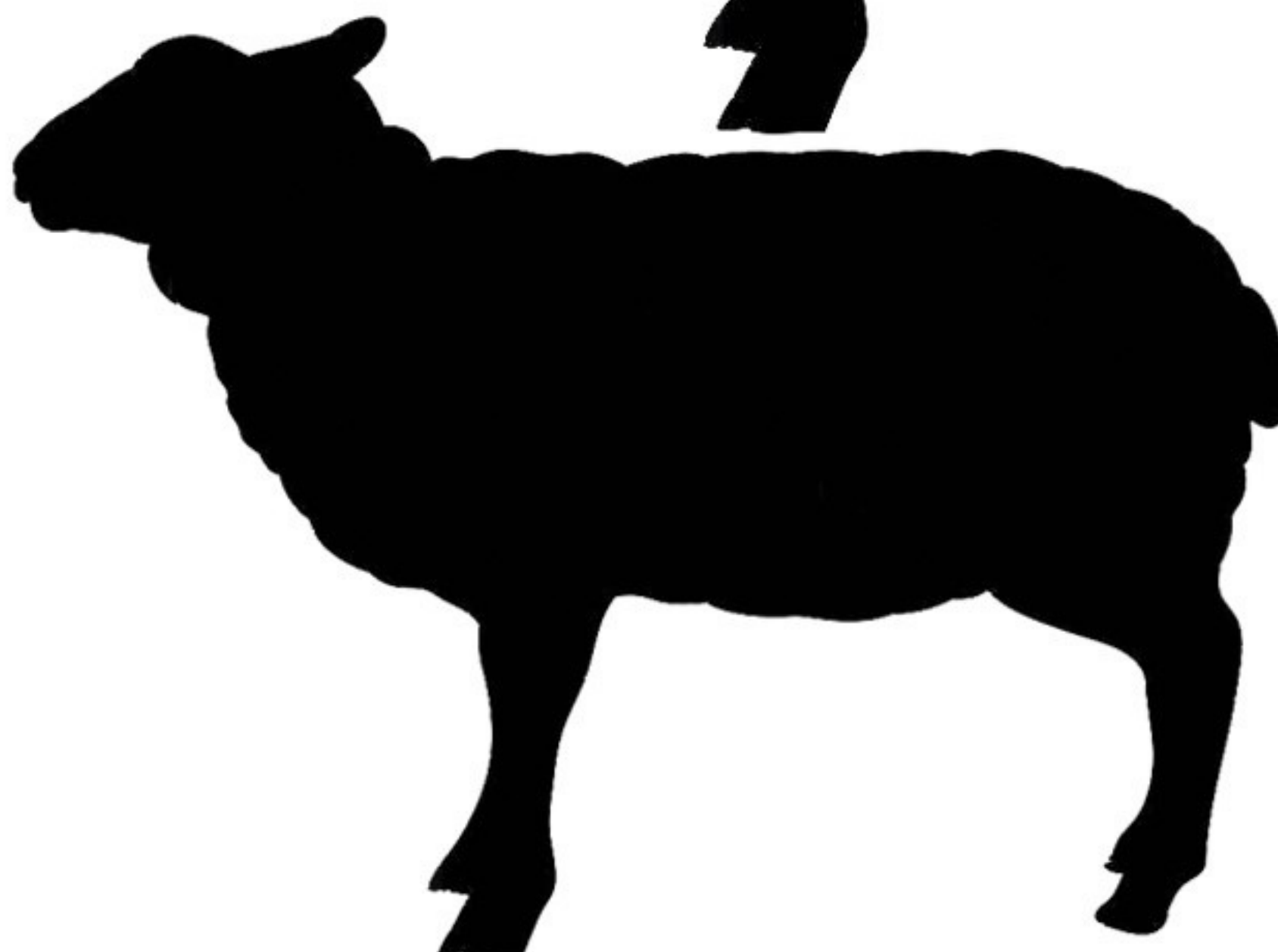
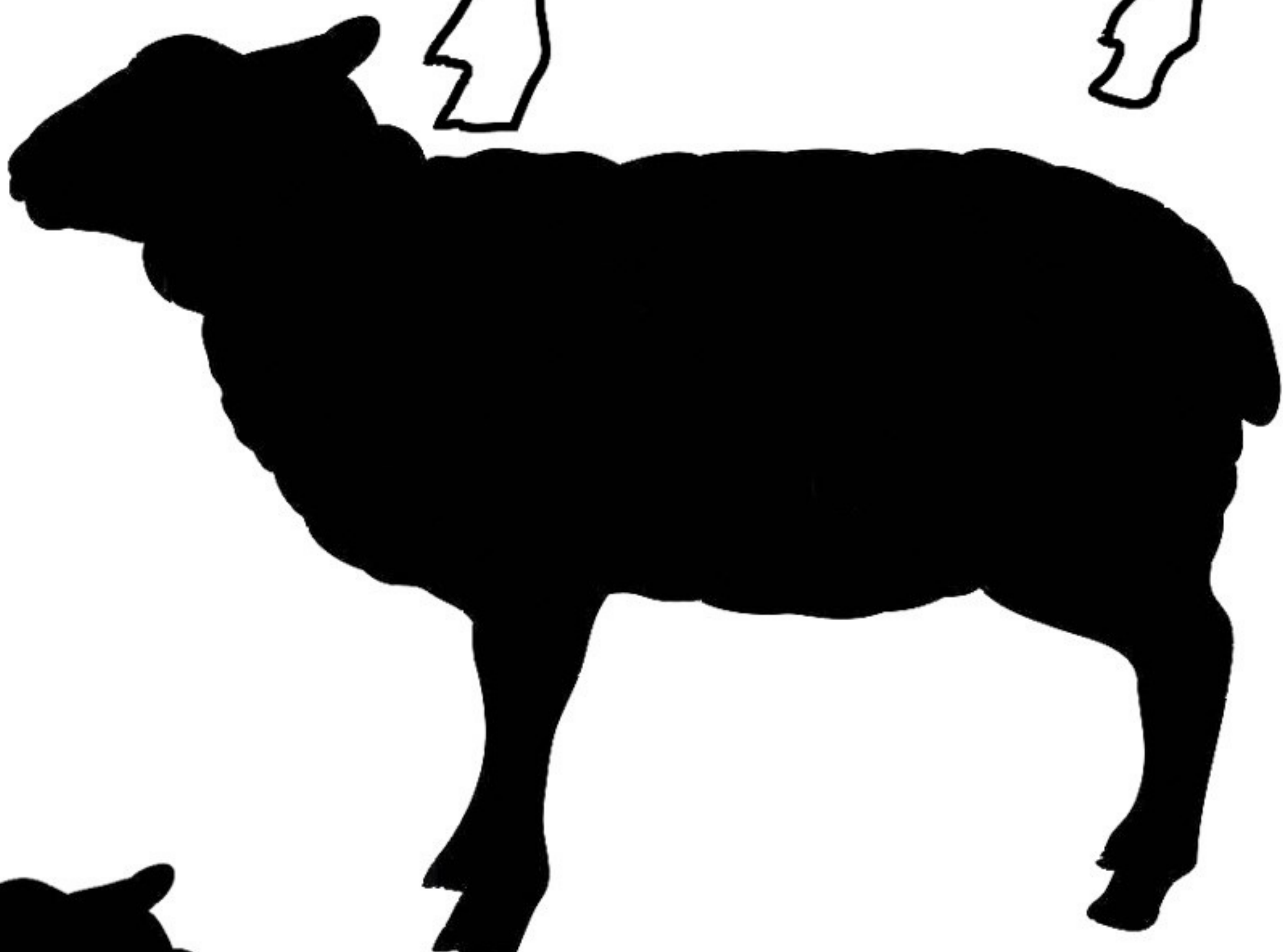
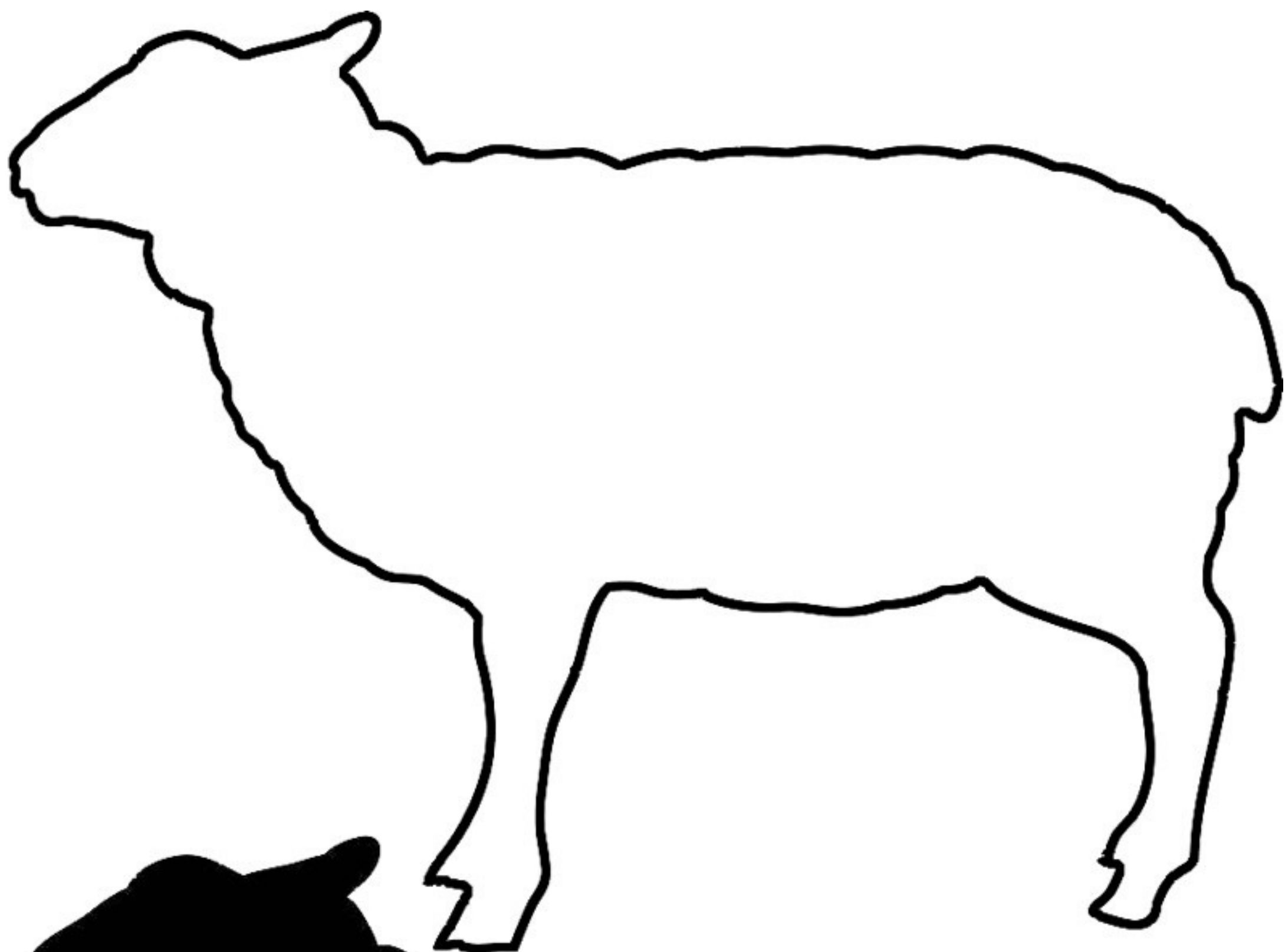
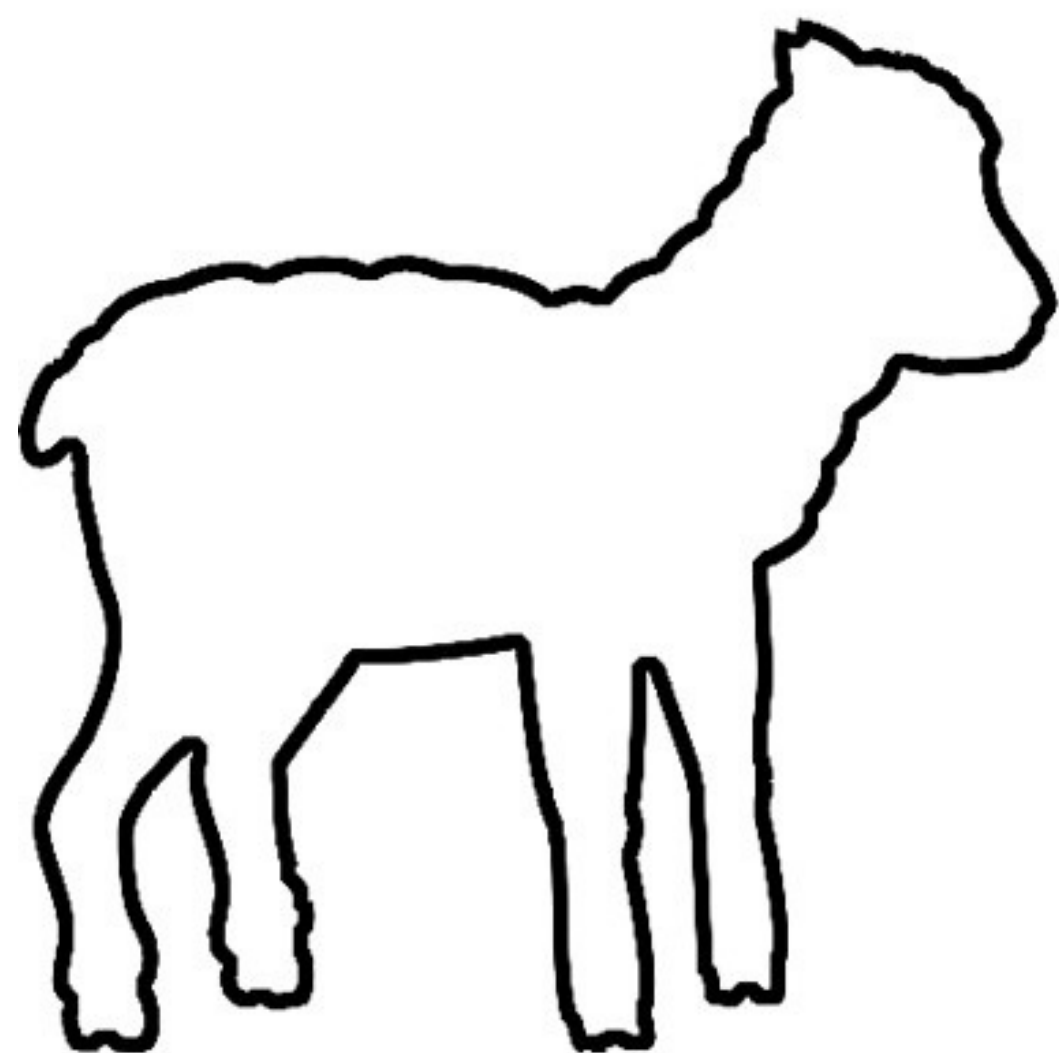


## Materials

- A piece of heavy printable cardstock 8.5 x 11 inches
- Printer to print the templates
- Large yarn type needle
- Scissors
- Sheep colored yarns, fuzzier and thicker is good for this project (but not TOO thick). If your yarn is thinner, you can put two yarns together.
- Hole punch
- Small piece of tape
- A grownup to help cut out the shapes if needed



Sheep and Lambs  
(Print on heavy  
Cardstock)



# Stitched Sheep Ornament

## Step 1

- Print out the templates on heavy cardstock paper, 8.5 x 11.
- Choose and cut out a sheep or lamb.
- You can leave it as printed, or color in the legs and head, and add eyes (the rest will be covered) if you wish.



## Step 2

- Ask a grownup for help if needed. Using a hole-punch, punch a random pattern of holes over the sheep's body (don't punch the legs or face of the sheep).
- Choose your yarn to make wool for the sheep.
- Cut a long piece of yarn, 2 yards or so, depending on your yarn thickness.
- Thread one end of the yarn into the big yarn needle.



## Step 3

- Begin at the back of the sheep and stitch into one hole and around the edge of the cardstock, around and through, around and through to start covering the paper.
- When you stitch through the same hole several times, a fan shape of stitches will show.

## Step 4

- Continue stitching through the holes around the edge of the sheep. Then fill in the middle of the sheep with the same type of stitching through from hole to hole to make the sheep nice and soft with yarn.
- Once most of the paper is covered, you can go back over and make more fan shapes of stitches for a decorative look.
- When your sheep is as fuzzy and soft as you want, you can turn it over, and make a loop at the top of the sheep's back with your yarn, to hang the ornament.
- Tie off your yarn in the back of the sheep, weaving the ends under the yarn to hide it. Cut off the end.



# Wrapped Lamb Ornament

## Step 1

- Print out the templates on heavy cardstock paper, 8.5 x 11.
- Choose and cut out a sheep or lamb.
- You can leave it as printed, or color in the legs and head, and add eyes (the rest will be covered) if you wish.



## Step 2

- Pick yarn for your sheep or lamb. You can combine 2 yarns of different textures to make it extra fuzzy and fun.
- Cut a long piece of your yarn(s), 20-36 inches or more depending on the size of your lamb.
- Turn the lamb over and tape the yarn to the back to begin.



## Step 3

- Begin wrapping the yarn along the body of the lamb, **sideways**. It may want to slip off the back of the lamb, but don't worry, the next step will hold it back in place, just hold it with your fingers for now.
- Now bring the yarn down between the lamb's hind legs and to the front to start winding the other direction.



## Step 4

- Begin wrapping up and over the lamb **vertically**. This will hold the horizontal yarn wraps in place.
- Wrap over the belly of the lamb and towards the head.



## Step 5

- Keep wrapping, covering the cardstock paper except for the legs, head, and tail. It's getting so cute and fuzzy now!



## Step 6

- When the lamb is covered, turn it over.
- Make a loop at the top of the lamb's back, for hanging it on the tree. Stitch a few times through the wrapped yarn on the back to hold the loop firmly.
- Tie off the yarn in the back by weaving it back and forth under the other yarns there.



## All Done!

