



MATERIALS



MAIN STITCHES USED (IN U.S. TERMS)

Running Stitch



Backstitch



Blanket Stitch



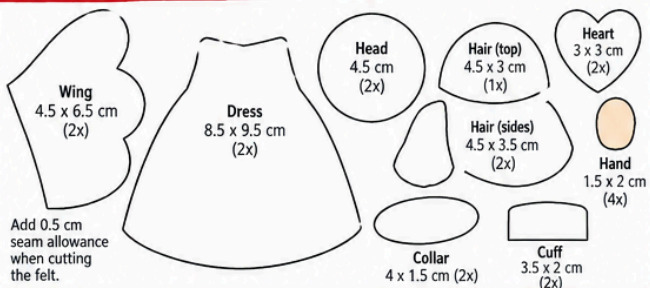
French Knot



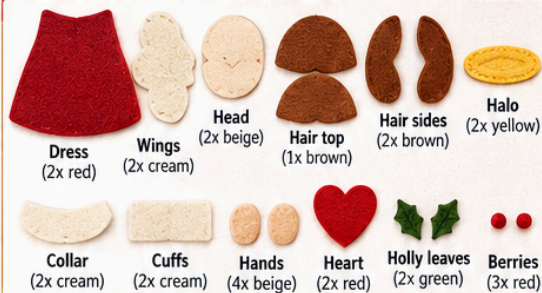
Straight Stitch



TEMPLATES (CUT FROM PAPER)



CUTTING THE FELT PIECES

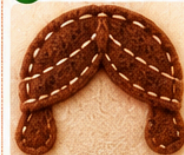


1 STEP 1 - PREPARE THE FACE



Embroider the eyes and mouth using backstitch. Add blush to the cheeks with pastel chalk or fabric paint.

2 MAKE THE HAIR



Sew the hair top to the head. Add the side hair pieces. Use blanket stitch around the edges.

3 CREATE THE HALO



Sew the two halo pieces together with blanket stitch and attach to the top of the head.

4 MAKE THE DRESS



Sew the two dress pieces together with blanket stitch. Add the cream hem and embroider small dots.

5 ADD THE COLLAR AND CUFFS



Sew the collar to the neck area and the cuffs to the sleeves using blanket stitch.

6 MAKE THE HEART



Sew the two heart pieces together, add a straight stitch in the center.

7 MAKE THE HOLLY



Sew the leaves with straight stitch veins and add three French knots for the berries.

8 ASSEMBLE THE ANGEL



Attach the head to the dress. Sew the hands and place the heart between them. Add the holly to the dress.

9 ATTACH THE WINGS



Sew the wings to the back of the dress. Use blanket stitch and embroider the white details on the wings.

10 ADD THE HANGING LOOP



Use a piece of twine or ribbon (about 8 cm) and sew between the halo pieces. Make sure everything is secure.

FINISHED ORNAMENT





Felt Christmas Angel Ornament – Complete Sewing Tutorial

This Felt Christmas Angel Ornament is a charming hand-sewn holiday decoration made with layered felt, simple embroidery, light stuffing, and a hanging loop. Following the measurements and construction shown in the tutorial graphic, the finished angel measures approximately 16 cm (6.3 in) tall × 14 cm (5.5 in) wide.

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The project uses beginner-friendly hand-sewing techniques, including running stitch, backstitch, blanket stitch, French knots, and straight stitch. The angel is assembled from separate pieces for the dress, wings, head, hair, halo, collar, cuffs, hands, heart, and holly decoration.

For the closest result, use 100% polyester craft felt or wool-blend felt in red, cream, beige, brown, yellow, and green. A small amount of polyester fiberfill gives the ornament dimension without making it bulky.

Step 1 – Gather the Materials and Prepare the Templates

You will need red felt for the dress and heart, cream felt for the wings, collar, and cuffs, beige felt for the face and hands, brown felt for the hair, yellow felt for the halo, and green felt for the holly leaves. You will also need small red felt circles or red embroidery details for the berries.

Prepare 6-strand embroidery floss in coordinating colors. The design particularly uses red, white or cream, brown, green, and darker facial-detail colors. You can separate the strands when you want finer facial embroidery.

Other supplies include a hand-sewing needle, embroidery needle, sharp scissors, polyester fiberfill, approximately 8 cm (3.1 in) of twine or ribbon, fabric-safe marking tools, and optional pink fabric paint or blush for the cheeks.

Prepare paper templates using the approximate dimensions shown in the graphic:

- Wings: 4.5 × 6.5 cm – cut 2
- Dress: 8.5 × 9.5 cm – cut 2
- Head: approximately 4.5 cm – cut 2
- Hair top: 4.5 × 3 cm – cut 1

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- Hair sides: 4.5 × 3.5 cm – cut 2
- Heart: 3 × 3 cm – cut 2
- Hands: 1.5 × 2 cm – cut 4
- Collar: 4 × 1.5 cm – cut 2
- Cuffs: 3.5 × 2 cm – cut 2
- Halo: cut 2 matching oval-ring pieces
- Holly leaves: cut 3 small green leaves
- Berries: cut or make 3 small red berries

When transferring the paper patterns, the graphic recommends allowing approximately 0.5 cm around pieces when necessary for the intended cutting/seam allowance. Keep paired pieces symmetrical by cutting them together whenever possible.

Before sewing, arrange every cut component on your work surface. This simple check prevents discovering halfway through the project that a second head, dress, heart, or another matching component is missing.

Step 2 – Learn the Main Hand-Sewing Stitches

The running stitch is a simple in-and-out stitch. Bring the needle through the felt, move forward a short distance, take it back through, and repeat. Keep the stitch lengths approximately equal for a decorative handmade appearance.

The backstitch creates a more continuous line and is especially useful for facial details. Bring the needle up, make a stitch backward, then bring the needle up again slightly ahead of the previous stitch. Continue working backward into the end of each preceding stitch.

The blanket stitch is the main decorative edge treatment for the ornament. Bring the needle through the felt close to the edge and pass the working thread beneath the loop before tightening. Maintain consistent spacing around curves.

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Use French knots for tiny raised details such as the holly berries if you prefer embroidery instead of felt berries. Wrap the thread around the needle, hold the wraps gently, insert the needle close to its starting point, and pull it through carefully.

A straight stitch is useful for the snowflake-style decoration on the heart, veins on the holly leaves, wing branches, and other decorative accents. Several straight stitches can radiate from one central point to create a small star or snowflake.

Practice these stitches on a scrap of felt before beginning the ornament. Felt is forgiving, but practicing helps you determine the best stitch length and thread tension for the decorative style shown in the reference.

Step 3 – Embroider and Prepare the Angel's Face 😊

Place one beige head piece on your work surface. Lightly mark the positions of the eyes and mouth before threading your needle. Keep the features centered and relatively low on the face so there is enough room for the hair.

Using dark embroidery floss, create the closed eyes with small curved backstitches. Add two or three tiny outward stitches at the outer edge of each eye to suggest eyelashes.

Use red embroidery floss for the mouth. Form a small smiling curve with short backstitches. Avoid pulling the floss too tightly because excessive tension can wrinkle the felt.

Add subtle rosy cheeks using a tiny amount of fabric paint or blush. Apply very lightly and gradually build the color. The finished cheeks should remain soft rather than becoming two strongly defined circles.

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Place the second head piece behind the embroidered face. Stitch around most of the perimeter, leaving a small opening. Add just enough polyester fiberfill to create gentle dimension.

Close the remaining opening neatly. Keep the finished head soft and relatively flat because it will eventually sit beneath the layered brown hair.

Step 4 – Make and Attach the Brown Felt Hair

Position the brown top-hair piece over the upper portion of the face. The lower edges should create the curved sections that frame the forehead.

Secure the hair using brown embroidery floss. The graphic shows decorative light-colored stitches along the hair, so you can use contrasting cream floss for the visible details after attaching the main pieces.

Place one side-hair piece on each side of the face. Adjust both sides before sewing so they appear balanced and extend naturally below the head.

Attach the side sections with small stitches around their outer edges. Keep the inner edges positioned neatly beside the cheeks without covering the embroidered eyes or mouth.

Add the characteristic decorative hair lines with straight stitches or running stitches in cream thread. Follow the natural direction of the hair sections rather than making every line perfectly parallel.

Check the completed head from a short distance. The face should remain clearly visible, while the three brown hair components should visually read as one continuous hairstyle.

Step 5 – Create the Yellow Felt Halo ✨

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Cut two matching yellow halo pieces. Each should resemble an elongated oval ring with an open center, as illustrated in the tutorial graphic.

Place the two pieces together with their edges aligned. If desired, add an extremely thin amount of fiberfill between them, although the halo can also remain unstuffed.

Using yellow or coordinating thread, join the layers. The reference design uses blanket stitch, producing a defined handmade edge.

Add the red decorative running stitches around the upper surface of the halo. Space the stitches evenly to create the red dashed appearance visible in the finished ornament.

Do not permanently attach the halo to the head yet if doing so would make later assembly difficult. It is easier to position the head, hair, hanging loop, and halo together during final construction.

Set the completed halo aside with the finished head.

Step 6 – Sew the Red Dress and Decorative Cream Hem



Place the two red dress pieces together. Their edges should align precisely, particularly along the curved lower edge.

Use blanket stitch around the dress, leaving an opening for stuffing. Add a small amount of fiberfill so the dress has gentle body rather than becoming heavily padded.

Close the opening with the same stitch. Keep the stuffing distributed evenly, especially near the lower corners.

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Cut and position the decorative cream hem along the lower portion of the dress. The reference uses a scalloped or softly waving cream band.

Attach the cream trim neatly and add red decorative stitching along its edges. Small red dots or French knots can be distributed across the cream section to reproduce the ornament's festive appearance.

The finished dress should measure approximately 8.5 × 9.5 cm before final assembly, based on the supplied template, and should form the main structural body of the ornament.

Step 7 – Add the Collar, Cuffs, Arms, and Hands

Place the cream collar at the upper center of the dress. Its curved shape should follow the neckline directly below the head.

Secure it with small stitches and add visible red running stitches near its lower edge. The red-on-cream detail visually connects the collar to the hem and wings.

Prepare the two cream cuffs. Decorate their edges with red running stitches before attaching them whenever possible; doing the embroidery while the pieces are still separate is much easier.

Pair the beige hand pieces, lightly stuff them if desired, and stitch them closed. The hands should remain small and rounded.

Arrange the hands toward the center of the dress, with the wrists tucked beneath the cuffs. Sew the cuffs and hands securely in position.

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Angle both hands slightly inward. They need to create enough space between them for the red heart that will be added during the next stage.

Step 8 – Make the Red Felt Heart

Cut two matching red hearts approximately 3 × 3 cm. Place them together and begin sewing around the perimeter.

Use red thread for a subtle seam or contrasting thread if you want the edge stitching to be more visible.

Before closing the heart completely, insert a tiny amount of polyester fiberfill. The goal is to create a softly padded heart rather than a thick stuffed shape.

Close the opening and secure the thread on the back.

Using cream or white embroidery floss, make the straight-stitch snowflake/star motif in the center. Start with intersecting straight lines and add smaller branches if desired.

Position the completed heart between the angel's hands. Tack the heart securely to the dress and add a few hidden stitches through the hands so they appear to be holding it.

Step 9 – Make the Holly Leaves and Berries

Cut three small holly leaves from green felt. Their edges can be slightly pointed to create the recognizable holly shape shown in the reference.

Using darker or coordinating green embroidery floss, add a central vein with a straight stitch. Add short diagonal stitches branching from the center.

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Arrange the three leaves near the lower center of the red dress. Test the placement before stitching because the decoration should sit comfortably above the cream hem.

Sew each leaf to the dress with small stitches that blend into the green felt.

Create three red berries using tiny felt circles, small padded felt balls, or French knots. The tutorial graphic shows three round berries grouped at the center of the leaves.

Secure all three berries firmly, particularly if the ornament will be stored, handled, or displayed for many holiday seasons.

Step 10 – Construct and Decorate the Angel Wings

Cut two cream felt wings, each approximately 4.5 × 6.5 cm. The pieces should mirror each other.

For slightly padded wings, cut two layers for each wing and add a very thin layer of fiberfill. If you prefer a flatter ornament, a single sturdy felt layer can work.

Finish the wing edges with red blanket stitch or running-style decorative stitching, following the visual appearance of the reference.

Using white or cream embroidery floss, create the interior branch-like decoration. Begin with one longer curved or diagonal line and add several short branches using straight stitches.

Make the two wing designs approximately symmetrical without worrying about perfect duplication. Small handmade differences give felt ornaments their character.

Set the completed wings aside until the body is fully assembled.

Step 11 – Assemble the Angel Body

Place the completed red dress flat on your work surface. Position the finished head at the center of the upper edge.

Sew the head securely to the dress using small hidden stitches. Work through the back layers whenever possible so the attachment stitches are not prominent from the front.

Check that the hair remains correctly positioned after attaching the head. Add extra securing stitches behind the hair if necessary.

Position the hands over the heart if they have not already been permanently attached. Secure the heart between them.

Check the collar, cuffs, cream hem, holly, and embroidered decorations. This is the easiest stage to correct loose components before adding the wings.

The front of the angel should now closely resemble the finished ornament, except for the halo, wings, and hanging loop.

Step 12 – Attach the Wings to the Back

Turn the angel over and position one wing on each side of the upper dress and body.

The rounded outer portions should extend beyond the dress, while the narrower inner portions remain concealed behind the angel.

Temporarily hold the wings with clips or a couple of loose stitches and turn the angel over. Check that approximately the same amount of each wing is visible.

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When satisfied with the alignment, stitch the wings securely to the back using blanket stitch or strong hidden hand stitches.

Avoid sewing through the front surface unnecessarily. Keeping most structural stitches on the back preserves the clean decorative appearance of the front.

Gently flatten and reshape the wings after sewing.

Step 13 – Add the Halo and Hanging Loop

Position the yellow halo above the brown hair. The halo should appear centered and slightly behind the top of the head.

Secure it with several strong hand stitches. Stitch through hidden areas behind the hair whenever possible.

Cut approximately 8 cm (3.1 in) of twine or ribbon, following the measurement in the graphic. Fold it in half to create the hanging loop.

Insert the two loose ends between or behind the halo pieces. Sew repeatedly through the loop ends and felt so the hanger cannot pull free.

Reinforce this connection because the hanging loop supports the entire ornament.

Lift the angel by the loop and check its balance. If the angel tilts noticeably, adjust the loop slightly toward the opposite side before making the final securing stitches.

Step 14 – Final Finishing and Quality Check 🎄

The completed Felt Christmas Angel Ornament should be approximately 16 cm tall × 14 cm wide, although small variations are normal in handmade projects.

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Inspect every blanket-stitched edge. Look particularly at the dress, wings, halo, heart, and any stuffed components for openings or loose threads.

Check the embroidered face and decorative elements. Trim thread ends carefully rather than cutting extremely close to knots.

Gently massage the fiberfill through the felt to smooth any uneven areas. The ornament should remain lightly padded rather than bulky.

Make sure the heart, holly berries, hands, wings, halo, and hanging loop are securely attached. This is especially important if the ornament will be handled frequently.

Finally, hang your angel on a Christmas tree and adjust the wings, dress, and halo. You now have a complete hand-sewn felt ornament featuring the same key construction details, colors, dimensions, stitches, and decorative elements shown in the tutorial graphic.