



LAMBS EARS
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As a visually impaired mum I can honestly say there is nothing that strikes the fear of god in to me than creative activities.

As you can imagine thousands of parents all over the country are preparing their little angels so that they look their best at the school Christmas play. You can imagine the feeling of dread then when my four year old comes trotting out of school with a slip of paper in her hand beaming from ear to ear. I took hold of this slip of paper and peered at it. I couldn't see anything written on it so went back to the teacher who said that she was sorry that it had been written in yellow pen but my daughter was to be a lamb in the Christmas play and she needed black trousers and a pair of lamb's ears.

The next day I trundled round every shop in the town to see if I could buy a pair of lamb's ears but there was nothing!!!

I went back to school later that day to pick both of my little cherubs up. I asked the class teacher to describe to me what lambs ears looked like as I can honestly say that it is something that I had never really taken notice of before. They are triangular was the response. Hmm!! need a bit more detail than that - I explained that I struggled with this, being sight impaired I find tasks like this hard. Teacher's response was that she was very small in stature and always got asked to put up class displays and had to use a ladder all the time.

I didn't really find this attitude helpful and only wanted some help so that my little girl didn't look silly and feel embarrassed.

I just wish that the Professionals that deal with my children would just give a little thought to the stresses and strains that us VI parents go through for something so simple as a pair of lambs ears!!

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