

HOW TO MAKE FELT DONKEY APPLIQUÉ

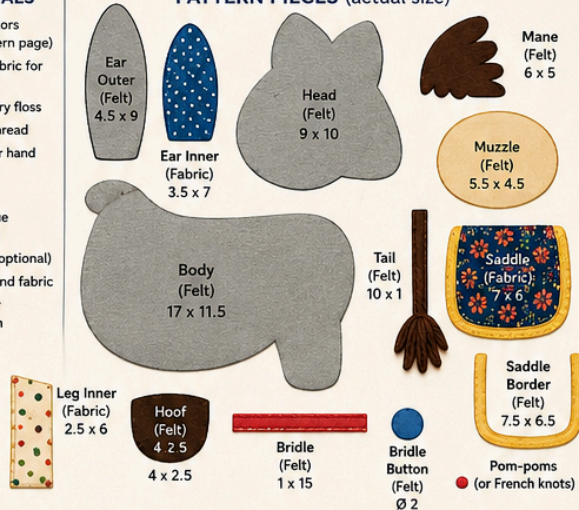
A step-by-step sewing and quilt tutorial with all methods and measurements in cm



MATERIALS

- Felt in colors (see pattern page)
- Cotton fabric for saddle
- Embroidery floss
- Sewing thread
- Needle for hand sewing
- Scissors
- Fabric glue (optional)
- Stuffing (optional)
- Background fabric
- Marker or fabric pen

PATTERN PIECES (actual size)



STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

<p>1. PREPARE THE PIECES</p> <p>Cut all the felt and fabric pieces according to the pattern measurements. Mark any details with a fabric pen.</p>	<p>2. ASSEMBLE THE HEAD</p> <p>Sew the muzzle to the head using Blanket Stitch. Embroider the nostrils and mouth with 2 strands of embroidery floss.</p>	<p>3. ADD THE EARS</p> <p>Place the inner ear fabric on the outer ear felt and sew with Blanket Stitch. Attach the ears to the back of the head.</p>	<p>4. ATTACH THE MANE</p> <p>Sew the mane pieces behind the head with small overwhelming stitches or Blanket Stitch.</p>	<p>5. BRIDLE AND BUTTON</p> <p>Sew the red bridle around the muzzle and up the head. Attach the button where the bridle meets.</p>	<p>6. PREPARE THE BODY</p> <p>Sew the leg inner fabric pieces onto the body front. Then sew the tail to the back.</p>
<p>7. ATTACH THE HEAD</p> <p>Position the head on the body and sew around the neck with Blanket Stitch.</p>	<p>8. ADD THE SADDLE</p> <p>Layer the saddle fabric on the border and sew together. Attach to the donkey's back. Add pom-poms or French knots along the bottom.</p>	<p>9. ADD THE HOOVES</p> <p>Sew the hoof pieces to the bottom of each leg using Blanket Stitch.</p>	<p>10. EMBROIDER DETAILS</p> <p>Embroider flowers, leaves, and grass using Stem Stitch, Satin Stitch, and French Knots.</p>	<p>11. APPLY TO BACKGROUND</p> <p>Place the donkey on the background fabric. Pin or glue in place. Stitch around all pieces with Blanket Stitch.</p>	<p>12. FINISHED!</p> <p>Your felt donkey appliqué is complete! Use it on pillows, bags, quilts, or wall hangings.</p>

LEGEND: MAIN STITCHES (HAND SEWING)

Running Stitch	---		Used for basting or simple seams.
Back Stitch	—		Strong stitch for outlines and details.
Blanket Stitch	—		Used to sew appliqué pieces and give a decorative edge.
Stem Stitch	—		Perfect for stems and outlines.
Satin Stitch	—		Used to fill shapes like leaves or petals.
French Knot	•		Creates tiny knots for flower centers and cute details.

QUILT & SEWING METHODS (USA)

- **Appliqué (Hand)**
Appliqué pieces are stitched onto the background fabric using small, neat stitches (usually Blanket Stitch).
- **Layering Order**
1. Background Fabric
2. Appliqué Pieces
3. Batting (if making a quilt)
4. Backing Fabric (for quilts)
- **Basting**
Use pins or temporary spray adhesive to hold pieces in place before stitching.
- **Finishing**
After stitching all pieces, press gently from the back. Trim any loose threads.
- **Quilting (Optional)**
Add quilting stitches around the design or in the background for extra texture and durability.



FINISHED SIZE & USE IDEAS

Finished size (approx.):
24 cm (W) x 26 cm (H) on background

- Great for:**
- Decorative pillows
 - Quilt blocks
 - Tote bags
 - Wall hangings
 - Baby gifts



TIPS

- Use high quality felt to prevent fraying.
- Keep stitches small and even for a neat finish.
- Mix fabrics and colors to create your own unique donkey!

CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- Spot clean with a damp cloth.
- Do not machine wash.
- Iron on low from the back if needed.



FELT DONKEY PATTERN

(Sewing Template)
Seam allowance included:
0.6 cm (1/4 in)

EAR (Outer)
Cut 2
Gray Felt

EAR (Inner)
Cut 2
Blue Felt

HAIR (Top)
Cut 1
Dark Brown Felt

MUZZLE
Cut 1
Beige Felt

HALTER STRAP
Cut 2
Red Felt

HALTER BUTTON
Cut 2
Blue Felt

BODY (Left)
Cut 1
Gray Felt

BODY (Right)
Cut 1
Gray Felt

BELLY
Cut 1
Cream Felt with Dots

LEG (Front)
Cut 2
Cream Felt with Dots

LEG (Front Right)
Cut 2
Cream Felt with Dots

LEG (Back Left)
Cut 2
Cream Felt with Dots

LEG (Back Right)
Cut 2
Cream Felt with Dots

HOOF
Cut 2
Brown Felt with Dots

HEAD (Front)
Cut 1
Gray Felt

HEAD (Back)
Cut 1
Gray Felt

SADDLE BLANKET
Cut 1
Floral Fabric (or Felt)

POM POMS
Cut 6-7
Red Felt

TAIL
Cut 2
Dark Brown Felt

TAIL TUFT
Cut 1
Dark Brown Felt

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Cut all pieces along the solid lines.
2. Sew pieces right sides together, leaving a small opening.
3. Turn right side out.
4. Stuff with fiberfill.
5. Hand sew the opening closed.
6. Glue or sew details in place.

RECOMMENDED STITCH:
Backstitch or Whipstitch

SCALE TEST

3 cm (1 in)

Print at 100% (Actual Size) on A4 or Letter paper.

Felt Donkey Apply Tutorial

Felt Donkey Apply is a hand-sewing and quilt appliqué project made with felt, cotton fabric, embroidery floss, and simple decorative stitches. Finished size: about **24 cm wide x 26 cm high**.

Materials

You will need **gray felt** for the body, head, ears, and legs; **cream felt** for the muzzle; **brown felt** for the mane, hooves, and tail; **blue printed cotton fabric** for the inner ears and saddle; small pieces of decorative fabric for the leg inserts; red felt or ribbon for the bridle; one small blue button; embroidery floss; sewing thread; scissors; fabric glue if desired; and background fabric.

Use a marker or fabric pen to trace the pieces.

Cut the Pattern Pieces

Cut all pieces in actual size:

Body: **17 x 11.5 cm**

Head: **9 x 10 cm**

Ear outer: **4.5 x 9 cm**

Ear inner: **3.5 x 7 cm**

Muzzle: **5.5 x 4.5 cm**

Mane: **6 x 5 cm**

Tail: **10 x 1 cm**

Saddle fabric: **7 x 6 cm**

Saddle border: **7.5 x 6.5 cm**

Leg inner fabric: **2.5 x 6 cm**

Hooves: **4 x 2.5 cm**

Bridle: **1 x 15 cm**

Button: **2 cm**

Prepare the Pieces

Place each pattern piece on the correct felt or fabric and cut carefully. Keep the edges smooth because they will show in the final appliqué.

Mark small details such as the eyes, nostrils, mouth, and placement lines with a fabric pen.

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Assemble the Head

Place the cream muzzle on the lower part of the gray head. Sew around it using **Blanket Stitch**.

Embroider the nostrils and mouth using **2 strands of embroidery floss**. Use small curved stitches to create a gentle smiling expression.

Add the Ears

Place the blue fabric inner ear pieces over the gray felt outer ears.

Sew around the blue fabric using **Blanket Stitch**. Then attach both ears behind the top of the head, making sure they stand evenly.

Attach the Mane

Position the brown felt mane behind the head, between the ears and along the neck area.

Sew it in place using small stitches or **Blanket Stitch**. You can add extra embroidery lines to make the mane look textured.

Add the Bridle and Button

Wrap the red bridle strip around the muzzle and side of the head.

Sew it carefully with small stitches. Attach the blue button where the bridle meets on the side of the face.

Prepare the Body

Place the decorative fabric pieces on the front legs and sew them in place.

Attach the brown tail to the back of the body. You can add several brown thread strands at the end to make it look like a real donkey tail.

Attach the Head to the Body

Position the finished head on the body. Make sure the neck area overlaps naturally.

Sew around the head and neck using **Blanket Stitch**. Keep your stitches small and even.

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Add the Saddle

Place the saddle fabric over the saddle border piece.

Sew both layers together, then position the saddle on the donkey's back. Add small red pom-poms or **French knots** along the bottom edge.

Add the Hooves

Place the brown hoof pieces at the bottom of each leg.

Sew around each hoof using **Blanket Stitch**. This gives the donkey a finished and sturdy look.

Embroider the Floral Details

On the background fabric, embroider flowers, leaves, and grass.

Use **Stem Stitch** for stems, **Satin Stitch** for leaves and petals, and **French knots** for flower centers.

Apply the Donkey to the Background

Place the donkey on the background fabric.

You can pin it or use a small amount of fabric glue to hold it in place. Sew around all edges with **Blanket Stitch** until the appliqué is secure.

Main Stitches

Use **Running Stitch** for basting.

Use **Back Stitch** for outlines and small details.

Use **Blanket Stitch** around appliqué pieces.

Use **Stem Stitch** for flower stems.

Use **Satin Stitch** to fill leaves and petals.

Use **French Knots** for flower centers and tiny decorative dots.

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Finishing Tips

After sewing all pieces, press gently from the back.

Do not press directly over the felt. Use low heat if needed.

You can use this appliqué on pillows, quilt blocks, tote bags, wall hangings, baby gifts, or handmade decorations.

Care Instructions

Spot clean with a damp cloth.

Do not machine wash.

Iron only from the back on low heat when necessary.

Your **Felt Donkey Appliqué** is now finished and ready to use! 🧩 ✨

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