

A charming handmade decoration for Christmas!



Finished Size:
12 cm x 12 cm

Felt Santa Star Ornament

Step-by-Step Tutorial

Easy to make
Cute to give
Perfect for
your home
or to sell! ♥

Materials (US)

Felt sheets (100% polyester or wool blend)

- Olive green
- Red
- Cream / off-white
- Beige (skin tone)
- Light pink (cheeks)
- Dark green (leaves)
- Red (berries)

Stuffing (polyester fiberfill)

Embroidery thread (matching colors)

Black safety beads (6 mm) or buttons

Twine or ribbon for hanging

Sewing needle

Fabric scissors

Pins or clips

Hot glue (optional)

Main Techniques

- Running Stitch
- Back Stitch
- ||||| Blanket Stitch
- /// Whip Stitch
- Satin Stitch
- French Knot
- Ladder Stitch (for closing)

Templates (with seam allowance)

Star (cut 2)
12 cm
x 12 cm

Hat (cut 1)
7.5 cm x 5 cm

Hat brim (cut 1)
7.5 cm x 2 cm

Face (cut 1)
6 cm
diameter

Beard (cut 1)
8 cm x 6 cm

Nose (cut 1)
1.5 cm

Holly leaf (cut 2)
3 cm x 2 cm

Berries (cut 3)
1 cm each

All pieces include 0.5 cm seam allowance.

1 Cut the pieces



Use the templates to cut all the pieces in felt. You will need 2 stars for the front and back and the other pieces as shown.

2 Make the face



Sew the nose in the center of the face. Add the eyes (safety beads or buttons) and embroider the eyebrows. Use pink felt or blush for the cheeks.

3 Assemble the beard



Sew the mustache onto the beard. Use blanket stitch or running stitch around the edges.

4 Sew the hat



Sew the brim to the hat. Add the pom-pom to the tip.

5 Add details to the hat



Sew or glue the holly leaves and berries to the side of the hat.

6 Assemble Santa



Sew the beard to the face and then attach the hat on top. Add small embroidery details if desired.

7 Attach Santa to the star



Position Santa in the center of one star piece and sew all around the edges.

8 Join the stars



Place the second star piece behind, right sides together. Sew around the edge, leaving a small opening to stuff.

9 Stuff and close



Fill with polyester stuffing. Close the opening with a ladder stitch.

10 Add the hanging loop



Insert a loop of twine or ribbon before closing completely. Your ornament is ready!

Helpful Tips

- ✓ Use high-quality felt (wool blend or polyester).
- ✓ Keep stitches small and even.
- ✓ You can use fabric glue to hold pieces before sewing.
- ✓ Adjust the size of the templates as desired.
- ✓ This project is great for beginners!
- ✓ A wonderful handmade gift or item to sell.

Finished!

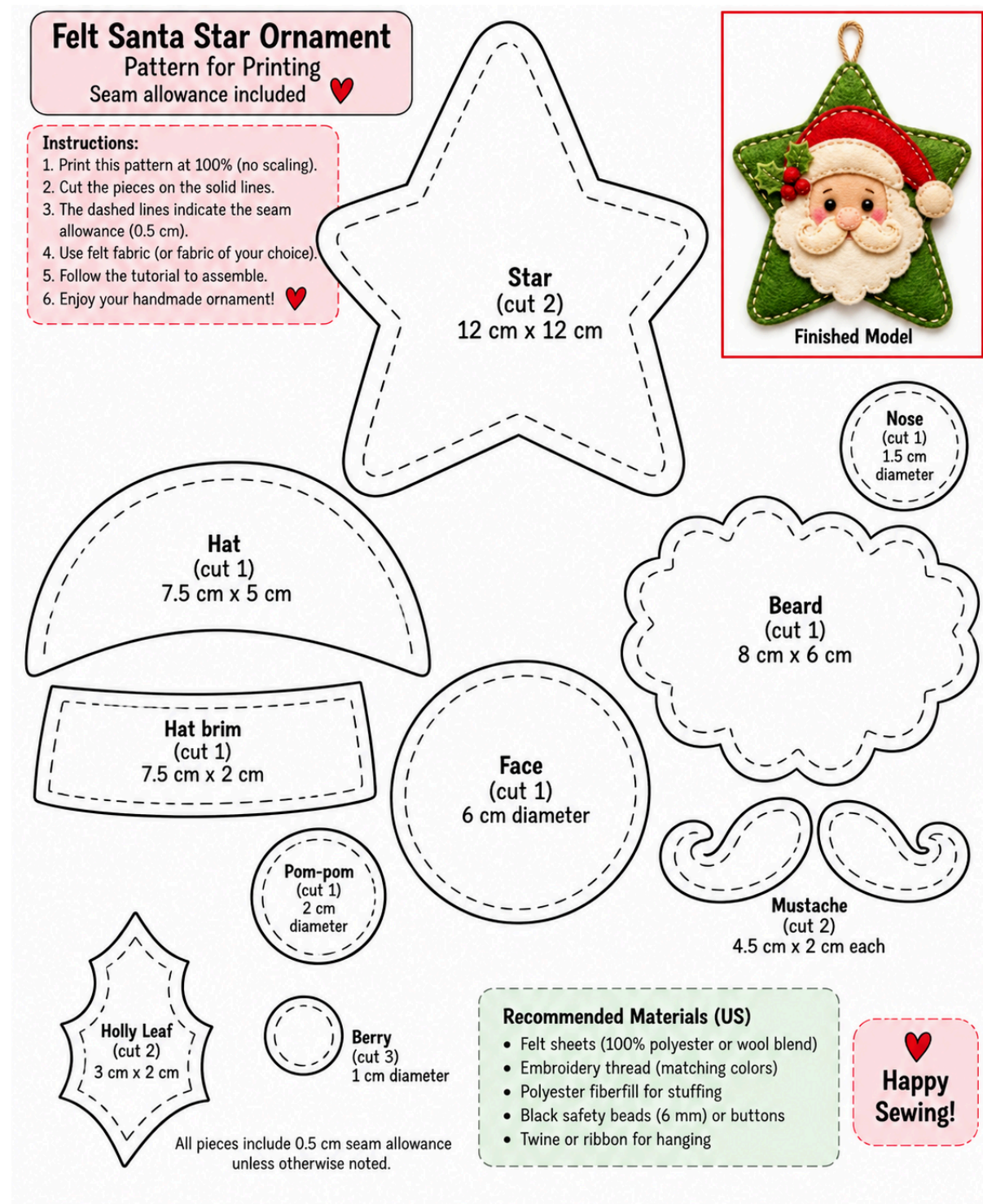
A beautiful Santa Star Ornament to decorate your Christmas!



Suggested Felt Colors (US brands)

- Olive Green – Fairfield / Kunin Felt
- Christmas Red – Kunin Felt
- Cream / Ivory – Evergreen Felt
- Beige – Kunin Felt
- Light Pink – Kunin Felt
- Dark Green – Fairfield Felt
- Red – Fairfield Felt

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makes Christmas brighter! ♥



Felt Santa Star Ornament – Complete Step-by-Step Sewing Tutorial 🧑🏻‍🎅 ⭐

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The Felt Santa Star Ornament is a charming handmade Christmas decoration made from layered felt, simple embroidery, light stuffing, and a hanging loop. The finished ornament measures approximately 12 cm × 12 cm (4.7 × 4.7 inches) and features a green stuffed star topped with a dimensional Santa face, red hat, cream beard, holly leaves, and berries.

This project is suitable for beginners because most of the construction can be completed by hand. The main techniques are running stitch, backstitch, blanket stitch, whip stitch, satin stitch, French knots, and ladder stitch. You can also use small safety eyes or beads for Santa's eyes.

For the closest result to the tutorial graphic, use olive-green, Christmas-red, cream/off-white, beige, light-pink, and dark-green felt. Polyester craft felt is inexpensive and easy to find in U.S. craft stores, while wool-blend felt gives the ornament a softer, more premium appearance.

Step 1: Gather the Materials and Cut All Felt Pieces

Before sewing, prepare everything you need. Having all the pieces cut and organized makes the assembly much easier.

You will need felt sheets, polyester fiberfill, embroidery floss, a hand-sewing needle, fabric scissors, pins or sewing clips, and approximately 15–18 cm (6–7 inches) of twine or ribbon for the hanging loop. Fabric glue is optional and can be helpful for temporarily positioning small appliqué pieces.

For the eyes, use two approximately 6 mm black safety eyes, beads, or small black buttons. If the ornament will be accessible to very young children, embroidered eyes are a safer alternative to detachable beads or buttons.

Following the graphic, prepare these main pieces:

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- Star: Cut 2, approximately 12 × 12 cm
- Santa face: Cut 1, approximately 6 cm diameter
- Beard: Cut 1, approximately 8 × 6 cm
- Hat: Cut 1, approximately 7.5 × 5 cm
- Hat brim: Cut 1, approximately 7.5 × 2 cm
- Pom-pom: Cut pieces sufficient for an approximately 2 cm diameter finished circle
- Nose: Cut pieces sufficient for an approximately 1.5 cm diameter finished circle
- Mustache: Cut 2 mirrored pieces, approximately 4.5 × 2 cm each
- Holly leaves: Cut 2, approximately 3 × 2 cm each
- Berries: Make 3 small red circles, approximately 1 cm diameter

The graphic indicates a 0.5 cm seam allowance for the templates. Keep this allowance consistent when tracing and cutting pieces that will be sewn together.

For the star, place the two pieces on top of each other after cutting and check that all five points align. Trim only tiny irregularities so both layers have the same silhouette.

Do the same with the smaller Santa pieces. Arrange everything temporarily on one star before sewing. This allows you to verify the proportions and placement while adjustments are still easy.

Step 2: Make Santa's Face and Facial Details 😊

Start with the 6 cm beige felt face. Position the two black eyes symmetrically in the upper-middle portion of the face, leaving enough room underneath for the nose and mustache.

If you are using safety eyes, install them before attaching the face to the beard because the backs need to remain

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accessible. For beads or buttons, sew them securely with several passes of strong thread.

Place the 1.5 cm pink nose in the center of the lower half of the face. The tutorial image gives the nose a lightly padded appearance, so you can create it from two small felt circles and add a tiny amount of fiberfill before closing the edge.

Use small, even stitches around the nose. A running stitch or blanket stitch works well and provides the handmade appearance visible in the reference.

Add two small curved eyebrows above the eyes using brown embroidery floss and backstitch. Keep them delicate rather than making heavy lines.

For Santa's rosy cheeks, lightly apply pink fabric-safe blush or a small amount of pink textile coloring beside the nose. Use very little at first and gradually build the color.

Step 3: Sew the Beard and Mustache

Cut the beard from cream or off-white felt, maintaining the approximately 8 × 6 cm proportions shown in the graphic.

Create the scalloped lower edge carefully. These rounded sections are an important part of the Santa design, so use small scissors and make smooth curves rather than sharp cuts.

Position the beige face over the upper-middle area of the beard. Pin or temporarily glue it into position.

Sew around the appropriate edge using small cream stitches. Keep your stitches relatively uniform—approximately 2–3 mm long works well for a neat handmade appearance.

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Place the two mirrored mustache pieces directly beneath the nose. Their inner ends should meet underneath the nose while their outer ends curve upward.

Sew each mustache piece with cream embroidery floss. You can add a tiny amount of stuffing beneath the center of each mustache before completing the stitching if you want the slightly raised, dimensional effect seen in the graphic.

Step 4: Construct Santa's Red Hat 🧑🏻‍🎅

Cut the main hat from Christmas-red felt using the approximately 7.5 × 5 cm template.

Position the 7.5 × 2 cm cream hat brim across the bottom of the red hat. The brim should overlap the red section slightly so there are no visible gaps.

Secure it temporarily with pins, clips, or a very small amount of fabric glue. Sew the brim to the red felt using cream embroidery floss and small running stitches.

For a more dimensional brim, cut two identical cream pieces. Sew around most of the perimeter, insert a very thin layer of polyester fiberfill, and close the remaining opening.

Create the cream 2 cm pom-pom in the same way. Sew two circles together, leave a small opening, add a tiny amount of stuffing, and close it with a ladder stitch.

Attach the pom-pom to the tip or side of the hat. Make several secure stitches through the back so it will not loosen when the ornament is handled.

Step 5: Add the Holly Leaves and Berries 🌿

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Cut two dark-green holly leaves measuring approximately 3 × 2 cm each.

Give each leaf a traditional pointed holly shape. Small embroidery stitches through the center can imitate leaf veins and add detail.

Arrange the leaves on one side of Santa's hat, overlapping them slightly.

Make three approximately 1 cm red berries. They can be flat felt circles, tiny stuffed felt balls, or embroidered dimensional knots depending on the materials available.

Position the three berries where the leaves overlap. Sew each one securely with red thread.

The graphic places this embellishment toward the side of the hat rather than directly in the center. Keeping this asymmetrical placement helps preserve the original handmade design.

Step 6: Assemble the Complete Santa Appliqué

You should now have the major components completed: face, beard, mustache, hat, brim, pom-pom, holly leaves, and berries.

Place the face and beard together first. Check that the eyes remain visible and that the mustache sits naturally immediately beneath the nose.

Secure the face to the beard with small stitches in a matching cream or beige thread.

Position the completed red hat over the upper portion of Santa's face. The cream brim should overlap the forehead slightly.

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Sew the hat securely to the face and beard assembly. Hide knots on the back whenever possible.

Before moving on, inspect the Santa appliqué from a short distance. Make sure the hat, eyes, nose, mustache, and beard appear centered and balanced.

Step 7: Attach Santa to the Green Star ★

Place one olive-green star piece flat on your work surface. This will become the front of the ornament.

Center the completed Santa appliqué on the star. The hat may extend upward toward the top point, while the beard should finish above the lower point of the star.

Pin the appliqué carefully or use tiny dots of fabric glue to prevent movement.

Sew around the outer edges of the Santa appliqué using coordinating embroidery floss. A running stitch produces the decorative handmade appearance shown in the reference.

Work slowly around curved areas such as the beard. Small stitches will follow the scallops much more smoothly than long stitches.

Check the back of the green star when finished. Tie off every thread securely because this surface will soon be hidden inside the ornament.

Step 8: Join the Front and Back Star Pieces

Place the second green star behind the decorated front star.

Align all five points and the valleys between them. Use clips or pins around the perimeter to prevent the layers from shifting.

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Sew around the star approximately 0.5 cm from the edge, following the allowance indicated in the tutorial graphic.

A decorative running stitch with cream embroidery floss closely matches the original ornament. A blanket stitch can also be used if you prefer a more pronounced finished edge.

Begin somewhere near the lower side of the star rather than directly at the top. Continue around most of the perimeter but leave approximately 3–4 cm open for stuffing.

Do not close this opening yet.

Step 9: Stuff the Star and Close the Opening

Take small amounts of polyester fiberfill and insert them through the opening.

Begin by pushing small pieces of stuffing into each of the five star points. A blunt turning tool, chopstick, or the capped end of a pen can help distribute the filling.

Continue adding fiberfill gradually to the center.

The ornament should look softly padded rather than heavily stuffed. Too much filling can distort the points and make the Santa appliqué bulge.

Massage the star gently between your fingers to distribute the stuffing evenly.

Once you are satisfied with its shape, close the opening with a ladder stitch or continue the same decorative stitching used around the rest of the star.

Step 10: Add the Hanging Loop and Finish 🎄

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Cut approximately 15–18 cm of twine or ribbon, depending on how large you want the finished hanging loop.

Fold it in half and position the two raw ends at the top point of the green star.

For maximum strength, insert approximately 1–1.5 cm of each end between the felt layers. Sew repeatedly through the felt and twine before finishing the top seam.

Gently pull on the loop to confirm that it is secure.

Inspect the entire ornament and trim loose embroidery threads. Check the star points, Santa appliqué, berries, pom-pom, and hanging loop.

Your finished Felt Santa Star Ornament should measure approximately 12 × 12 cm (4.7 × 4.7 inches), excluding the hanging loop.

For the cleanest result, keep your stitches small and evenly spaced, use good-quality felt that does not stretch excessively, and avoid overstuffing. A wool-blend felt gives a particularly attractive handcrafted finish, while standard polyester craft felt is an economical and beginner-friendly option widely available in the U.S.

The finished ornament can be used as a Christmas tree decoration, handmade gift, gift-package topper, holiday garland element, or seasonal craft-fair item. 🧑🏻‍🎅 ⭐ 🌲

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