

In autumn, pine cones mature and fall to the ground. Have you collected a small mountain of pine cones at home? This is a seasonal craft activity perfect for young children, using pine cones and cotton wool to create a lifelike owl whilst experiencing the joy of creating with natural materials.

## Materials Needed

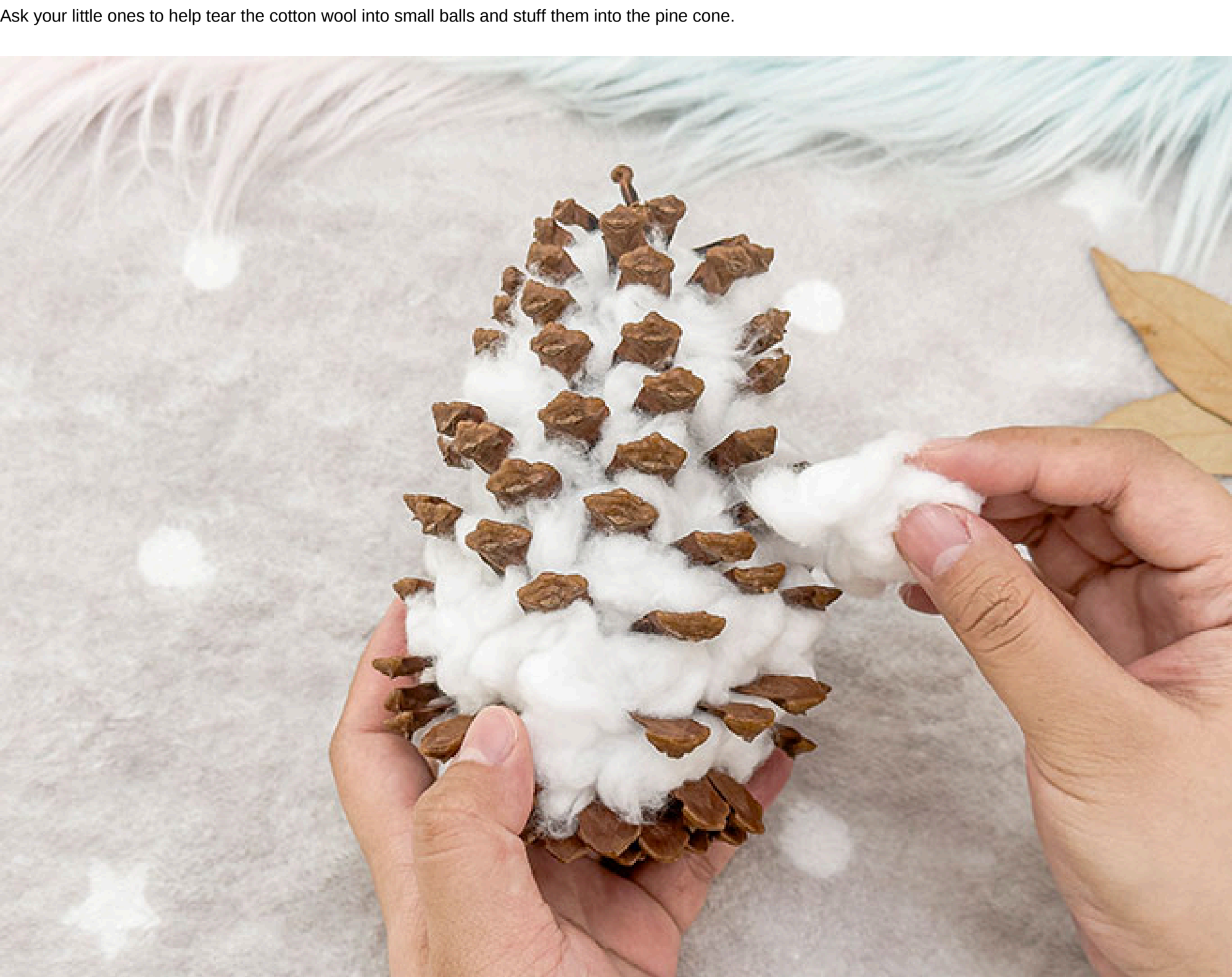
Felt (black, yellow, white)  
Pine cone  
Double-sided tape  
Cotton wool  
Wiggle eyes  
Marker pen  
Pencil  
Scissors



## Step-by-step tutorial

### Step 1

Ask your little ones to help tear the cotton wool into small balls and stuff them into the pine cone.



### Step 2

Fold the white felt in half and draw a wing shape with a pencil, then cut along the outline. This will give you two wings.



### Step 3

Flip one felt wing over and place it symmetrically with the other. Use the marker pen to draw feather patterns on both wings.



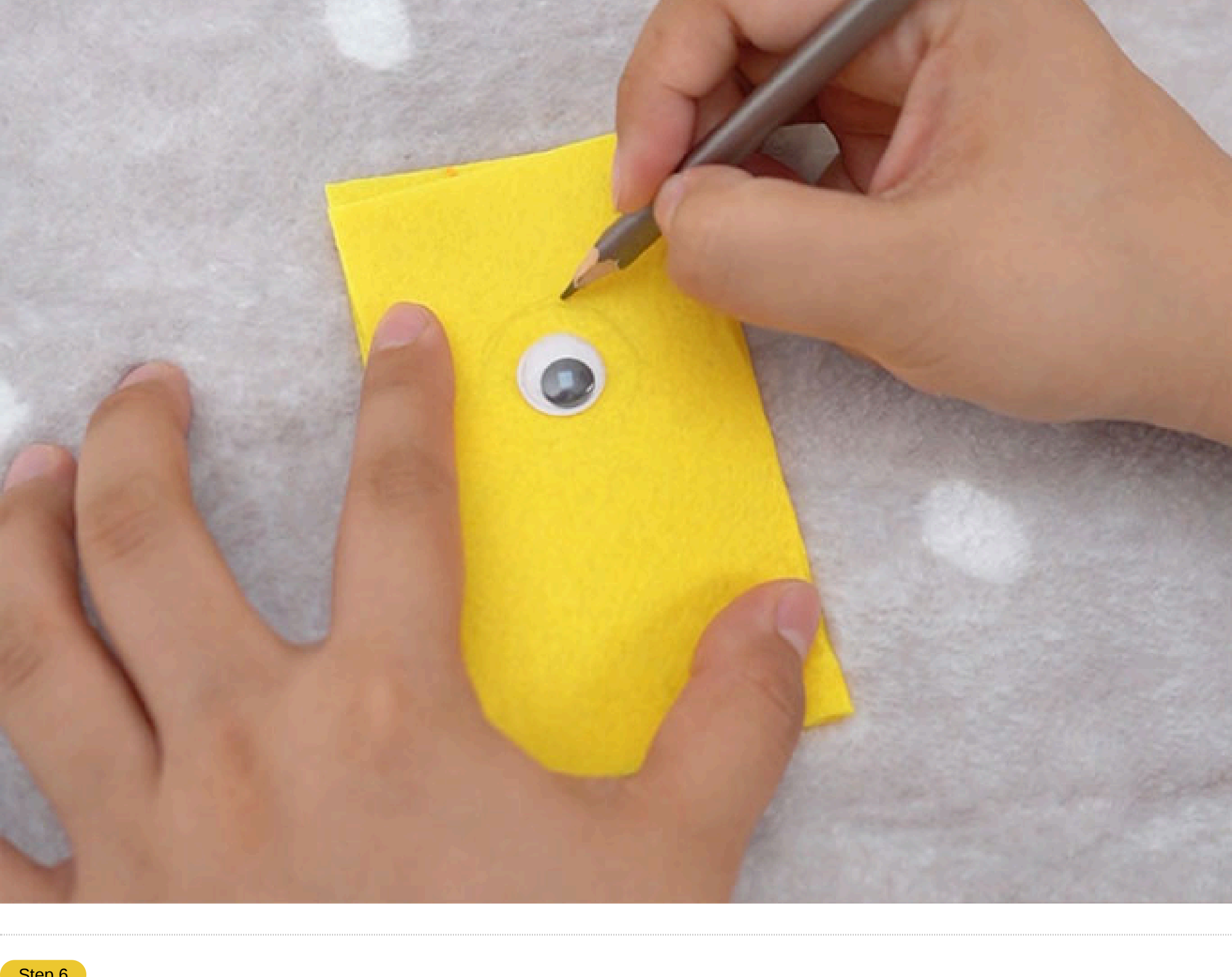
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Take the black felt and cut out a small triangle - this will be the owl's beak.



### Step 5

Fold the yellow felt in half, place the wiggle eyes on top, and use a pencil to draw circles around them.



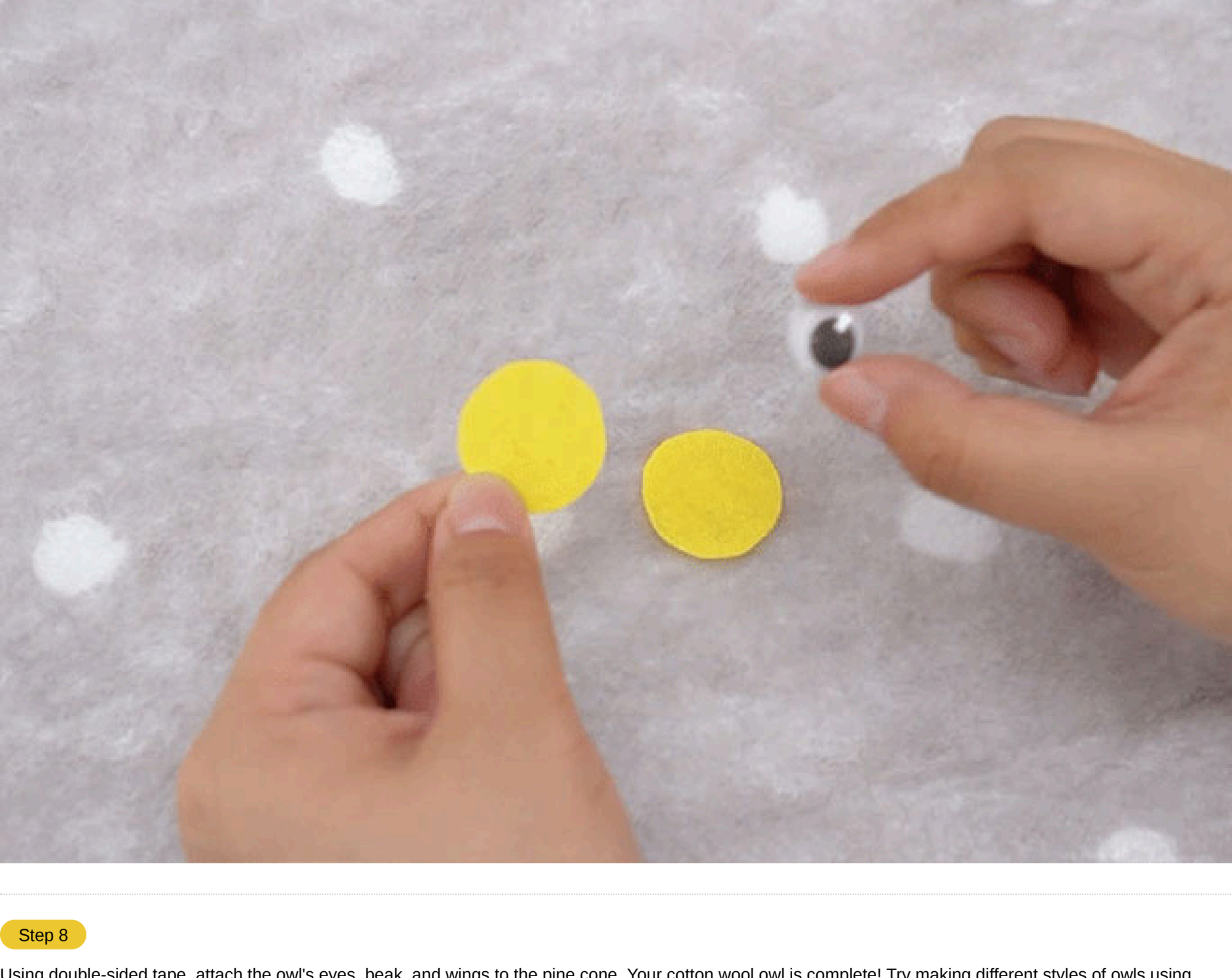
### Step 6

Cut out the drawn circles with scissors.



### Step 7

Stick the wiggle eyes onto the cut-out circles.



### Step 8

Using double-sided tape, attach the owl's eyes, beak, and wings to the pine cone. Your cotton wool owl is complete! Try making different styles of owls using various sizes of pine cones.

