

## 38 Play veils

This is one of the simplest pieces of play equipment but one which has the greatest scope for using the imagination. If you have different coloured veils, they can be used for dressing up or for camps, shops or castles, or for games with other play things such as bricks and animals where they become fields, sand, seas and rivers etc. A prince or princess can be created very quickly with a veil and perhaps a crown made out of foil or even coloured paper folded over a few times and fixed with glue or a paper clip.



### You will need:

Pieces of gauze 92cm (1yd) square  
Red, blue and yellow dyes  
From these you can make purple, green and orange dyes as well

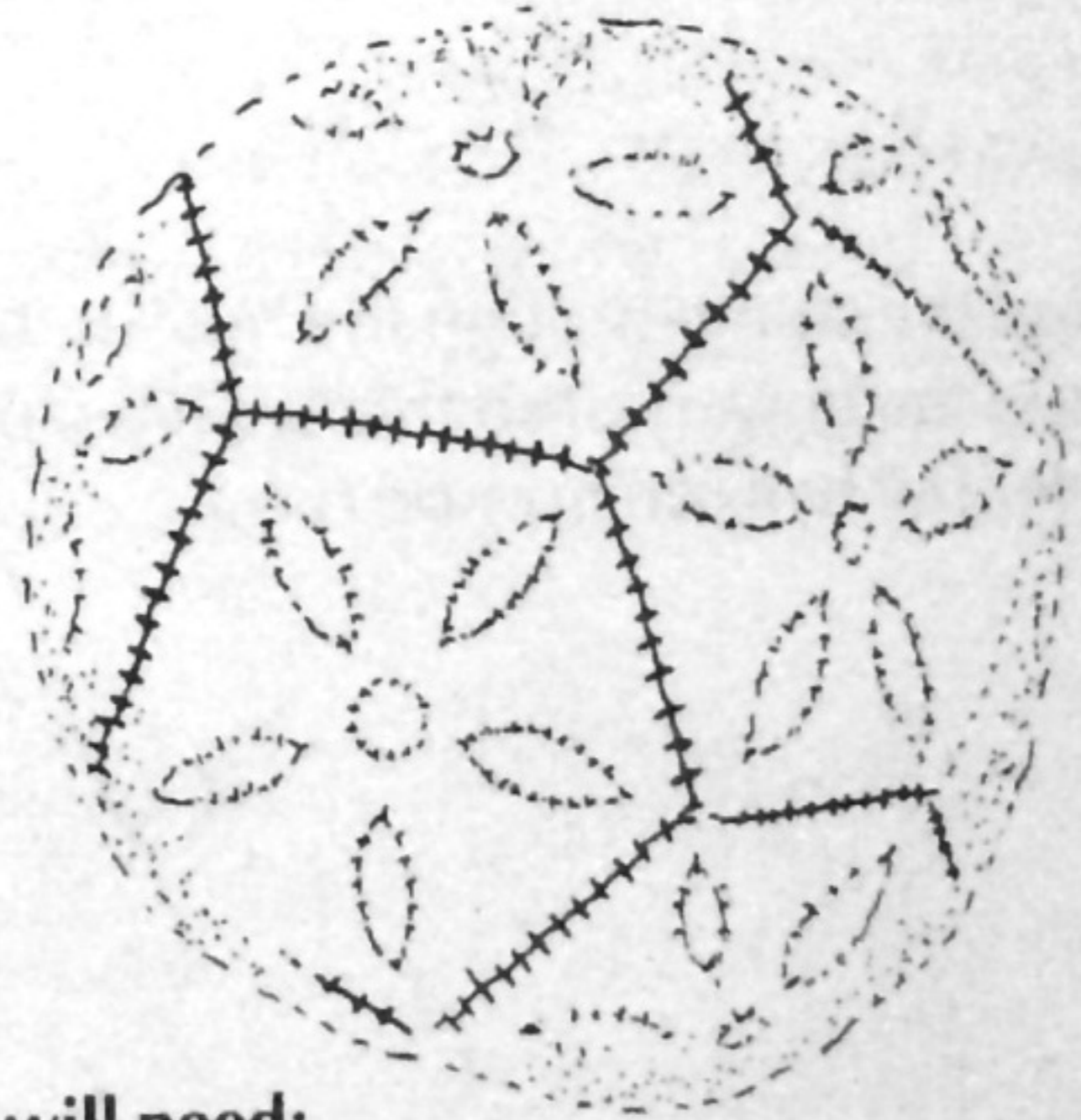
### Instructions:

Dye the material according to the instructions on the dyes, and hem all round the edges of the material.



## 39 Baby's felt ball

This is a lovely present for a baby. Soft to hold, made with pretty colours and with a jingling bell hidden in the middle. It is made out of twelve pentagrams which together make a dodecahedron.



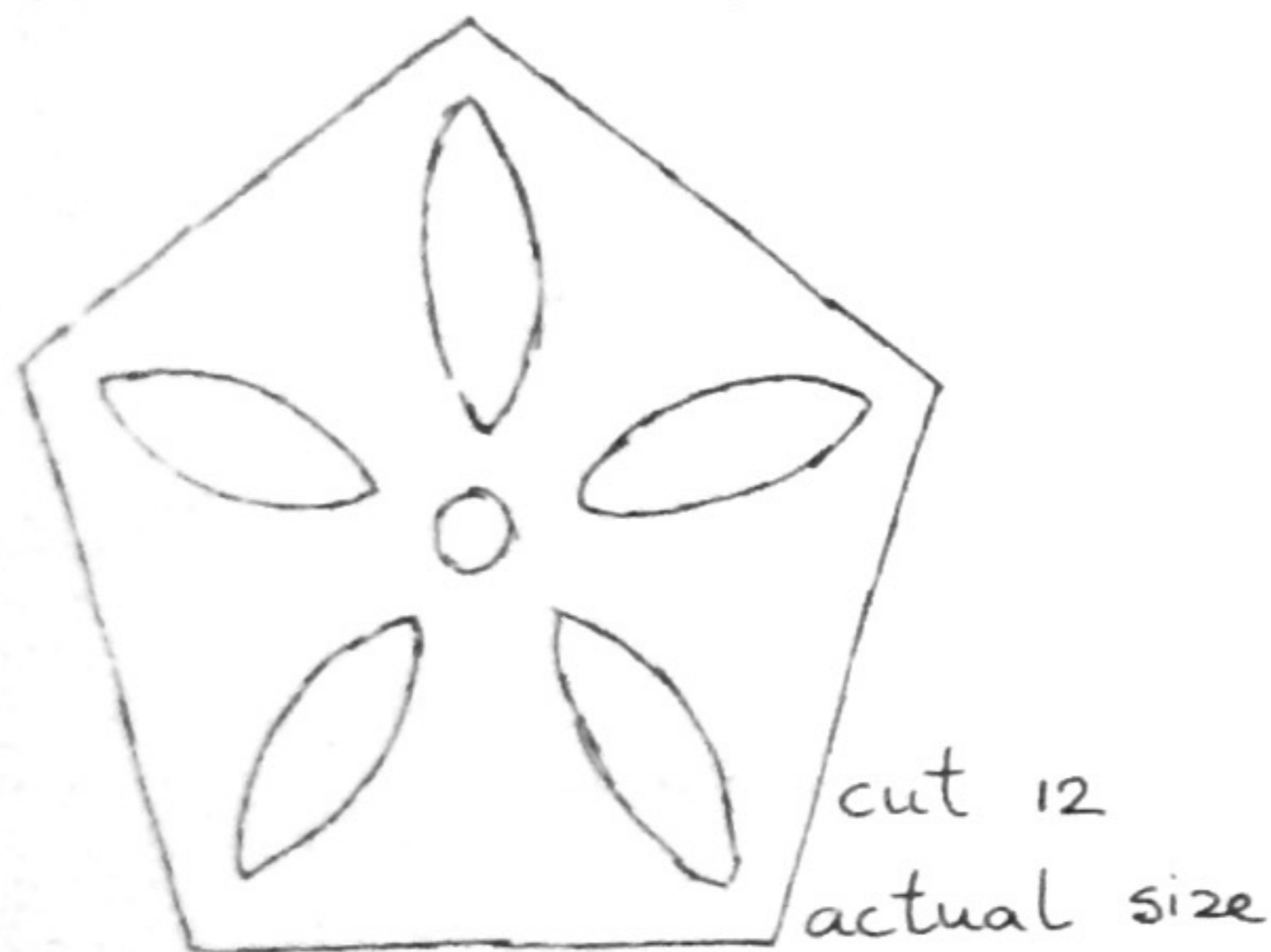
### You will need:

A piece of coloured felt 36cm (14") square  
Small pieces of different coloured felt but colours which go nicely together and match the background  
Cotton thread

Small amount of wool fleece for stuffing  
One small bell  
Cardboard 8 x 8cm (3 x 3")

**Instructions:**

Cut a template having traced the diagram, out of a piece of cardboard. From this cut twelve pentagrams. You then have to cut five petals and a centre for each flower that will be sewn onto the twelve pentagrams.

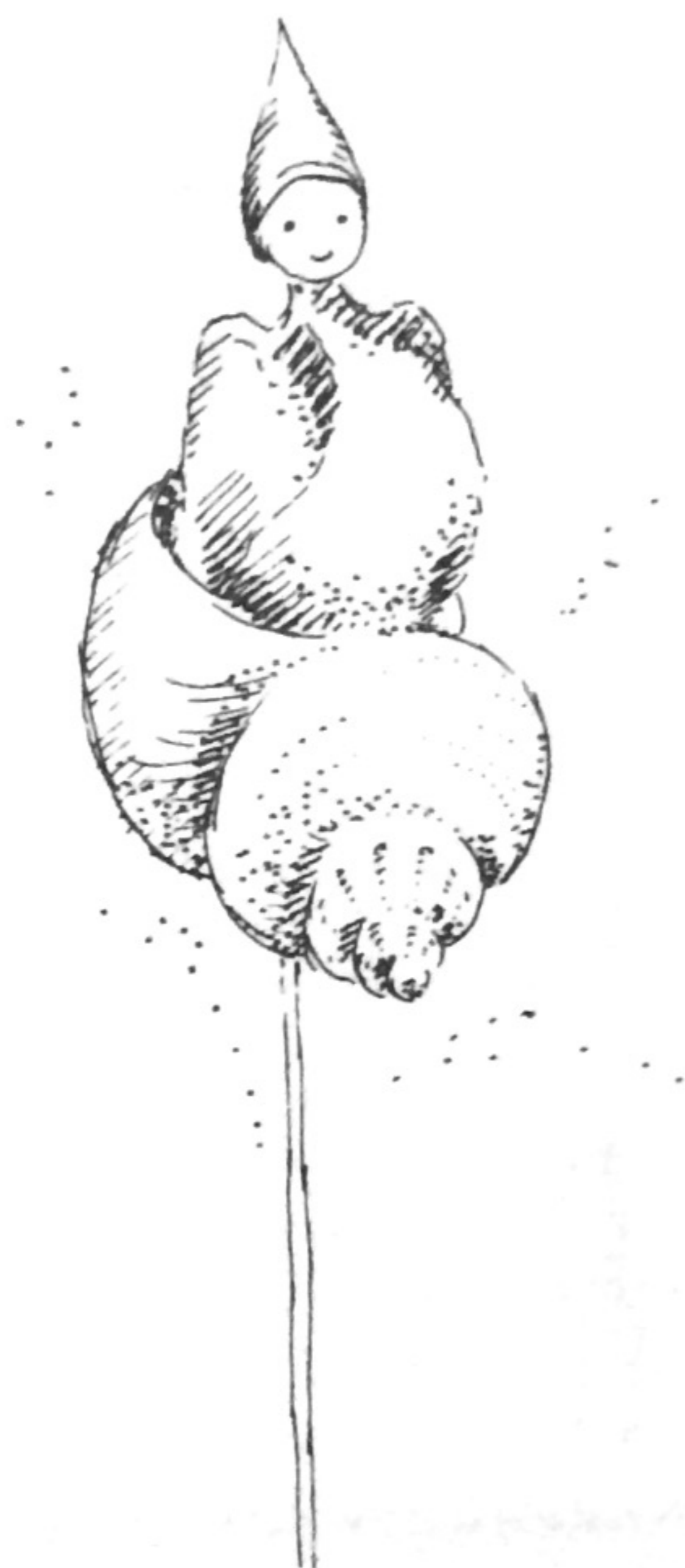


Sew five petals and a centre onto each pentagram. Then sew the pentagrams neatly together, leaving the final one open so that you can push the stuffing and the bell in. Stuff the ball quite firmly or it will lose its shape. Finish sewing it up and your ball is ready.

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**Gnome in the shell**

This charming little toy is excellent to take on long journeys. Small children love to watch the little gnome hiding in the shell and then peeping out again and again...It is a little fiddly to make, but well worth it!



**You will need:**

- One large whelk shell
- One plain wooden bead 2mm (15/32") diameter
- One thin stick 14cm (5½") long (3mm basket cane is ideal)
- One piece of thin cotton or silk material 10 x 13cm (4 x 5")
- Matching thread
- Some strong glue