

# First Communion Banner Instructions

One of the First Communion traditions at Holy Rosary and St. Mary's Church is the First Communion banner. Each family with a child (or children) making First Communion makes a banner, which is displayed in the church for the Mass. You do not have to be "craft" to make a banner. Templates and guides are available online. I have included some examples to spark your imagination! Banners should be no larger than 9"x 12". Banner kits are also available from Amazon and other retailers if you prefer.

## **TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL FIRST COMMUNION BANNER MAKING:**

**First and foremost, make sure that your child's name appears on the banner.** You may also want to include the date somewhere on the banner as well. **The banner itself should be no bigger than 9"x12". The ribbon that will hold the banner up must be x" long** (this way all the banners hang at the same level). Other than the banner size, ribbon length and child's first name, the banner design is completely up to the family. You may want to draw out your design before you get your craft supplies. This will help with getting what is needed and not bringing home a bunch of unnecessary materials.

**Please, please, please *do not* make this a project that just Mom works on.** Make it a family activity. Or, at the very least, make sure to also include the child making their First Communion.

**Common elements you may want to include on a banner** include a child's name, the date, a chalice, grapes, bread, wheat, a Communion Host, and a cross. You do not need to include all of these (you don't want it to be too overwhelming), and you may want to include something not on the list. Either way — this is just a general guide.

**Put together** your banner by unpeeling adhesive, using Tacky Glue, or sewing. Make sure everything seems like it will stay on.

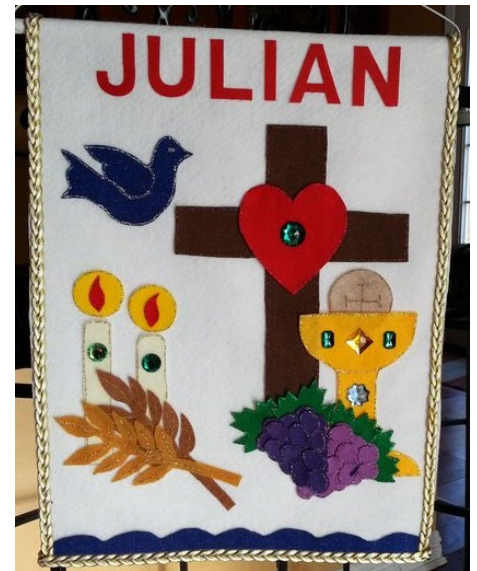
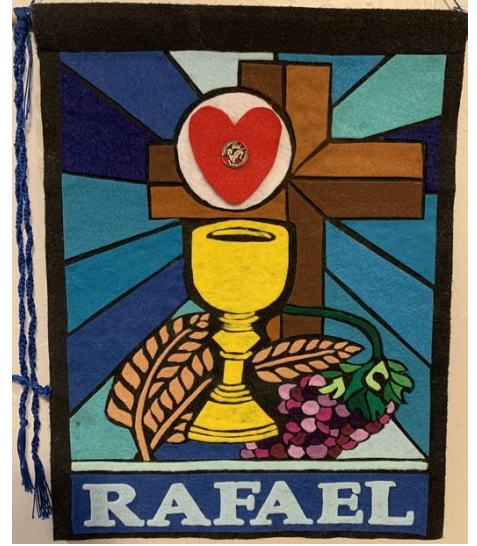
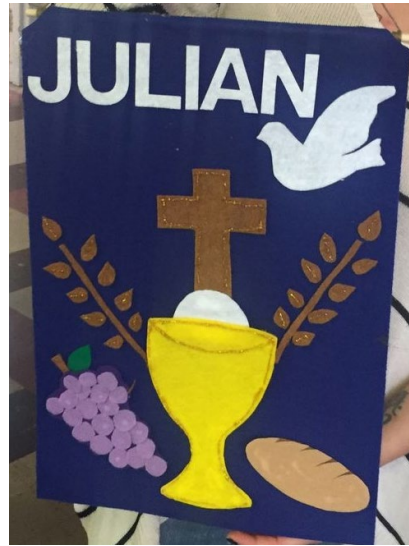
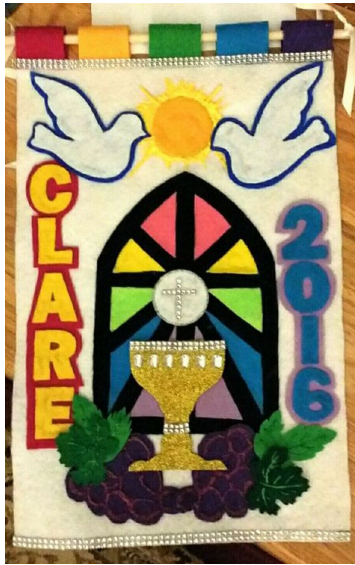
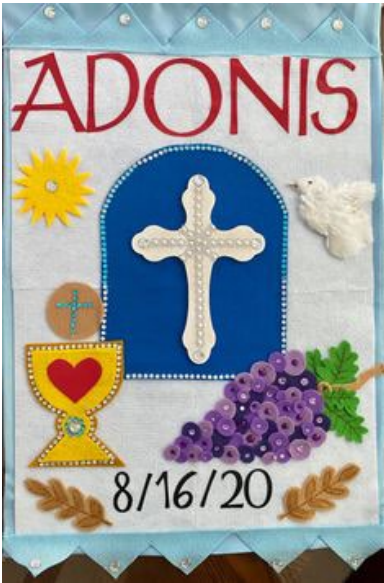
**Clearly mark your child's name on the back of the banner,** so it can easily be returned after the First Communion Mass.

Mark this task off your "to do" list and **say a prayer for your child.** They have a big day coming up!

If you have any questions, just email me at [HolyRosaryStMarysCCD@gmail.com](mailto:HolyRosaryStMarysCCD@gmail.com) or call the office at 209.632.7163.

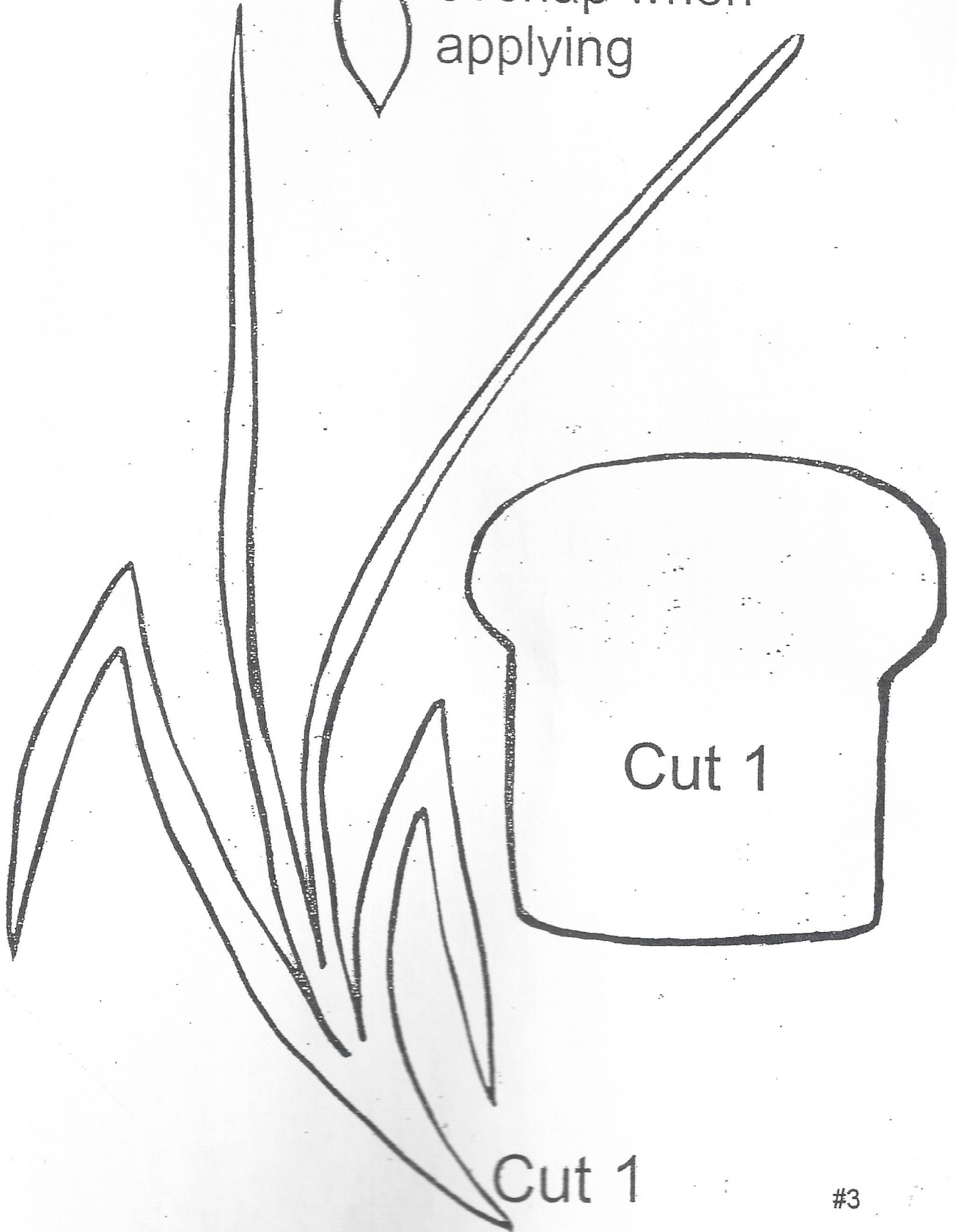
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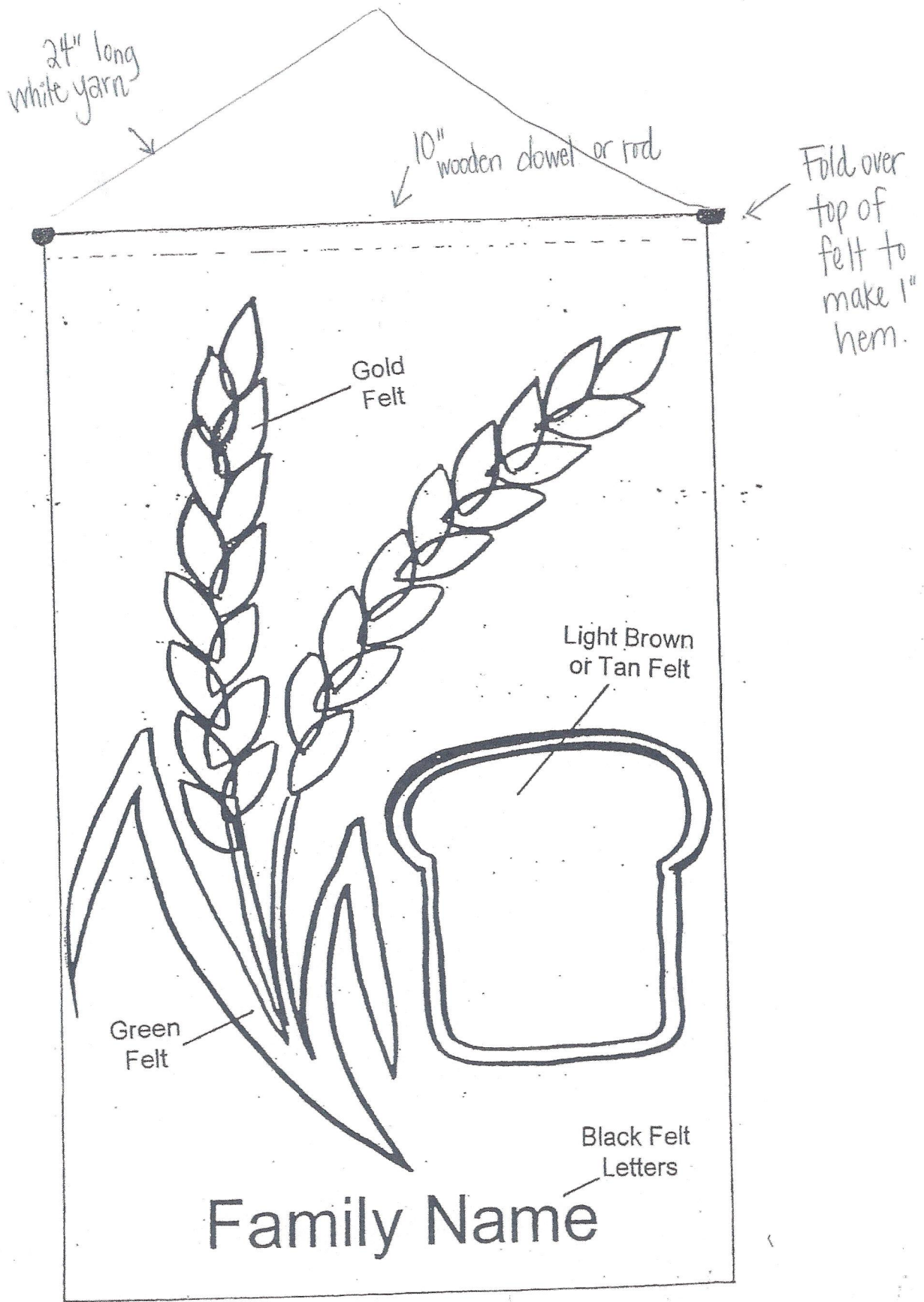
*Annie*



Banner Samples – Google 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Banners or check out Pinterest for more ideas and inspiration!

Cut 30  
overlap when  
applying





9" x 12"  
Piece  
of  
White  
Felt

24" long  
white yarn

10" wooden dowel or rod

Fold over  
top of  
felt to  
make 1"  
hem.

Gold  
Felt

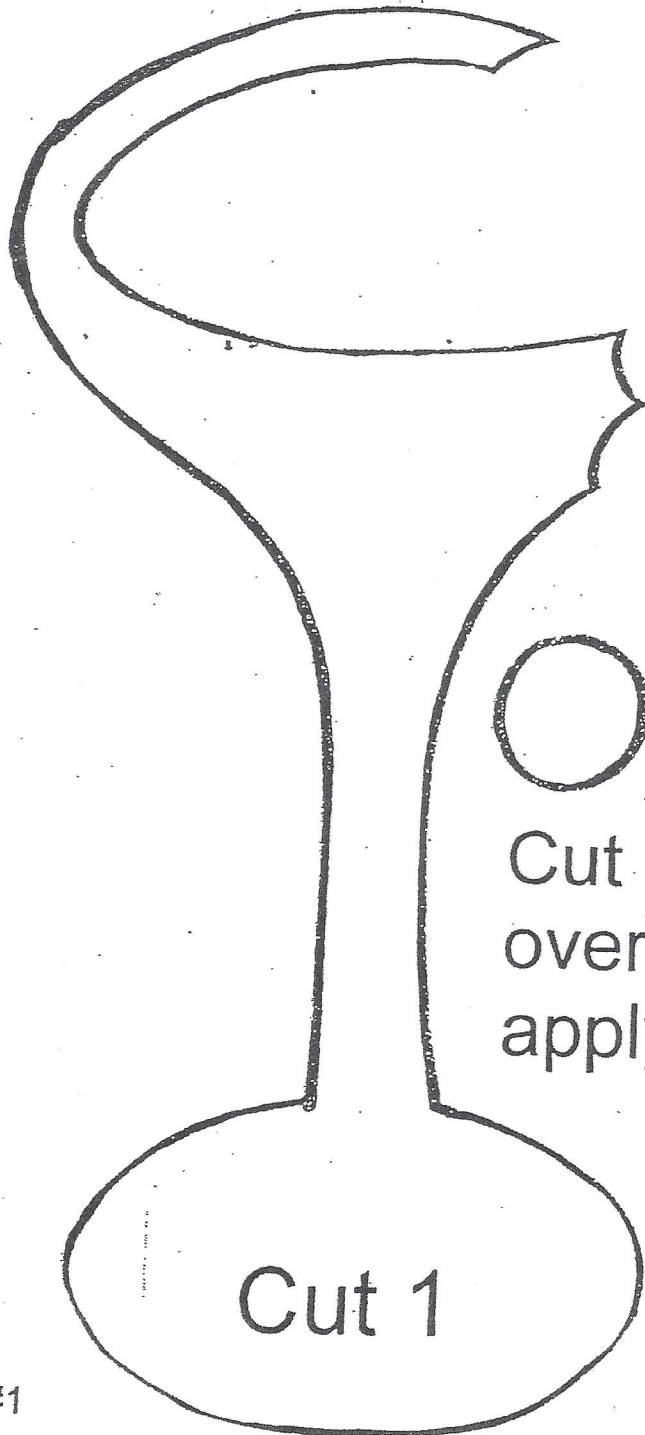
Light Brown  
or Tan Felt

Green  
Felt

Black Felt  
Letters

Family Name

# Patterns



Cut 30  
overlap when  
applying

Cut 1

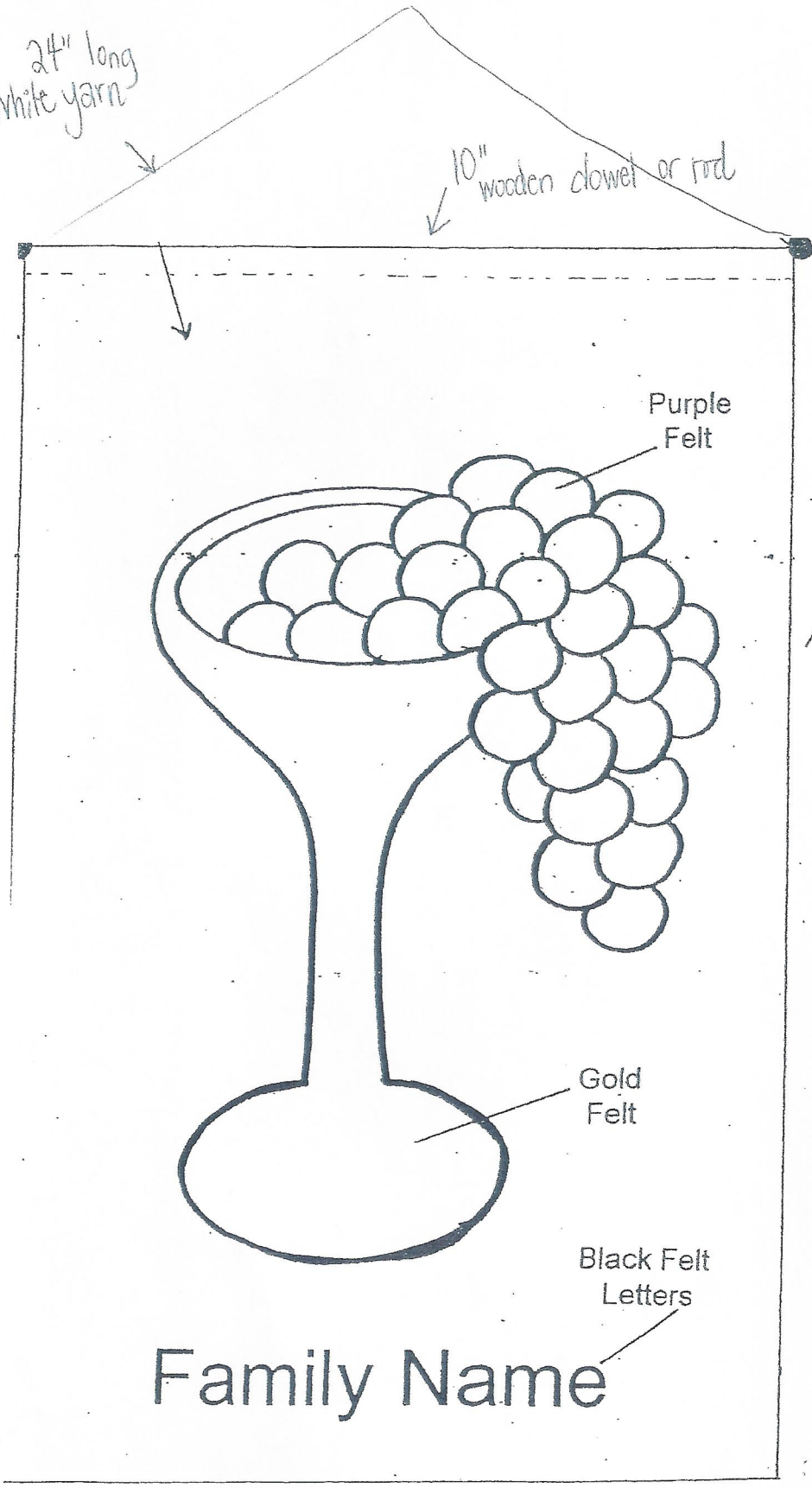
#1

24" long  
white yarn

10" wooden dowel or rod

Fold over  
top of  
felt to  
make 1"  
hem.

9" x 12"  
Piece  
of  
White  
Felt

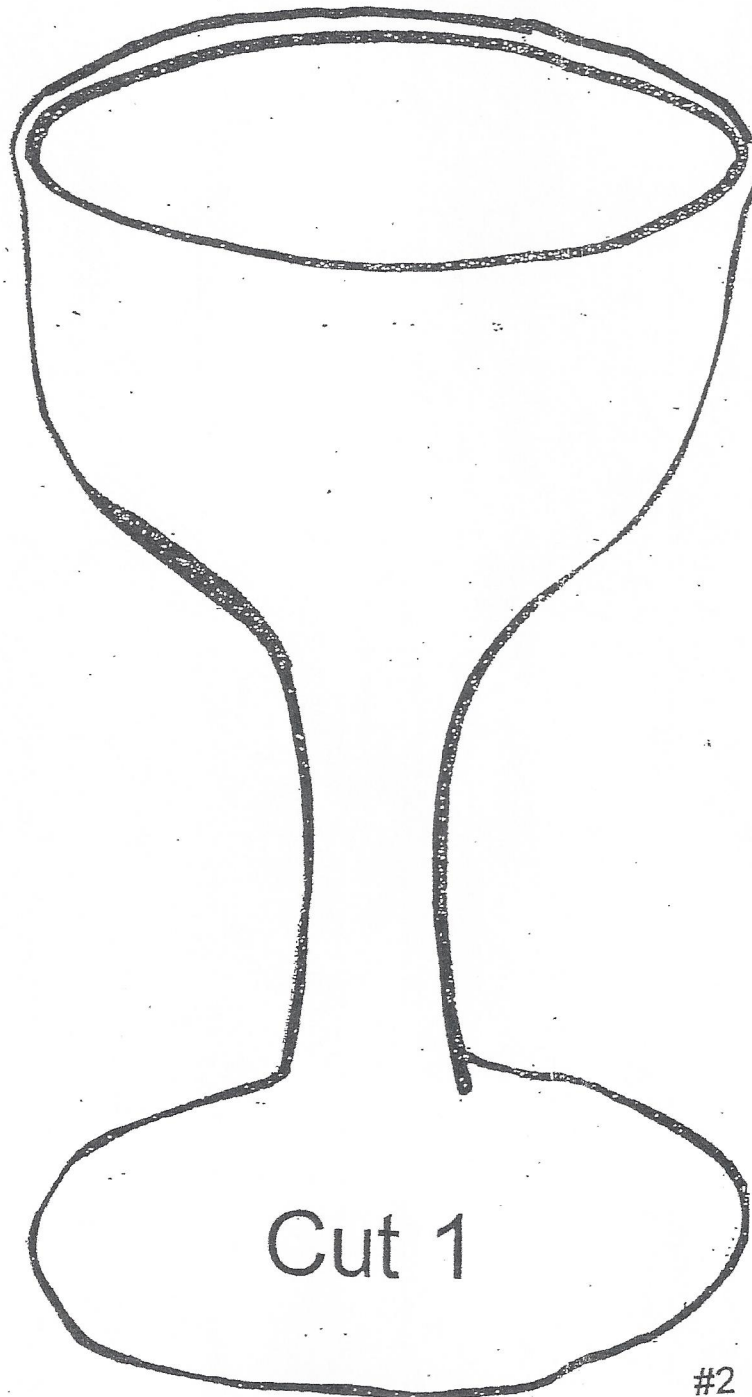
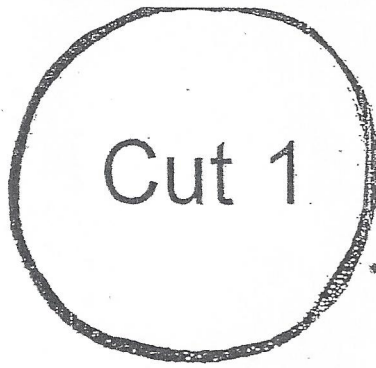


Purple  
Felt

Gold  
Felt

Black Felt  
Letters

Family Name



#2

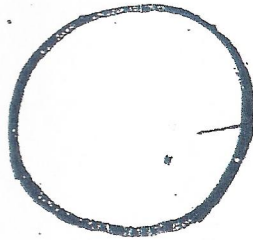
24" long  
white yarn

10" wooden dowel or rod

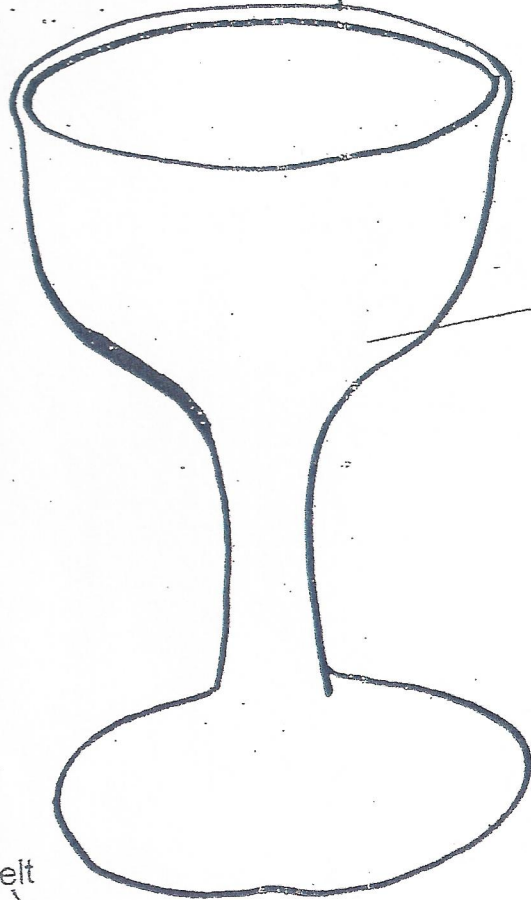
Fold over  
top of  
felt to  
make 1"  
hem.

9" x 12"

Piece  
of  
White  
Felt



White  
Felt



Gold  
Felt

Black Felt  
Letters

Family Name

#2