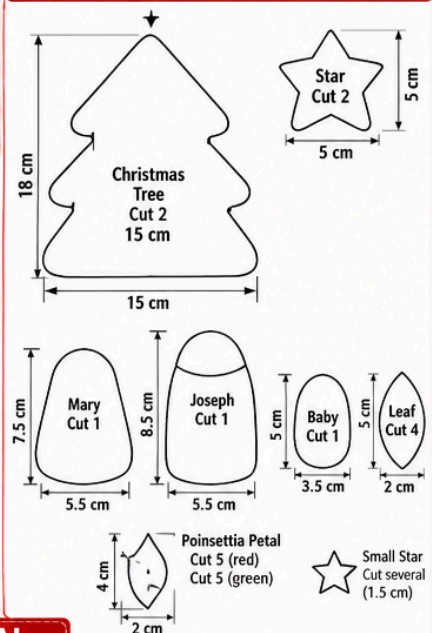




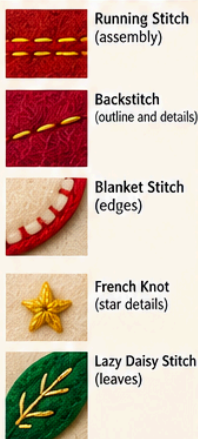
MATERIALS



TEMPLATES (with 0.5 cm seam allowance)



STITCHES USED



STEP BY STEP TUTORIAL

1 Cut the pieces



Use the templates to cut all pieces from the felt or fabric. Remember the 0.5 cm seam allowance.

2 Prepare the faces



Sew or glue the eyes. Use embroidery thread to make the mouth and blush.

3 Assemble Mary



Sew Mary's body pieces. Use running stitch for assembly and blanket stitch on the edges.

4 Assemble Joseph



Sew Joseph's pieces and add the head covering. Use blanket stitch and backstitch for details.

5 Assemble the baby



Sew the baby's pieces and add the face. Use small stitches for a delicate finish.

6 Make the poinsettia



Sew or glue 5 red petals and 5 green leaves. Add small beads or buttons in the center.

7 Assemble the tree base



Place the cream tree piece on the red one and sew around the edges with blanket stitch.

8 Attach the nativity pieces



Arrange and sew the nativity pieces onto the tree. Use a few stitches to secure each part.

9 Add the decorations



Sew small stars around the tree using French knots or small stitches with gold thread.

10 Attach the poinsettia



Sew the poinsettia and leaves at the bottom of the tree.

11 Add the top star and hanging cord



Sew the star at the top and attach a ribbon or cord for hanging (about 15 cm).

12 Final result

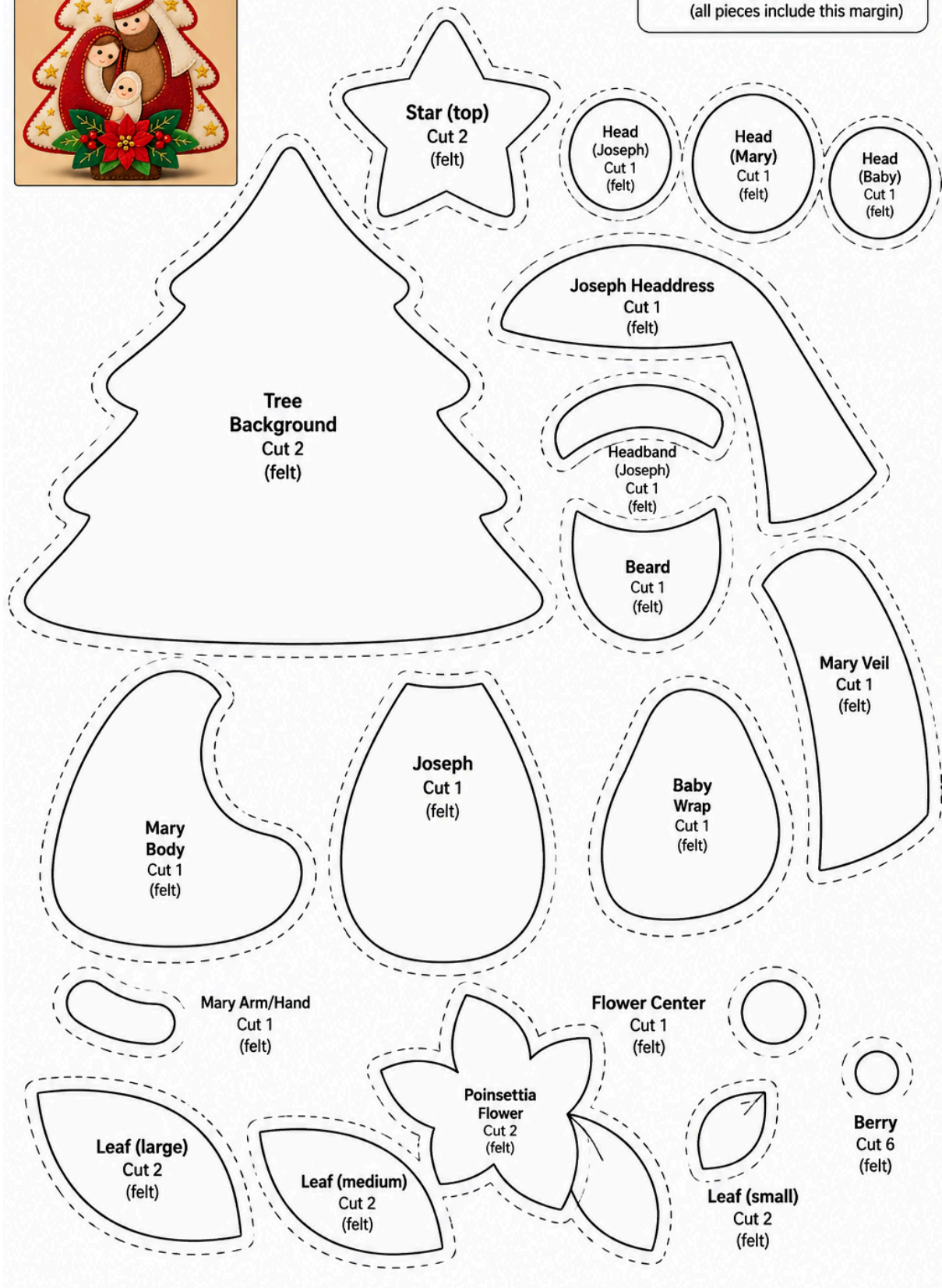




Nativity Ornament Felt Pattern

Pattern includes seam allowance
for hand or machine sewing.

----- = 0.5 cm seam allowance
(all pieces include this margin)



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Christmas Nativity Tree Felt Ornament – Complete Sewing Tutorial

This Christmas Nativity Tree Felt Ornament is a beautiful handmade holiday project that combines a Christmas tree, the Holy Family, embroidered stars, a poinsettia, leaves, berries, and a hanging cord in one decorative piece. The tutorial below follows the measurements, materials, stitches, and 12-step construction sequence shown in the reference chart.

The project can be made primarily with felt, although cotton fabric can also be used for selected pieces. Most assembly can be completed by hand, making this a practical project even if you do not own a sewing machine. The visible decorative stitching is an important part of the design, so work slowly and keep your stitches as even as possible.

The main tree template measures approximately 18 cm high × 15 cm wide. The pattern uses a 0.5 cm seam allowance, as indicated in the chart. Before cutting expensive fabric or felt, print or trace your templates and verify the dimensions with a ruler.

Step 1 – Gather the Materials and Cut All Pattern Pieces



For this project, prepare cream/ivory, red, green, brown, tan, and skin-tone felt or fabric. You will also need embroidery thread in coordinating colors, including gold or yellow thread for the decorative details.

Gather a hand-sewing needle, scissors, straight pins or sewing clips, small beads or buttons for the flower center, optional polyester stuffing, and approximately 15 cm of ribbon or cord

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for hanging the finished ornament. Hot glue is optional; sewing provides a more traditional finish.

The chart specifies a main Christmas Tree template approximately 18 cm high and 15 cm wide. Cut 2 tree pieces. For the layered appearance shown in the finished project, use one cream piece and one contrasting red piece. The red layer can sit slightly behind the cream layer so that it creates a colorful outline.

Cut 2 top-star pieces, approximately 5 × 5 cm. The chart also shows Mary at approximately 7.5 cm high × 5.5 cm wide, Joseph at approximately 8.5 cm high × 5.5 cm wide, and the baby at approximately 5 cm high × 3.5 cm wide. Cut the character components according to your templates.

For the greenery, the reference chart shows leaf pieces at approximately 5 cm high × 2 cm wide. You will need several leaves to create the full arrangement. The poinsettia uses individual pointed petals approximately 4 cm × 2 cm. The chart indicates 5 red petals and 5 green pieces, although additional layered leaves may be added to reproduce the fuller appearance of the reference ornament.

Remember that the templates are designed around a 0.5 cm seam allowance. Keep this margin consistent. Label the paper templates before cutting so you do not accidentally confuse Mary, Joseph, baby, flower, leaf, and decorative pieces.

Step 2 – Prepare the Faces 😊

Cut the three faces from skin-tone felt: one for Mary, one for Joseph, and a smaller one for the baby Jesus.

Position the eyes before attaching anything permanently. The simplest method is to use tiny black beads or small black

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stitches. Make sure both eyes are level and sufficiently far from the edge to prevent distortion during assembly.

Embroider a small curved mouth using red or dark pink thread. Keep the facial features simple because the soft, minimal expression is part of the handmade character of this ornament.

A tiny amount of pink thread, fabric-safe coloring, or another suitable craft medium can be used to suggest rosy cheeks. Apply it sparingly.

Joseph's beard can be cut from brown felt. Place it beneath the face so that the upper portion frames the cheeks and the lower portion creates the rounded beard visible in the chart.

Before continuing, temporarily position each completed face over its corresponding body. This allows you to correct the placement while adjustments are still easy.

Step 3 – Assemble Mary

Begin with Mary's main body. The reference design uses a rich red outer garment, a brown inner section, and a light cream or ivory section around the face and front of the body.

Layer Mary's pieces carefully and pin or clip them temporarily. The curves should flow naturally around her face and down toward the lower body.

Use a running stitch for straightforward assembly seams. Small, evenly spaced stitches will make the finished piece look cleaner.

Use blanket stitch around prominent exposed edges where you want the stitching itself to become decorative. A contrasting gold or yellow thread works especially well against red felt.

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For important outlines and smaller decorative areas, use backstitch. This produces a more continuous-looking line than running stitch.

Do not overfill Mary if you choose to add stuffing. The figure should remain relatively flat because it will eventually be attached directly to the tree.

Step 4 – Assemble Joseph

Place Joseph's tan or brown body piece flat on your work surface and center the prepared face near its upper portion.

Attach the brown beard beneath the face. Secure it with tiny hidden stitches or carefully positioned decorative stitches.

Add the cream-colored head covering or veil. In the reference design, it falls down one side of Joseph and creates an elongated curved silhouette.

Position the narrow red headband across the forehead. Decorative gold stitching along the red band helps connect this detail visually with the rest of the ornament.

Use blanket stitch on exposed edges and backstitch where you need a firm, continuous outline. Keep the stitch length consistent around curves.

Check Joseph beside Mary before finalizing the pieces. Joseph should appear slightly taller, corresponding to the chart's approximate 8.5 cm height compared with Mary's 7.5 cm.

Step 5 – Assemble the Baby

The baby is one of the smallest components, so use shorter stitches and a fine needle if possible.

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Position the small prepared face at the top of the cream felt wrapping piece. The chart gives an approximate finished template size of 5 × 3.5 cm.

Wrap or overlap the cream sections around the body to create a soft swaddled appearance.

Use cream or off-white thread so that most construction stitches blend into the felt.

A small running stitch around the edge is enough to secure the layers. You can add an extremely thin amount of stuffing before closing the final section if you want subtle dimension.

Place the completed baby between Mary and Joseph temporarily. Do not permanently attach the figures to the tree yet.

Step 6 – Make the Poinsettia

Cut the pointed poinsettia petals from red felt. The chart uses pieces measuring approximately 4 cm long × 2 cm wide.

Arrange 5 red petals in a circular flower formation. Overlap their bases slightly so there is no large empty opening in the middle.

Add green pieces behind the red petals. Combining different shades of green can create more depth and make the finished floral arrangement resemble the reference image.

Secure the layers with small stitches through the center. Pull the thread firmly enough to hold the petals together without puckering the felt.

Add small gold beads, buttons, or similar embellishments to the flower center. Sew them individually for better security,

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especially if the ornament will be stored and reused every Christmas.

Set the completed flower aside while constructing the foliage. It will be attached near the bottom of the tree after the Nativity figures are in place.

Step 7 – Assemble the Christmas Tree Base

Place the cream tree piece over the red backing piece. The contrasting red should remain subtly visible around the perimeter.

Pin or clip the two layers together, beginning at the top and working toward the bottom. Check that the tree remains symmetrical.

Use blanket stitch around the outer edge. Red thread creates a strong traditional Christmas outline against the cream felt.

If you prefer a padded ornament, add a thin layer of polyester stuffing between the two tree pieces before completely closing the perimeter.

Avoid excessive stuffing. A lightly padded tree provides dimension while still giving you a stable surface for attaching Mary, Joseph, and the baby.

After stitching, lay the tree flat and gently shape the branches with your fingers.

Step 8 – Attach the Nativity Figures

Arrange Mary on the left, Joseph toward the right and slightly higher, and the baby in the center/front, following the composition shown in the chart.

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Do a complete placement test before sewing. Leave enough open space above the figures for the decorative stars.

Pin the figures carefully. If ordinary pins distort small felt pieces, sewing clips or temporary hand-basting stitches can be easier to control.

Sew Mary to the tree using small stitches around selected edges. You do not necessarily need to stitch through every visible decorative seam.

Attach Joseph next, preserving the layered relationship between his clothing and Mary's figure.

Finally, position and secure the baby at the front. Make sure all three figures are firmly attached before moving on to the decorations.

Step 9 – Add the Golden Star Decorations

The tree background in the reference project is decorated with several small gold stars in different sizes.

These can be embroidered directly onto the cream felt. A French knot is useful for tiny star-like points, while straight stitches can be combined to form larger stars.

Begin with one longer vertical stitch, then add diagonal and horizontal stitches radiating from the center.

Gold embroidery thread gives the stars their characteristic festive appearance.

Distribute the stars around the Holy Family rather than placing them in rigid rows. Keep the decorations away from the outer blanket stitching so the composition does not become crowded.

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You can use the original arrangement as inspiration while allowing slight differences. Handmade embroidery does not need to be perfectly identical from one ornament to another.

Step 10 – Attach the Leaves, Berries, and Poinsettia

Arrange the larger green leaves across the bottom of the Nativity scene. Let them extend toward both sides to create a balanced floral base.

Layer additional medium and smaller leaves over the first row. The leaves can be made from multiple shades of green felt for greater depth.

Use a lazy daisy stitch or simple straight embroidery stitches with gold thread to create the decorative veins seen on the leaves.

Place the poinsettia in the center, overlapping the bases of several leaves. Sew through its center and selected petals to keep it secure.

Add groups of red berries on both sides of the poinsettia. These can be small beads, buttons, felt circles, or other lightweight craft embellishments.

Check the symmetry of the entire arrangement before making your last stitches. The flower should remain the main focal point at the bottom without covering too much of the baby.

Step 11 – Make the Top Star and Add the Hanging Cord

Place the 2 red star pieces together. Each star is approximately 5 × 5 cm according to the chart.

Stitch around the perimeter using contrasting gold or yellow thread. Running stitch or backstitch works well here.

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For a slightly raised star, insert a very small amount of stuffing before closing the final section.

Position the star at the top of the Christmas tree and sew it securely through the underlying tree layers.

Prepare approximately 15 cm of ribbon or decorative cord. Fold it in half to form a hanging loop and secure both ends firmly behind the top of the ornament.

Reinforce this attachment with several stitches. The hanging loop carries the weight of the entire finished decoration, so this connection should be stronger than purely decorative stitching.

Step 12 – Finish and Inspect the Ornament ✨

Lay the completed ornament flat and examine the entire perimeter. Check for loose threads, missed stitches, exposed knots, or uneven edges.

Make sure Mary, Joseph, and the baby are firmly secured to the tree. Gently lift each figure at several points to identify any loose sections.

Inspect the poinsettia, berries, leaves, beads, and embroidered stars. Reinforce anything that moves too freely.

Shape the felt gently with your fingers. If the project was stuffed, distribute the filling evenly so there are no large lumps.

Check the hanging cord by supporting the ornament over a soft surface for a few seconds. Reinforce the attachment if necessary.

Your finished piece should now feature the cream and red Christmas tree, Holy Family, golden stars, red top star, green

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foliage, red berries, and layered poinsettia, closely following the tutorial chart.

Stitch Guide for This Project

Running Stitch: Use this for basic assembly. Bring the needle up and down through the felt at regular intervals, creating a dashed line of stitches.

Backstitch: Use this for outlines and decorative details that need a more continuous appearance. Each new stitch returns toward the previous stitch.

Blanket Stitch: This is especially useful around the tree and other exposed felt edges. It joins the layers while producing the attractive looped edging visible in the reference design.

French Knot: Use small French knots as decorative accents or as part of the tiny golden star details.

Lazy Daisy Stitch: This embroidery stitch works particularly well for the decorative leaf veins. Combine it with straight stitches if you want more elaborate foliage.

Final Measurements and Construction Notes

The principal measurements from the reference chart are: tree approximately 18 × 15 cm; top star approximately 5 × 5 cm; Mary approximately 7.5 × 5.5 cm; Joseph approximately 8.5 × 5.5 cm; baby approximately 5 × 3.5 cm; leaves approximately 5 × 2 cm; and poinsettia petals approximately 4 × 2 cm.

Maintain the indicated 0.5 cm seam allowance when transferring the templates. Because felt does not fray like ordinary woven fabric, some exposed decorative elements can also be attached with stitches close to their raw edges.

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For the closest match to the pictured project, use cream, deep red, brown, tan, several greens, skin tone, and gold accents. Gold embroidery thread is especially effective for the star details, leaf veins, and decorative stitching.

Once complete, the ornament can be hung on a Christmas tree, displayed on a wall or door, or included in a handmade holiday decoration collection. The combination of appliqué, embroidery, layered felt, and dimensional floral details gives the project its characteristic handcrafted finish.