



Finished Size



Finished ornament:
10 cm (diameter)
x 1.5 cm (thickness)

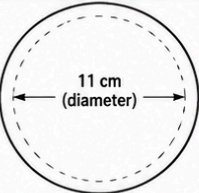
Materials

- Felt fabric (red, white/cream, green, yellow)
- Embroidery floss (red, green, yellow)
- Polyester fiberfill (stuffing)
- Optional: small felt balls or make your own
- Scissors
- Sewing needles
- Fabric glue (optional)

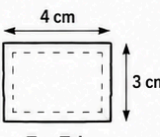
Tools

- Sharp scissors
- Hand sewing needle
- Fabric marker or chalk pen
- Pins (optional)
- Ruler

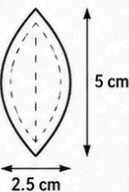
Templates (with seam allowance)



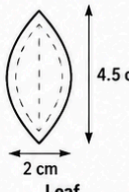
Ornament Circle
Cut 2 pieces
(includes 0.5 cm allowance)



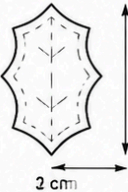
Top Tab
Cut 2 pieces



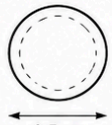
Poinsettia Petal
Cut 6 pieces (red)



Leaf
Cut 3 pieces (green)



Holly Leaf
Cut 3 pieces (green)



Berry
Cut 3 pieces (red)

Step by Step Instructions

1



Cut the felt pieces using the templates. You will need 2 circles and 2 top tabs for each ornament.

2



Sew the poinsettia petals together and add the green leaves. Use a simple stitch in the center of each piece.

3



Attach the yellow center. You can use small felt balls or French knots with embroidery floss.

4



Position the flower on one of the circles and sew or glue in place.

5



For the holly version, sew the three green leaves and add three red berries.

6



Attach the holly design to one circle and sew or glue in place. Decorate the edge with simple stitches.

7



Place the two circles together (right sides out) and blanket stitch around the edge, leaving a small opening for stuffing.

8



Fill with polyester fiberfill to give volume.

9



Finish the stitching to close the opening.

10



Make a loop with a 12 cm piece of cord or felt strip. Place it between the two tab pieces and stitch around the edges.

11



Position the tab with the loop on the top of the ornament and stitch securely.

12



Your ornaments are ready! Make both versions and enjoy your handmade Christmas decorations.

Main Sewing Methods Used

Running Stitch



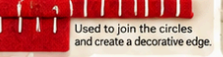
Basic stitch used to hold pieces together.

Backstitch



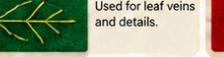
Strong stitch for outlining and details.

Blanket Stitch



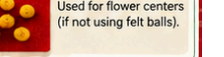
Used to join the circles and create a decorative edge.

Straight Stitch

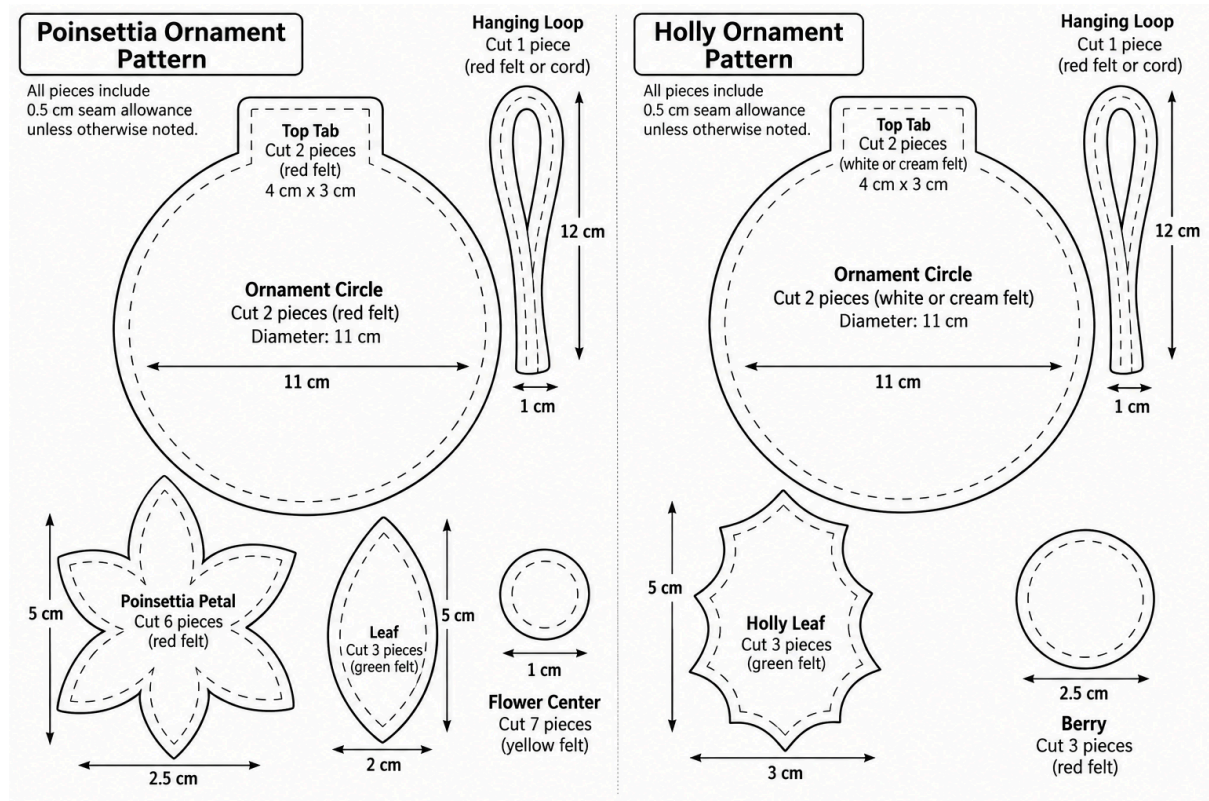


Used for leaf veins and details.

French Knot



Used for flower centers (if not using felt balls).



Felt Christmas Ornaments Sewing Tutorial: Poinsettia and Holly Designs

These handmade felt Christmas ornaments are a charming project for holiday decorating, gift giving, craft fairs, or simply enjoying a relaxing sewing afternoon. Based on the tutorial chart, this project creates two coordinating ornaments: a red poinsettia ornament and a cream holly ornament with red berries.

The finished ornament is approximately 10 cm (3.94 in) in diameter and about 1.5 cm (0.59 in) thick after stuffing. The pattern pieces are slightly larger because the chart includes a seam allowance. Although the measurements are given primarily in centimeters to stay consistent with the pattern,

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approximate inch equivalents are included where useful for U.S. crafters.

This is primarily a hand-sewing project, so you do not need a sewing machine. The main techniques are running stitch, backstitch, blanket stitch, straight stitch, and French knots. Beginners can simplify the decorative stitching while experienced sewists can add embroidery and additional details.

Step 1: Gather the Materials and Cut the Felt Pieces

For both ornaments, prepare craft felt in red, cream or white, dark green, and yellow. You will also need red, green, and yellow embroidery floss, polyester fiberfill, a hand-sewing needle, sharp fabric scissors, a fabric marker or tailor's chalk, pins if desired, and a ruler. Fabric glue is optional and can help temporarily position appliqué pieces before stitching.

For the main ornament body, use the circular template shown in the tutorial chart. The pattern circle measures approximately 11 cm (4.33 in) in diameter, including the allowance needed to create a finished ornament of approximately 10 cm. Cut two matching circles for each ornament. Use red felt for the poinsettia version and cream or white felt for the holly version.

Next, cut the top tab. Each tab piece is approximately 4 cm × 3 cm (1.57 × 1.18 in). Cut two matching tab pieces per ornament. For the poinsettia ornament, use red felt. For the holly ornament, use cream or white felt.

For the poinsettia, cut six red petals, each approximately 5 cm (1.97 in) long and 2.5 cm (0.98 in) wide. Cut approximately three green leaves, around 4.5–5 cm (1.77–1.97 in) long and 2 cm (0.79 in) wide. The petals should have elongated pointed

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ends, while the green leaves can use a similar but slightly narrower shape.

Prepare the flower center with tiny pieces of yellow felt or small yellow felt balls. The tutorial uses approximately seven small yellow centers grouped closely together. If you do not have felt balls, small French knots made with yellow embroidery floss are an excellent alternative.

For the holly design, cut three green holly leaves, each approximately 5 cm (1.97 in) long and roughly 2–3 cm (0.79–1.18 in) wide. The edges should have the characteristic pointed holly shape. Prepare three red berries approximately 2.5 cm (0.98 in) across according to the chart, or make smaller stuffed/felt balls if you prefer a more dimensional appearance.

Step 2: Create the Poinsettia and Holly Appliqués

Start with the poinsettia ornament before joining the two main circles. Working on only the front red circle makes the appliqué much easier to sew because you can access the back of the fabric freely.

Arrange the green leaves first. Place approximately three green leaves around the center of the red circle so their pointed ends extend outward. Keep the entire flower comfortably inside the outer stitching area because you need room around the perimeter for the final blanket stitch.

Place the six red poinsettia petals over the green leaves. Arrange them radially, like the spokes of a wheel, with their narrow ends meeting in the center. Before sewing, adjust all six petals until the flower looks balanced. You can secure the pieces temporarily with pins or tiny dots of fabric glue.

Attach each petal using a simple running stitch, backstitch, or straight stitch. A line of stitching down the center of each petal

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gives the flower the handcrafted appearance shown in the tutorial while also securing the appliqué. You can add smaller stitches branching from the center line to suggest natural veins.

Sew the green leaves in the same manner. Green embroidery floss creates subtle stitching, while a lighter green thread produces more visible decorative veins. Work a central straight line first and then add short diagonal stitches extending toward the leaf edges.

Finish the poinsettia by attaching the yellow center pieces. Cluster approximately seven tiny yellow felt balls or circles in the middle. Alternatively, thread your needle with yellow embroidery floss and create several French knots. Make the knots close together so they resemble the small golden center of a poinsettia.

For the holly ornament, position three green holly leaves on the cream front circle. Arrange them so they radiate from the center. Stitch each leaf securely, then embroider a center vein and several smaller side veins using straight stitch. Add three red felt berries where the leaves meet. Sew them securely so they remain firmly attached during handling.

Step 3: Assemble, Stuff, and Finish the Ornaments

Once the decorative front is complete, place the corresponding second circle behind it. The two circles should align evenly around the entire circumference. Because felt does not normally fray like woven cotton fabric, the edges can remain exposed, making this project particularly suitable for decorative blanket stitching.

Thread a hand-sewing needle with embroidery floss. For the red poinsettia ornament, contrasting or coordinating red floss

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works well. The cream holly ornament in the reference uses red stitching around the outside, creating a traditional Christmas contrast.

Begin joining the two circles using blanket stitch around the perimeter. Try to maintain even stitch spacing and consistent stitch depth. For a neat handcrafted appearance, stitches can be roughly 0.4–0.6 cm (0.16–0.24 in) apart, although perfect precision is not necessary.

Do not sew the entire circle closed immediately. Leave a small opening approximately 3–4 cm (1.18–1.57 in) wide. Gently insert polyester fiberfill through this opening.

Add the stuffing gradually. Push small amounts toward the edges first and then fill the center. The goal is a lightly padded ornament approximately 1.5 cm (0.59 in) thick, rather than a heavily stuffed ball. Too much fiberfill can distort the circular shape and pull on the decorative stitches.

Check the ornament from both sides. Massage the fiberfill gently until it is evenly distributed and the circle looks smooth. Once you are satisfied, continue the blanket stitch across the opening and secure the thread discreetly.

For the hanging loop, prepare approximately 12 cm (4.72 in) of red cord, felt strip, or narrow ribbon, as indicated in the tutorial. Fold it in half to create a loop. Place the two raw ends between the top-tab pieces and stitch securely.

Position the completed tab at the top center of the ornament. Sew it firmly to the ornament body. Since this section carries the weight of the ornament when it is hanging, reinforce your stitches several times.

Step 4: Master the Main Sewing Methods and Add the Finishing Details 

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The running stitch is one of the easiest techniques in this project. Bring the needle up through the felt and pass it down again a short distance away. Continue making evenly spaced stitches. It is useful for securing appliqué pieces and adding simple decorative lines.

The backstitch creates a more continuous and durable line. Bring the needle through the fabric, move backward to complete the previous section, and then bring it forward again. This technique works particularly well for outlining leaves, petals, and other details that need a defined appearance.

The blanket stitch is the primary edge-finishing method for these ornaments. Bring the needle through the layers near the edge, keeping the thread beneath the needle before pulling the stitch tight. This produces the characteristic small vertical stitches connected by a thread running along the edge.

Use straight stitch to embroider veins onto the poinsettia leaves and holly leaves. Start with one longer center vein. Add shorter diagonal stitches branching outward. These simple embroidered details dramatically improve the finished appearance without requiring complicated embroidery techniques.

For the poinsettia center, French knots are an excellent substitute for tiny felt balls. Bring the needle up through the felt, wrap the embroidery floss around the needle two or three times, insert the needle close to the original entry point, and gently pull it through while controlling the wraps with your fingers.

Finally, inspect both ornaments for loose threads, uneven stuffing, or unsecured appliqué pieces. Trim visible thread ends carefully. Adjust the loops so the ornaments hang straight. Your finished pieces should measure approximately

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10 cm across, with a softly padded profile and neatly stitched edges.

The completed poinsettia ornament should feature a rich red base, layered green leaves, six red petals, and a yellow center. The coordinating holly ornament should feature a cream or white base, three dimensional green holly leaves, three red berries, and contrasting red edge stitches.

Because the basic construction is simple, the same pattern can be customized easily. Try burgundy and gold for a traditional look, pale pink and cream for softer holiday décor, or green and white for a minimalist Christmas palette. You can also embroider a name or year on the back before assembling the circles.

Once you understand the construction method, making additional ornaments becomes much faster. Cut several sets of pieces at once, complete all the appliqués together, and then assemble and stuff the ornaments. This batch-sewing method is especially useful when making handmade Christmas gifts or multiple decorations for a tree.

Your handmade felt poinsettia and holly Christmas ornaments are now complete and ready to hang. With basic felt, embroidery floss, simple hand stitches, and the measurements from the tutorial chart, you can recreate both designs from beginning to end while keeping the cozy handmade appearance of the original project.

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