



PATCHWORK SMILEY FLOWER ORNAMENT



STEP-BY-STEP TUTORIAL



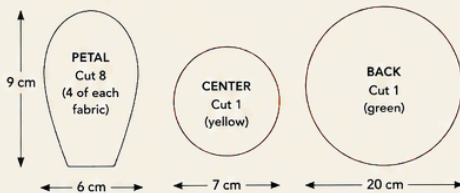
MATERIALS

- Cotton fabric (quilt weight)
 - 3 coordinating prints for petals (red, green, cream)
 - Yellow fabric for center
 - Green fabric for back
 - Fusible interfacing (optional)
 - Polyester fiberfill
 - Matching thread
 - Hand sewing needle
 - Fabric scissors
 - Pins or fabric clips
 - Ruler and fabric marker
 - Ribbon or fabric strip for hanging loop
- Diameter of finished ornament: 20 cm
- Seam allowance: 0.7 cm

FINISHED SIZE



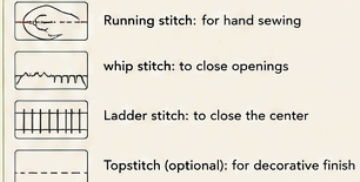
TEMPLATES (ACTUAL SIZE)



FABRIC CUTTING GUIDE



MAIN SEWING METHODS USED



STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1 PREPARE THE PETALS



Place two petal pieces right sides together. Pin around the edges.

2 SEW THE PETALS



Sew around the edge with a 0.7 cm seam allowance, leaving the bottom straight edge open.

3 TURN AND SHAPE



Turn the petal right side out. Gently shape it with your fingers and press.

4 PREPARE ALL PETALS



Repeat steps 1-3 for all 8 petals (4 of each fabric).

5 MAKE THE CENTER



Fold the center circle seam allowance inward 0.7 cm. Press and then topstitch around the edge, or hand stitch.

6 ARRANGE THE PETALS



Arrange the 8 petals in a circle, alternating fabrics as shown.

7 ATTACH THE PETALS



Hand stitch the petals together at their bottom edges using a running stitch.

8 ADD THE CENTER



Place the center on top of the petals and sew it in place with an invisible stitch.

9 PREPARE THE BACK



If using fusible interfacing, iron it to the back piece for extra stability.

10 ASSEMBLE FRONT & BACK



Place front and back right sides together. Pin around the edge.

11 SEW AROUND



Sew around the edge with a 0.7 cm seam allowance, leaving a 5-6 cm opening.

12 TURN AND STUFF



Turn the ornament right side out. Gently stuff with fiberfill.

13 CLOSE THE OPENING



Close the opening with a ladder stitch.

14 ADD THE HANGING LOOP



Fold the ribbon or fabric strip in half and sew it securely at the top center.

15 FINISHED



Your Patchwork Smiley Flower Ornament is ready!

FABRIC & COLOR SUGGESTIONS



Use classic Christmas fabrics or any combination you love!

TIPS

- Use small stitches for a neat finish.
- Press each step for a professional look.
- These ornaments are perfect for Christmas decorations or handmade gifts!



CARE INSTRUCTIONS

Spot clean only.
Do not machine wash.
Store in a dry place.



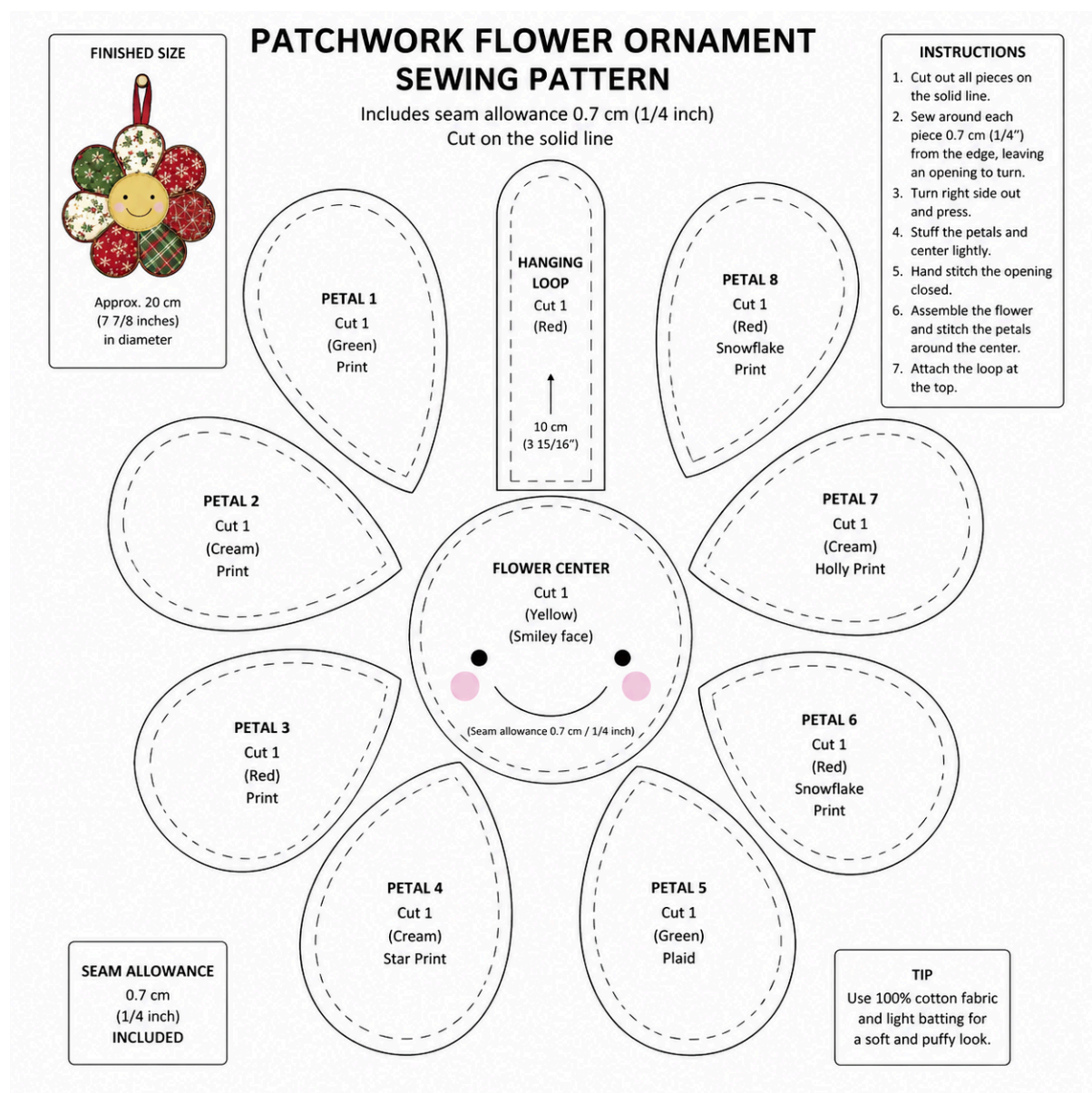
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Patchwork Smiley Flower Ornament – Complete Step-by-Step Sewing Tutorial



The Patchwork Smiley Flower Ornament is a cheerful fabric project made with eight padded petals, a round yellow

smiley-face center, a green fabric back, and a ribbon loop for hanging. It works beautifully as a Christmas ornament, handmade gift, wall decoration, nursery accent, or colorful scrap-fabric project.

This tutorial follows the construction shown in the reference chart so the finished ornament stays consistent with the original design. The completed flower measures approximately 20 cm × 20 cm (about 7.9 × 7.9 inches) and uses basic hand-sewing techniques that are suitable for confident beginners as well as experienced quilters.

For the classic holiday appearance shown in the tutorial, choose coordinating red, green, and cream quilting cottons with small Christmas prints. You can also use floral, country, farmhouse, or everyday fabrics to create a completely different version while keeping the same construction method.

Materials and Supplies

For one Patchwork Smiley Flower Ornament, prepare quilting-weight cotton fabric in several coordinating prints. You will need approximately four fabric designs for the petals, with the tutorial showing red, green, cream, and coordinating holiday patterns.

Prepare yellow cotton fabric for the front center circle and green cotton fabric for the back piece. A small amount of fusible interfacing may also be used on the backing fabric if you want the finished ornament to feel firmer and hold its shape more securely.

You will also need polyester fiberfill for light stuffing. Avoid filling the ornament too firmly because the flower should remain soft and slightly padded rather than becoming bulky.

Have matching sewing thread, a hand-sewing needle, fabric scissors, pins or fabric clips, a ruler, and a removable fabric marker ready before beginning.

You will also need a piece of ribbon or a narrow fabric strip for the hanging loop. A red ribbon complements the Christmas version shown in the chart, although any coordinating color will work.

The sewing methods used in this project include a running stitch, whip stitch, ladder stitch, and optional topstitching.

Finished Size and Seam Allowance

The finished ornament measures approximately 20 cm in diameter, or roughly 7.9 inches.

Use a 0.7 cm seam allowance, which is approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, throughout the main construction unless otherwise noted.

Keeping the same seam allowance on every petal is important because it ensures that all eight petals finish at approximately the same size.

When cutting the templates, remember that the dimensions in this project are intended to produce the finished ornament size shown in the chart.

If you are printing your own templates, verify the measurements with a ruler before cutting your fabric.

Pressing and shaping each piece carefully will also help maintain the final 20 cm size.

Create the Petal Template

The ornament uses eight individual petals.

Each petal template is approximately 9 cm high × 6 cm wide, or about 3.5 × 2.4 inches.

The upper portion of the petal is smoothly rounded while the lower section tapers slightly toward a flat bottom edge.

Because each petal is made from two fabric layers, you will need to cut 16 petal fabric pieces total.

The chart recommends making four finished petals from each selected fabric combination if you are working with coordinated pairs, although you can distribute your prints however you prefer.

For the most attractive patchwork effect, alternate the fabrics around the flower rather than placing identical prints next to each other.

Create the Center Template

The front center of the flower is a yellow fabric circle measuring approximately 7 cm in diameter, or about 2.75 inches.

Cut one yellow center circle.

The finished center should overlap the lower portions of the petals slightly, which helps hide the petal joins and creates the recognizable flower shape.

Mark the circle carefully before cutting so the edge remains smooth.

A compass, circle template, small bowl, or round quilting ruler can help create an accurate circle if you are drafting the pattern yourself.

Keep the yellow fabric flat and wrinkle-free before cutting because distorted fabric can make the finished circle uneven.

Create the Back Template

The back of the ornament uses one green fabric circle measuring approximately 20 cm in diameter, or about 7.9 inches.

Cut one backing circle from green quilting cotton.

The chart also suggests applying fusible interfacing to this piece for additional stability.

Interfacing is optional, but it is useful if your fabric is lightweight or if you want the ornament to maintain a crisp flower shape after stuffing.

Cut the interfacing slightly smaller than the backing circle so it does not create unnecessary bulk inside the seam.

Fuse it according to the manufacturer's directions before assembling the ornament.

Step 1: Prepare the Petal Pieces

Place two matching petal pieces right sides together.

Align the curved edges, side edges, and flat bottom edge carefully.

Pin or clip the two layers together so they cannot shift while sewing.

Repeat this preparation for all eight petals.

Try to keep the fabric grain running in a similar direction on matching petal pieces because this reduces stretching.

Before sewing, arrange your fabric pairs on the table to make sure you have a pleasing mix of red, green, cream, and patterned petals.

Step 2: Sew Each Petal

Using a 0.7 cm seam allowance, sew around the curved upper edge and both side edges of the petal.

Leave the flat bottom edge open.

A short machine stitch works well, but the petals can also be sewn completely by hand using a small running stitch or backstitch.

Sew slowly around the curved top so the shape remains smooth.

Backstitch at the beginning and end of the seam if using a sewing machine.

Repeat the process until all eight petals have been sewn.

Step 3: Turn and Shape the Petals

Turn each sewn petal right side out through the opening at the bottom.

Use your fingers to gently push out the rounded upper edge.

Avoid using sharp objects because they can poke through the fabric or damage the seam.

Roll the seam between your fingers to help the curved edge sit naturally.

Press the petal lightly with an iron, keeping the bottom opening accessible.

Repeat until all eight petals are smoothly shaped.

Step 4: Prepare All Eight Petals

Lay all eight completed petals on your work surface.

The reference project uses several coordinating Christmas prints including red snowflake fabric, cream floral fabric, green holiday fabric, and red-and-green plaid.

Alternate the prints to create an evenly balanced patchwork appearance.

At this stage, check that the petals are approximately the same length and width.

If one petal looks slightly different, reshape and press it before assembling the flower.

Do not permanently stitch the petals together until you are satisfied with the arrangement.

Step 5: Prepare the Yellow Center

Take the 7 cm yellow circle.

Fold the raw edge toward the wrong side by approximately 0.7 cm.

Press carefully around the entire circumference to create a neat finished edge.

Because you are working with a curve, make small folds rather than trying to force the entire seam allowance inward at once.

You may baste around the edge first to make the circle easier to control.

Optional topstitching can be added close to the folded edge for a decorative finish.

Step 6: Arrange the Petals into a Flower

Place the eight petals in a circle with their open bottom edges pointing toward the center.

The rounded sections should radiate outward like a flower.

Alternate your fabrics so neighboring petals contrast nicely.

Keep the lower ends close together but avoid overlapping them excessively.

A small opening may remain in the middle at this stage.

The yellow center will cover this area later.

Step 7: Attach the Petals Together

Using matching thread and a hand-sewing needle, begin connecting the petals at their lower edges.

A running stitch works well for securing the petals together.

Take small stitches through adjacent petals, working around the entire flower.

Keep checking the front as you sew because the flower should remain symmetrical.

Do not pull the thread so tightly that the petals bunch or twist.

Once all eight petals are connected, secure the thread with a strong knot.

Step 8: Attach the Smiley Face Center

Position the prepared yellow circle over the middle of the assembled petals.

Make sure it covers the lower petal joins evenly.

Pin or clip the circle in position.

Hand sew around the edge using a small, nearly invisible stitch.

The reference ornament includes two small black eyes and a curved smile.

You can create the face using embroidery thread, hand stitching, or another washable fabric-safe technique.

Step 9: Make the Smiley Face 😊

Mark two small eye positions lightly with a removable fabric marker.

Keep the eyes evenly spaced and positioned slightly above the horizontal center of the yellow circle.

Create each eye using a small satin stitch, French knot, or several closely placed black stitches.

Draw a gentle curved line for the smile.

Embroider along the curve using black thread and small backstitches.

Optional pink fabric or embroidery details may be added to create the soft cheek effect visible in the reference design.

Step 10: Prepare the Green Backing

Place the 20 cm green backing circle wrong side up.

If you are using fusible interfacing, position it on the wrong side according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Fuse it in place with your iron.

Allow the fabric to cool completely before continuing.

Trim any excess interfacing if necessary.

The backing should remain flat and smooth with no bubbles or wrinkles.

Step 11: Prepare the Hanging Loop

Cut a length of ribbon or a narrow fabric strip for the hanging loop.

Fold it in half so the two raw ends meet.

Determine the desired loop length before attaching it.

The loop should extend from the top of the ornament far enough to hang comfortably from a hook, branch, knob, or peg.

Place the raw ends at the top center of the flower.

The loop itself should point inward while sewing the front and back together so it will flip outward after the ornament is turned.

Step 12: Assemble the Front and Back

Place the completed flower front and green backing right sides together.

The green backing circle should cover the reverse side of the petals.

Make sure the hanging ribbon is sandwiched between the two layers at the top.

Align everything carefully and pin around the outer edge.

Because the flower has several rounded petal sections, use plenty of pins or clips.

Check the front once more before sewing to confirm that the petals remain evenly arranged.

Step 13: Sew Around the Ornament

Sew around the outside using the same 0.7 cm seam allowance.

Follow the contours created by the petals rather than sewing a plain circular line.

Leave an opening approximately 5–6 cm wide along one section.

This opening will be used for turning and stuffing.

Reinforce the stitches at both ends of the opening.

Take extra care around the hanging loop and stitch across its ends several times so it remains secure.

Step 14: Turn the Ornament Right Side Out

Carefully pull the ornament through the opening.

Work slowly so you do not stretch the opening or stress the seams.

Once the flower is completely right side out, gently push the rounded sections into shape.

Use your fingers to smooth the seams.

Check that the ribbon loop is positioned correctly at the top.

Press very lightly if needed, protecting any embroidery or dimensional areas.

Step 15: Add the Polyester Fiberfill

Insert small amounts of polyester fiberfill through the opening.

Distribute the stuffing around the ornament rather than pushing one large handful into the center.

The ornament should feel softly padded.

Avoid overstuffing because too much fiberfill can distort the petals and make the backing bulge.

Work the stuffing into the spaces beneath the petals with your fingers.

Continue until the flower feels evenly filled and retains the flat, decorative shape shown in the tutorial.

Step 16: Close the Opening

Fold the raw edges of the opening inward so they align with the existing seam.

Thread a hand-sewing needle with matching thread.

Use a ladder stitch to close the opening invisibly.

Take alternating stitches from each folded edge.

Pull the thread gently every few stitches so the seam closes neatly.

When the opening is completely closed, secure the thread and hide the tail inside the ornament.

Step 17: Add Optional Decorative Topstitching

The chart lists topstitching as an optional decorative finish.

You can stitch approximately 2–3 mm from the petal edges to create extra definition.

Use matching thread for a subtle finish or contrasting thread for a handmade decorative look.

Topstitching can be completed before final assembly if you prefer working with flat pieces.

A slightly longer machine stitch often looks attractive on quilting cotton.

Keep your stitching smooth around the curved portions of each petal.

Step 18: Final Shaping

Lay the completed ornament on a flat surface.

Adjust each petal so the flower forms an even circle approximately 20 cm across.

Gently redistribute the fiberfill if any section looks thicker than another.

Check that the smiley center remains centered.

Straighten the hanging loop.

Remove any visible marking lines, loose threads, or stray fibers before displaying the ornament.

Main Sewing Methods Used

The running stitch is useful for basic hand sewing and for attaching the petal bases together. Keep the stitches small and consistent for a strong seam.

The whip stitch can be used for closing small openings or joining edges where a slightly visible hand-sewn finish is acceptable.

The ladder stitch, sometimes called an invisible stitch, is ideal for closing the stuffing opening because the thread disappears between the folded fabric edges.

Optional topstitching creates a decorative outline around the ornament and can also help stabilize the curved edges.

If you prefer machine sewing, most structural seams can be machine stitched, while the center and final opening are usually easiest to finish by hand.

Regardless of the method used, matching thread gives the project the neatest appearance.

Fabric and Color Suggestions 🎨

For the traditional design, combine red, dark green, cream, yellow, and plaid Christmas fabrics.

Small-scale prints are especially effective because most of the fabric pattern remains visible after the petals are cut.

You can also make a spring version using florals, pastel fabrics, and a soft yellow center.

For a farmhouse look, try cream, burgundy, sage green, gingham, and tiny floral prints.

Scrap fabrics from previous quilting projects work perfectly because each petal requires only a small piece.

The most important design principle is contrast: choose fabrics that allow each petal to remain visually distinct.

Tips for a Professional Finish ✂️

Use small, even stitches throughout the project. Short stitches create smoother curves and make the ornament more durable.

Press the fabric during each important stage rather than waiting until the project is completely assembled.

When arranging the petals, step back and look at the entire flower before stitching them permanently.

Use only small amounts of stuffing at a time to prevent lumps.

Keep the 0.7 cm seam allowance consistent so the petals finish at matching sizes.

Finally, secure the hanging ribbon thoroughly because that small area supports the weight of the finished ornament.

Care Instructions

The reference tutorial recommends spot cleaning only.

Avoid machine washing because washing and spinning can distort the padded petals and embroidered center.

If the ornament becomes dusty, gently brush the surface with a clean, soft cloth.

Do not soak the project in water.

Store it in a clean, dry place when it is not being displayed.

For seasonal storage, place it flat or loosely wrapped so the petals are not crushed.

Finished Patchwork Smiley Flower Ornament 🌻❤️

Your Patchwork Smiley Flower Ornament is now complete. The finished piece should measure approximately 20 cm × 20 cm, with eight softly rounded patchwork petals, a yellow smiling center, a green backing, light polyester stuffing, and a secure hanging loop at the top.

This design is especially useful for Christmas decorations, handmade gifts, quilted ornaments, scrap-fabric projects, craft-fair items, and cheerful home décor. Once you have made the first flower, you can easily create a coordinated collection using different fabrics while keeping the same petal and center templates.

For an especially attractive set, make several ornaments using the same color family but vary the position of the red, green, cream, floral, and plaid petals on each flower. This creates a handmade collection in which every ornament looks related but still feels unique.

A useful next step would be creating a printable actual-size template in English with the 0.7 cm seam allowance already included, so the petal, center, and backing pieces can be printed and cut directly.

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