



Christmas Santa Poinsettia Mat

Sewing Tutorial ♥

A beautiful handmade decoration for your home!

Materials (US Fabric)

- Red cotton or felt – 25 x 25 cm
- White/cream cotton or felt – 25 x 25 cm
- Green cotton or felt – 15 x 15 cm
- Beige (skin tone) – 10 x 10 cm
- Light cream (beard) – 15 x 15 cm
- Gold thread for stitching/embroidery
- Black and white felt (eyes/eyebrows) – small pieces
- Red (hat) – 10 x 20 cm
- Fusible web or fabric glue (optional)

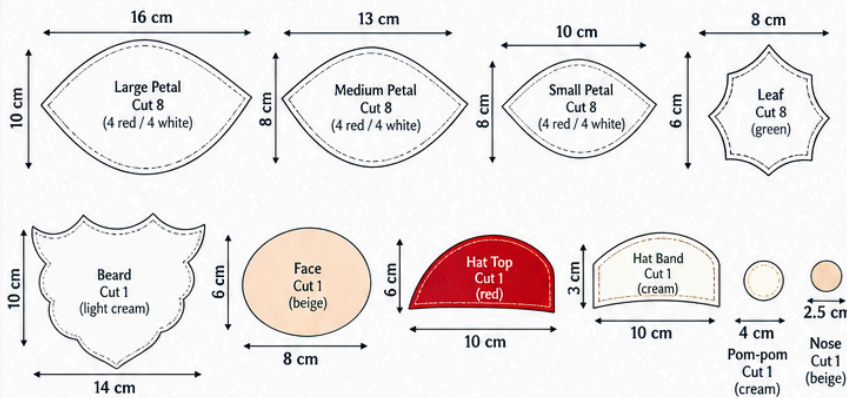
Tools

- Sewing machine
- Hand sewing needle
- Fabric scissors
- Pins or clips
- Fabric marker
- Iron
- Stuffing (optional, for beard texture)

Main Sewing Methods



Templates (with seam allowance)



Embroidery Guide



Leaf Embroidery



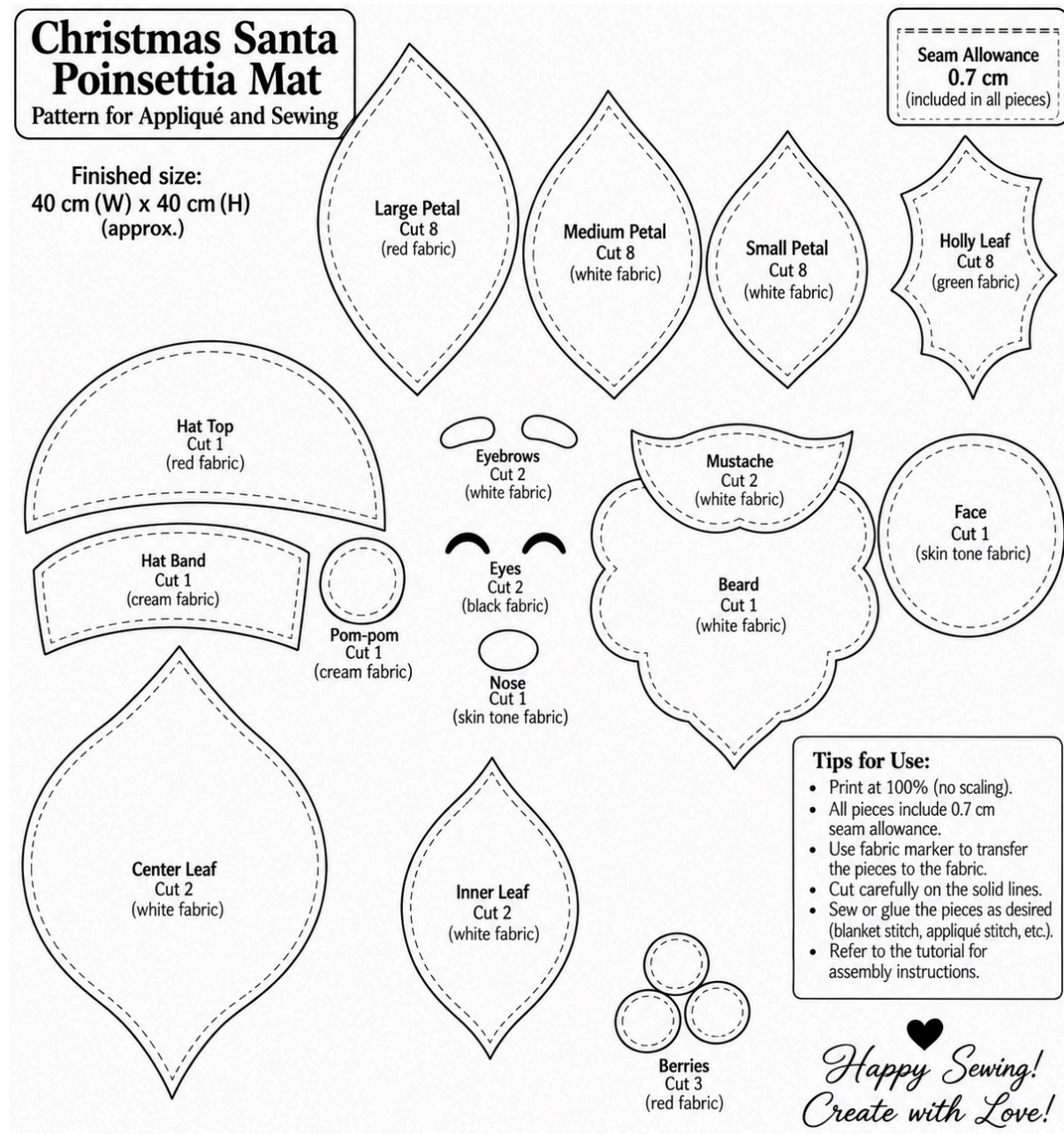
Step by Step Instructions

1 Cut all the pieces using the templates. You will need 8 red, 8 white petals, 8 green leaves and the Santa pieces.	2 Sew the petals (right sides together), leave a small opening, turn right side out and press. Topstitch 0.3 cm from the edge.	3 Sew the leaves in the same way and add the leaf veins with gold thread.	4 Assemble Santa's face. Sew or glue the eyebrows, nose and moustache. Add blush with fabric paint if desired.	5 Attach the hat pieces and pom-pom. Sew the beard to the face. You can add a little stuffing to the beard for a fluffy effect (optional).	6 Arrange the petals on a flat surface in layers: white, red, white, red (as shown). Pin in place before sewing.
7 Sew the petals together by hand or machine, securing the center.	8 Add the green leaves between the petals and sew them in place.	9 Position Santa's face in the center and sew with a blanket stitch or appliqué stitch.	10 Embroider the berry branches on the red petals using gold thread (back stitch).	11 Check all pieces are well attached and make final adjustments.	12 Your Christmas Santa Poinsettia Mat is ready! A charming decoration for your home or a special gift.



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The Christmas Santa Poinsettia Mat is a festive sewing project that combines layered fabric petals, holly-style leaves, simple embroidery, and an adorable Santa appliqué in the center. Based closely on the tutorial graphic, the finished piece measures approximately 40 × 40 cm (15.7 × 15.7 inches).

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This project can be made with common sewing and craft supplies available in the United States. Cotton fabric or felt works especially well because the shapes need enough body to hold the layered flower arrangement. Felt is particularly beginner-friendly because the raw edges do not fray easily.

The instructions below follow the construction shown in the graphic from cutting the templates through the final assembly. Measurements are given primarily in centimeters, with approximate inch equivalents where helpful.

Step 1: Gather the Fabric, Tools, and Supplies

Before cutting anything, prepare all the materials so you can complete the project without interrupting the assembly process.

For the fabric, you will need approximately:

- Red cotton or felt: 25 × 25 cm (9.8 × 9.8 in)
- White or cream cotton or felt: 25 × 25 cm (9.8 × 9.8 in)
- Green cotton or felt: 15 × 15 cm (5.9 × 5.9 in)
- Beige fabric for Santa's face: 10 × 10 cm (3.9 × 3.9 in)
- Light cream fabric for the beard: 15 × 15 cm (5.9 × 5.9 in)
- Red fabric for the hat: 10 × 20 cm (3.9 × 7.9 in)
- Small pieces of black and white felt for the facial features
- Gold embroidery thread
- Fusible web or fabric glue, if desired
- A small quantity of stuffing, optional, for adding texture to Santa's beard

You will also need a sewing machine, hand-sewing needle, fabric scissors, straight pins or sewing clips, fabric marker, iron, coordinating sewing thread, and embroidery needle.

A machine is convenient for the petals and leaves, but much of this project can also be sewn by hand. If you are using felt,

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hand stitching can create a particularly attractive handmade finish.

Press cotton fabrics before tracing the templates. A smooth fabric surface makes cutting much more accurate.

Step 2: Prepare the Printable Pattern Pieces

The original graphic uses three sizes of poinsettia petals plus a holly-shaped leaf.

The large petal measures approximately 16 × 10 cm (6.3 × 3.9 in). Cut 8 pieces total, with four red and four white/cream.

The medium petal measures approximately 13 × 8 cm (5.1 × 3.1 in). Again, cut 8 pieces total: four red and four white/cream.

The small petal measures approximately 10 × 8 cm (3.9 × 3.1 in). Cut 8 pieces total: four red and four white/cream.

For the green layer, make a holly-style leaf approximately 8 × 6 cm (3.1 × 2.4 in) and cut 8 green leaves.

The graphic also shows the following Santa pieces:

Beard: approximately 14 × 10 cm

Face: approximately 8 × 6 cm

Hat top: approximately 10 × 6 cm

Hat band: approximately 10 × 3 cm

Hat pom-pom: approximately 4 cm

Nose: approximately 2.5 cm

The templates shown in the graphic include a seam allowance. If you redraw the templates yourself, keep the allowance consistent around each sewn piece.

For a dimensional fabric version, you can cut two layers for pieces that will be sewn right sides together. For a simpler felt

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version, a single layer can be edge-stitched because felt does not normally require turned seams.

Step 3: Cut and Organize All the Pieces

Trace every pattern onto the appropriate fabric using a removable fabric marker.

Cut slowly around the curves and pointed ends. Accuracy is particularly important on the petals because the finished poinsettia depends on evenly spaced shapes.

Organize the pieces into separate groups: large petals, medium petals, small petals, green leaves, beard, face, hat, hat band, pom-pom, nose, and facial details.

Keeping the pieces organized now will make the final layering much easier.

If you are using fusible web for the Santa appliqué, apply it according to the manufacturer's instructions before cutting the smaller facial pieces. Allow the fabric to cool completely before handling it.

For the petals and leaves that will be sewn as dimensional pieces, pair the corresponding layers with their right sides facing each other.

Step 4: Sew the Red and White Poinsettia Petals

Place the matching petal pieces right sides together.

Sew around the perimeter while leaving a small opening for turning. Maintain a consistent seam allowance and slow down around the pointed ends.

Carefully clip or trim the seam allowance around tight curves without cutting through the stitching.

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Turn each petal right side out through the opening. Use a blunt turning tool to gently shape the point without puncturing the fabric.

Press each petal flat. Then close the turning opening with hand stitching or incorporate it into the topstitching.

According to the tutorial graphic, the petals are topstitched approximately 0.3 cm from the edge. Gold-colored thread creates the decorative appearance shown in the finished example.

Add a center vein by sewing from near the petal base toward the tip. This simple line gives the petals more definition and reinforces the quilted appearance.

Repeat the process for all three petal sizes.

Step 5: Make and Embroider the Green Leaves

Construct the green leaves using the same basic sewing method as the petals.

If using two layers of cotton, place them right sides together, stitch around the leaf while leaving a turning opening, trim the curves and corners, turn right side out, and press.

Topstitch around the outside edge.

The tutorial uses decorative gold leaf veins. Begin with one central line running vertically through the leaf.

Add shorter diagonal lines branching outward from the central vein. A straight stitch or backstitch works well.

The gold stitching should remain relatively simple. The goal is to suggest leaf veins rather than cover the entire green surface.

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For an additional Christmas accent, small red fabric or felt circles can be positioned near selected leaves to resemble holly berries.

Step 6: Create Santa's Face

Cut the approximately 8 × 6 cm beige face piece and arrange the facial features before permanently attaching anything.

Position the small white eyebrow pieces near the upper portion of the face. Add the eyes below them using small black felt pieces or embroidery.

Place the approximately 2.5 cm beige nose near the center.

The graphic shows a warm, cheerful Santa expression with curved closed eyes and subtle rosy cheeks. These details can be embroidered or created with fabric-safe paint.

Attach the nose securely using small hand stitches or fabric glue.

If adding blush, use only a small amount of fabric paint. Build the color gradually rather than applying a strong color immediately.

The face will eventually be partially covered by the mustache, beard, and hat, so check the positioning of those pieces before permanently sewing the smallest facial details.

Step 7: Construct Santa's Beard and Mustache

Cut the light cream beard, approximately 14 × 10 cm.

The lower edge should have the decorative scalloped shape shown in the tutorial rather than a plain semicircle. This gives Santa's beard its characteristic fluffy appearance.

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The tutorial also allows optional stuffing for additional beard texture. If you want a dimensional version, sandwich a very thin layer of batting or stuffing between fabric layers.

Do not overstuff the beard. It should remain soft enough to lie neatly against the poinsettia.

Create the mustache from two mirrored cream pieces and position them immediately beneath the nose.

Secure the mustache with small hand stitches, appliqué stitching, or fabric glue.

Attach the completed beard beneath the face and make sure it is centered before sewing.

Step 8: Make Santa's Christmas Hat

Cut the red hat top approximately 10 × 6 cm.

Cut the cream hat band approximately 10 × 3 cm and prepare the approximately 4 cm pom-pom.

Place the red hat over the upper part of Santa's head. The tutorial shows the hat gently curving toward one side rather than standing straight upward.

Position the cream band across the lower edge of the red hat.

Sew or appliqué the hat pieces to the face. Keep the stitching tidy because the hat is one of the most visible elements of the finished centerpiece.

Attach the cream pom-pom to the end of the hat.

At this stage, Santa's head, beard, mustache, face, hat, and pom-pom should form one complete central appliqué unit.

Step 9: Arrange the First Poinsettia Layer

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Now begin assembling the flower.

Work on a large, flat surface so you can see the entire approximately 40 × 40 cm composition.

Begin with the white/cream petals. Arrange them evenly around an imaginary center point, similar to the spokes of a wheel.

Place opposite petals first. This makes it much easier to maintain symmetry.

Continue adding petals while keeping their bases overlapping slightly in the center.

Do not sew immediately. Step back and examine the flower from different directions.

Measure the overall width and adjust the petals until the arrangement is balanced.

Once satisfied, pin or clip the pieces temporarily.

Step 10: Add the Red Petals and Green Leaves

Place the red petals between the white/cream petals to create the characteristic alternating poinsettia effect shown in the graphic.

The red and white layers should overlap rather than forming completely separate circles.

Use the different petal sizes to build depth. Larger petals generally establish the outside shape while medium and smaller petals help fill the inner arrangement.

Next, position the eight green leaves between and behind the petals.

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Only part of each green leaf needs to remain visible. Their purpose is to frame the poinsettia with a contrasting Christmas-green layer.

Check the arrangement again before sewing. Make sure the red, white, and green elements are distributed evenly around the complete design.

Secure the layers progressively with machine stitching or hand stitching near their bases.

Step 11: Add the Decorative Gold Embroidery 🧵 ✨

The gold embroidery is one of the most distinctive features of the original design.

On selected red petals, create a simple branching botanical motif using gold embroidery thread.

Start with a gently curved main stem.

Add smaller branches extending outward from it. Finish the branches with small circular or oval berry-like shapes.

The tutorial recommends backstitch or stem stitch for these branches.

You do not need extremely complicated embroidery. Simple, clean lines are more consistent with the pattern.

The gold thread can also be used around the petal edges and for selected quilting lines on the white petals. This visually connects the individual pieces and gives the project its elegant Christmas finish.

Step 12: Position Santa in the Center

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Once the poinsettia arrangement is secure, place the completed Santa appliqué directly in the center.

Before sewing, check the project vertically and horizontally. Santa should appear centered within the flower rather than leaning noticeably toward one side.

Pin the appliqué in position.

Sew around the outside using a small blanket stitch, appliqué stitch, or neat hand stitch.

If the beard contains light stuffing, avoid compressing it excessively while sewing.

Check the hat, face, mustache, and beard after attachment. Small adjustments at this stage can dramatically improve the finished appearance.

Step 13: Secure the Final Layers

Inspect the entire mat carefully.

Lift each petal and leaf gently to determine whether any sections remain loose.

Add hidden stitches wherever additional stability is necessary. The center receives the most overlapping layers, so it may require stronger stitching than the outer petals.

Check the pointed tips and curved edges as well.

Trim loose threads and remove any remaining fabric-marker lines according to the marker manufacturer's directions.

If appropriate for your chosen fabrics, give the petals and leaves a gentle final press. Avoid pressing directly over dimensional stuffing or delicate embroidery.

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The finished piece should remain approximately 40 cm wide and 40 cm tall, although small variations are completely normal for a handmade project.

Step 14: Finish and Display Your Christmas Santa Poinsettia Mat ❤️

Your Christmas Santa Poinsettia Mat is now complete.

The finished design should have alternating red and white poinsettia petals, green embroidered leaves around the outside, decorative gold stitching, and Santa prominently positioned in the center.

It can be displayed as a Christmas table decoration, centerpiece mat, decorative fabric panel, or seasonal handmade accent.

For table use, keep dimensional embellishments modest so the piece remains reasonably flat. If you plan to use it mainly as a decorative panel, the beard, pom-pom, berries, and petals can be made more dimensional.

For storage after Christmas, place the mat flat rather than folding it tightly. A sheet of acid-free tissue paper between layers can help protect the raised Santa details and embroidery.

With careful cutting and patient layering, even a relatively new sewer can complete this project. The key is to construct each group of pieces separately, arrange the entire poinsettia before permanently attaching the layers, and leave the central Santa appliqué until near the end.

The result is a cheerful handmade Christmas decoration combining sewing, appliqué, light quilting, and embroidery in one festive project. 🧑🏻‍🎅 🌺 🧵 ✨

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