



# GNOME WITH BIRD & FLOWERS

## FELT SEWING & QUILT TUTORIAL

A sweet felt gnome decorated with flowers, a bird and a bee. Perfect for spring décor or handmade gifts!

### MATERIALS

- Felt sheets in various colors (see pattern list)
- Embroidery floss (brown, pink, yellow, green)
- Hand sewing needle
- Polyester fiberfill
- Fabric glue (optional)
- Scissors
- Pins
- Buttons (small)
- Twine or thin wire (for bird legs)

### FINISHED SIZE

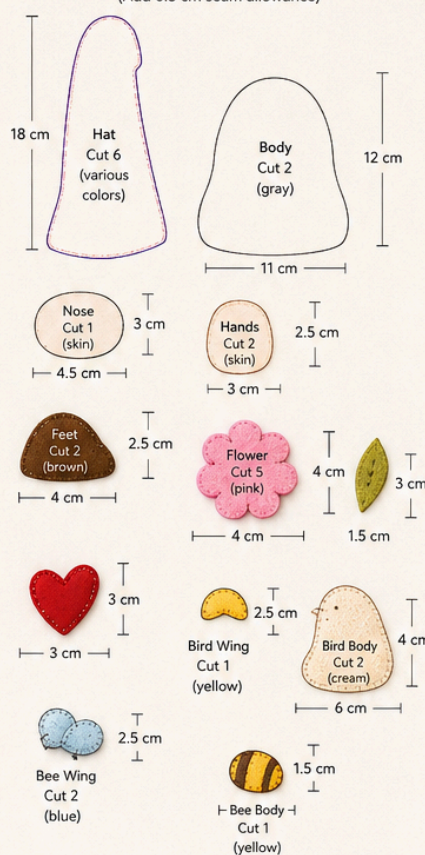
Height: 30 cm  
Width: 16 cm

### MAIN METHODS USED

- Running Stitch
- Blanket Stitch
- Back Stitch
- French Knot
- Appliqué
- Stuffing

### PATTERN PIECES

(Add 0.5 cm seam allowance)



### 1 PREPARE PIECES



Cut all felt pieces using the pattern and measurements.

### 2 SEW HAT PATCHES



Layer the hat pieces and sew them together with blanket stitch.

### 3 ADD DECORATIONS



Sew the heart on the hat. Add the flower and leaf using appliqué and blanket stitch.

### 4 MAKE FLOWER GARLAND



Sew the button to the center of each flower. Join the flowers and leaves with blanket stitch.

### 5 ATTACH GARLAND



Sew the garland across the hat using blanket stitch.

### 6 SEW THE BIRD



Sew the bird body together with blanket stitch. Add wing, beak (optional) and legs (twine or wire).

### 7 MAKE THE BEE



Sew bee body with black stripes. Attach wings with a few stitches. Embroider antennae and add flight trail with back stitch.

### 8 ASSEMBLE THE BODY



Sew the nose in the center. Attach hands, feet and front flower.

### 9 JOIN HAT AND BODY



Place the hat on top of the body and sew around the edges to join them.

### 10 STUFF



Stuff the body firmly with fiberfill.

### 11 FINAL DETAILS



Add curly tendrils from embroidery floss and beads at the ends.

### 12 FINISHED!

Your spring gnome is ready to brighten any space!



### TIPS

- Use matching thread colors for a neat finish.
- Blanket stitch is perfect for felt edges.
- Add a small bead to the flower center for extra charm.

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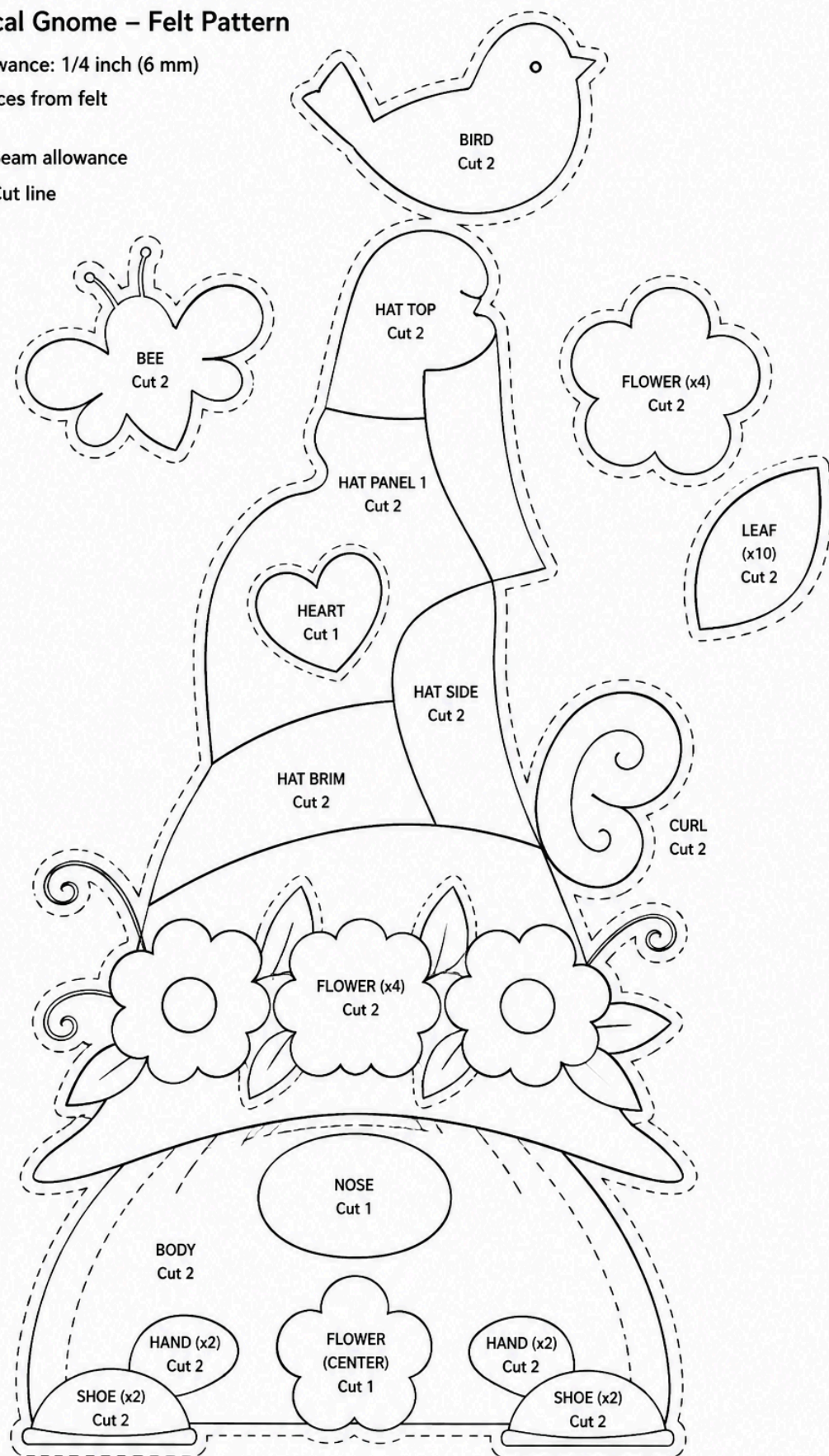
## Whimsical Gnome – Felt Pattern

Seam allowance: 1/4 inch (6 mm)

Cut all pieces from felt

----- Seam allowance

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# Gnome with Bird & Flowers Felt Sewing and Quilt Tutorial

Create a cheerful spring gnome decorated with a patchwork hat, felt flowers, a tiny bird, and a playful bee. This project is sewn mainly by hand and uses simple stitches, making it suitable for beginners as well as experienced felt crafters.

The finished gnome measures approximately **11¾ inches high by 6¼ inches wide (30 cm × 16 cm)**. It can be displayed on a shelf, added to a seasonal centerpiece, or given as a handmade spring gift.

Because the project contains small pieces, buttons, beads, and wire, it should be used as a decorative item rather than as a toy for young children.

## Materials and Supplies

You will need:

- Felt sheets in gray, pink, purple, lavender, brown, cream, yellow, green, blue, red, and skin-tone colors
- Embroidery floss in coordinating colors
- Brown embroidery floss for decorative curls and bird details
- Black embroidery floss for the bee
- Pink, yellow, green, cream, gray, purple, and brown sewing thread
- Hand-sewing needle
- Polyester fiberfill
- Fabric scissors
- Straight pins or sewing clips
- Small buttons for the flower centers
- Tiny decorative beads, if desired
- Thin craft wire or brown twine for the bird's legs
- Brown twine or thick embroidery floss for the gnome's curly hair
- Fabric glue, optional
- Paper or cardstock for tracing the patterns
- Fabric marker, chalk pencil, or disappearing-ink pen
- Ruler
- Turning tool, chopstick, or blunt pencil

For a neat finish, use thread colors that match the felt whenever possible.

## Pattern Pieces and Cutting Guide

The measurements below correspond to the pieces shown in the graphic. Add a **3/16-inch seam allowance**, which is approximately **0.5 cm**, around pieces that will be sewn together.

The appliqué decorations may be cut to their finished dimensions without adding a seam allowance.

Cut the following pieces:

- **Hat:** Cut 6 pieces in assorted colors. Each complete hat is approximately 7 inches high (**18 cm**).
- **Body:** Cut 2 gray pieces, each approximately  $4\frac{1}{3}$  inches wide by  $4\frac{3}{4}$  inches high (**11 cm × 12 cm**).
- **Nose:** Cut 1 skin-tone oval measuring approximately  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches by  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches (**4.5 cm × 3 cm**).
- **Hands:** Cut 2 skin-tone pieces measuring approximately  $1\frac{1}{8}$  inches by 1 inch (**3 cm × 2.5 cm**).
- **Feet:** Cut 2 brown pieces measuring approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches by 1 inch (**4 cm × 2.5 cm**).
- **Flowers:** Cut 5 pink flowers measuring approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches across (**4 cm**).
- **Leaves:** Cut green leaves measuring approximately  $1\frac{1}{8}$  inches by  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch (**3 cm × 1.5 cm**). Cut enough for the flower garland and hat flower.
- **Heart:** Cut 1 red heart measuring approximately  $1\frac{1}{8}$  inches by  $1\frac{1}{8}$  inches (**3 cm × 3 cm**).
- **Bird body:** Cut 2 cream pieces measuring approximately  $2\frac{3}{8}$  inches wide by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches high (**6 cm × 4 cm**).
- **Bird wing:** Cut 1 yellow piece measuring approximately 1 inch (**2.5 cm**).
- **Bee wings:** Cut 2 blue wing pieces measuring approximately 1 inch (**2.5 cm**).
- **Bee body:** Cut 1 yellow body piece approximately  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch high (**1.5 cm**).

The original design uses five main flowers: three for the hat garland, one on the upper side of the hat, and one on the front of the body.

## Main Hand-Sewing Methods

### Running Stitch

A running stitch is made by passing the needle in and out of the felt at evenly spaced intervals. Use it for decorative details and areas that do not need a tightly closed edge.

### Blanket Stitch

Blanket stitch creates a decorative loop around the edge of the felt. It is ideal for joining the hat, body, bird, and other stuffed pieces.

Keep each stitch approximately the same length and distance from the edge.

### Backstitch

Backstitch produces a continuous, strong line. Use it for the bee's antennae, flight trail, flower stems, decorative curls, and other embroidered details.

## **French Knot**

French knots create small raised dots. They may be added to flower centers, the bird, or the background decorations.

Bring the needle through the felt, wrap the thread around the needle two or three times, and insert the needle close to the original opening.

## **Appliqué**

Appliqué means sewing one felt shape on top of another. Small running stitches or blanket stitches can be used around the edge of each shape.

## **Stuffing**

Stuff the pieces with small amounts of polyester fiberfill. Add the filling gradually to prevent lumps and stretched seams.

# **Step 1: Prepare All the Felt Pieces**

Print or trace the pattern pieces onto paper or cardstock.

Cut out the paper templates and place them on the appropriate felt colors. Pin the templates in place or trace around them using a removable fabric marker.

Cut slowly with small, sharp scissors. Smooth curves are especially important around the body, nose, bird, bee wings, and flower petals.

Prepare all the pieces before beginning the sewing process. Arrange them on your work surface to confirm that nothing is missing.

You should have:

- Six colorful hat sections
- Two gray body pieces
- One nose
- Two hands
- Two feet
- Five flowers
- Several leaves
- One heart
- Two bird body pieces
- One bird wing
- Two bee wings
- One bee body

Keep very small pieces in a shallow container so they do not get lost.

## **Step 2: Assemble the Patchwork Hat**

Arrange three differently colored hat sections to create one side of the hat. The illustrated version uses pink at the top, dark purple in the center, and lavender near the bottom.

Overlap the sections slightly or place their edges together, depending on the shape of your templates.

Pin the patches in position and sew them together with small blanket stitches. Use matching embroidery floss so the stitches blend into each felt color.

Create the second side of the hat with the remaining three pieces. Try to make it a mirror image of the first side so the outer edges align when the two sides are joined.

Do not sew the front and back of the hat together yet. It is easier to attach the heart, flower, garland, and embroidery while the hat remains flat.

## **Step 3: Add the Heart and Upper Flower**

Place the red felt heart on the pink section of the hat.

Sew around the heart using a small white or coordinating running stitch. Leave an even margin between the stitches and the edge of the heart.

Place one pink flower and one green leaf near the upper side of the hat. Position the leaf partly behind the flower.

Secure the leaf first with a running stitch or blanket stitch. Place the flower over the lower end of the leaf and sew it in place.

Add a small button or layered felt circle to the flower center. Sew through the button several times so it is firmly attached.

Small French knots may also be added around the flower center for extra texture.

## **Step 4: Make the Flower Garland**

Arrange three pink felt flowers in a horizontal row. Slightly overlap the outer petals so the garland appears full.

Place green leaves behind and between the flowers. The points of the leaves should extend above or below the petals.

Sew a small button to the center of each flower. The graphic uses different cream and pink button styles to create a handmade, mismatched appearance.

Join the flowers with small blanket stitches where the petals overlap. Secure the leaves behind the flowers with running stitches.

Add brown embroidered curls around the ends of the garland. Use backstitch to sew graceful spiral lines onto the hat felt.

Before attaching the garland, place it against the lower part of the hat and check that it extends across the front without covering the entire lavender section.

## **Step 5: Attach the Garland to the Hat**

Position the completed flower garland across the lower front of the hat.

Pin or clip it in place. Begin by securing the center flower, then work outward toward both ends.

Sew around selected petals and leaves with small blanket stitches. You do not need to stitch around every single edge, but the garland should be firmly attached.

Use thread that matches each flower and leaf. Hide knots between the garland and the hat whenever possible.

Add more brown embroidered curls beside or beneath the flowers to match the whimsical design.

Check that all buttons are secure before continuing.

## **Step 6: Sew and Decorate the Bird**

Place the two cream bird body pieces together with their edges aligned.

Begin sewing around the bird with blanket stitch. Leave a small opening along the lower edge.

Add a tiny amount of polyester fiberfill. The bird should be softly padded, not heavily stuffed.

Finish sewing the opening closed with blanket stitch.

Place the yellow wing on one side of the bird. Sew it in place with a small running stitch or blanket stitch.

Use brown embroidery floss to add:

- A small eye
- A curved line around the wing
- Tiny decorative dots around the bird's edge
- A simple beak outline, if desired

Cut a small yellow or orange felt triangle for the beak and stitch it to the front of the bird.

For the legs, cut two short pieces of thin wire or twine. Bend the lower ends to form tiny feet and secure the upper ends between the bird's body layers or onto the back.

Attach the finished bird near the tip of the hat. Sew it firmly through the lower body, keeping the decorative front stitches as inconspicuous as possible.

## **Step 7: Make the Bee**

Place the yellow bee body on your work surface.

Use black embroidery floss to create two or three horizontal stripes across the body. These can be sewn with satin stitch, backstitch, or narrow felt strips.

Position one blue wing behind each side of the bee. Sew the wings to the body with small stitches.

Use black embroidery floss to create two antennae. Make each antenna with backstitch and add a small French knot at the tip.

The bee can remain flat, or a second small yellow body piece can be added behind it for light stuffing. The original graphic shows a simple appliqué-style bee.

Sew a curved dotted flight trail beneath the bee using brown or black backstitch. Leave small spaces between the stitches to imitate the bee's movement.

Set the bee aside until the main gnome is assembled.

## **Step 8: Assemble and Stuff the Body**

Place the two gray body pieces together with the correct sides facing outward. Felt does not fray, so there is no need to turn the piece after sewing.

Begin joining the edges with blanket stitch.

Sew around both sides and the curved top, but leave most of the bottom edge open for stuffing.

Insert polyester fiberfill in small amounts. Push the filling into the top curve and along the sides before filling the center.

The body should feel firm enough to stand but should not be overstuffing. Too much stuffing may distort the shape or separate the blanket stitches.

Finish sewing the lower opening closed.

Flatten the bottom gently against the table to help the gnome sit upright.

## **Step 9: Attach the Nose, Hands, Feet, and Front Flower**



Place the oval skin-tone nose near the upper center of the body. The upper part of the nose will eventually sit beneath the hat.

For a raised nose, sew around most of the oval using blanket stitch, add a tiny amount of fiberfill, and close the opening.

For a flatter nose, sew it directly to the body with running stitch.

Position one hand on each side of the body. Sew them in place with coordinating thread. Part of each hand may extend slightly beyond the body edge.

Place the two brown feet along the bottom edge. The flat sides should rest against the base of the body.

Sew around the visible edges of each foot. Add a curved embroidered line or decorative stitching to give the feet more definition.

Place the fifth pink flower on the lower front of the body. Add a button or felt circle to the center and appliqué the flower in place.

## **Step 10: Add the Arms and Curly Hair**

Cut two lengths of brown twine or thick embroidery floss for the arms.

Secure one end of each cord behind a hand. Attach the opposite ends to the sides of the body so the arms hang naturally.

Add a small decorative bead near each hand, if desired. Make sure the bead is sewn securely.

For the curly hair, cut several short pieces of brown twine or thick floss.

Curl the strands around a pencil, knitting needle, or narrow dowel. If the material does not hold its shape naturally, use a tiny amount of fabric glue or make embroidered curls directly on the felt.

Attach the curls along both sides of the body near the area where the hat will sit.

Allow some curls to extend outward for the whimsical appearance shown in the graphic.

## **Step 11: Join the Front and Back of the Hat**

Place the decorated front hat piece over the back hat piece.

Align the outer edges carefully and pin the layers together.

Sew around the hat using blanket stitch, beginning near one lower corner. Leave an opening at the bottom.

Add polyester fiberfill gradually. Use only enough stuffing to give the hat a softly padded shape.

Push small amounts of stuffing into the narrow tip with a turning tool or blunt pencil.

Do not overfill the hat. It should remain flexible enough to curve slightly when attached to the body.

Finish sewing the opening closed.

## **Step 12: Attach the Hat to the Body**

Place the completed hat over the upper section of the gray body.

The lower edge of the hat should cover the top of the body and slightly overlap the nose. The nose should appear to emerge from beneath the hat.

Adjust the hat until it is centered and the flower garland sits above the face.

Pin the hat temporarily to prevent it from shifting.

Sew around the lower hat edge using small blanket stitches or hidden whip stitches.

Stitch through both the hat and body several times at the sides and center. Because the hat contains decorations and a bird, it needs a secure attachment.

Remove the pins and check the gnome from the front and back.

## **Step 13: Attach the Bee**

Position the bee near one side of the gnome. In the original layout, it appears beside the hat and body.

The bee may be sewn directly to the gnome, attached with a short loop of thread, or mounted on a thin piece of craft wire.

For a floating effect, insert one end of a thin wire into the side seam of the gnome and attach the bee to the other end.

Bend the wire gently so the bee appears to hover.

Make sure the wire ends are completely covered and cannot scratch anyone handling the decoration.

Add a stitched flight trail to the hat or body if you did not add one earlier.

## **Step 14: Add the Final Details**

Inspect the entire gnome and reinforce any loose flowers, buttons, leaves, beads, or appliqué pieces.

Add French knots to flower centers or around the bird for extra handmade detail.

Use backstitch to add more decorative curls around the garland and hair.

Gently shape the hat with your hands. Bend the tip slightly so the bird appears to sit comfortably on it.

Adjust the feet so the bottom edge is level. Add a small amount of filling near the base if the gnome leans backward.

Trim visible thread ends and remove any fabric-marker lines.

A lint roller or small piece of adhesive tape can be used to remove loose fibers from the felt.

## Tips for a Neat Finish

Use matching embroidery floss for each felt color. Contrasting stitches can be attractive, but inconsistent thread colors may make the project appear unfinished.

Keep blanket stitches evenly spaced. Practicing on a felt scrap before sewing the main pieces can help establish a consistent stitch length.

Do not pull the thread too tightly. Tight stitches can wrinkle the felt and distort curved edges.

Use small pieces of fiberfill instead of inserting one large bundle. Gradual stuffing creates a smoother shape.

Add a tiny bead, button, or French knot to each flower center for extra charm.

When sewing buttons, pass the thread through the felt several times and finish with a strong knot on the back.

Fabric glue may hold tiny pieces temporarily, but stitching provides a more durable result.

## Finished Gnome

Your **Gnome with Bird & Flowers** is now complete! The finished decoration should measure approximately **11¾ inches high and 6¼ inches wide**.

Display it on a spring mantel, bookshelf, craft-room table, or seasonal tiered tray. It also makes a thoughtful handmade gift for anyone who enjoys flowers, birds, quilting, or felt crafts.

For storage, keep the gnome in a dry box away from direct sunlight. Avoid crushing the hat, flower garland, bird, and bee so they retain their shape for the next season.

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