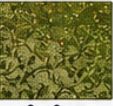
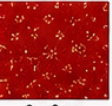




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Finished Size: 20 cm (diameter)

Cutting Measurements (cm)

 9 x 9 cm (1 piece)	 9 x 9 cm (1 piece)	 9 x 9 cm (1 piece)
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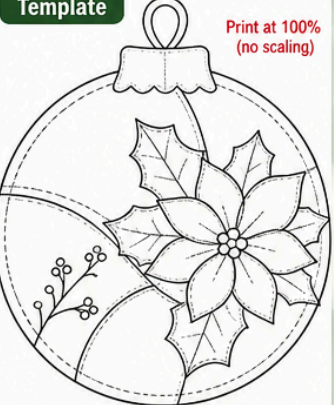
Other Pieces

 Cap 8 x 4 cm (2 pieces)	 Petal 6 x 4 cm (10 pieces)	 Leaf 6 x 4 cm (6 pieces)	 Berries 1 cm (6 pieces)
 Binding strip 34 x 3 cm (1 piece)			

Materials

- Cotton fabric (quilting weight)
- Felt or fabric for the ornament cap
- Polyester fiberfill (optional for padding)
- Sewing thread to match fabrics
- Embroidery thread (gold, red, green)
- Gold beads for the flower center
- Scissors / Rotary cutter
- Pins or fabric clips
- Fabric glue (optional)
- Hand sewing needle
- Circle template or compass

Template



Print at 100% (no scaling)

Finished size: 20 cm (diameter)
Seam allowance: 0.5 cm included on all pieces

1 Cut the Fabrics



Trace the template and cut the fabric pieces with 0.5 cm seam allowance.

2 Sew the Patchwork Background



Sew the curved pieces together following the template. Press the seams open.

3 Center Background



Trim to 20 cm diameter using a circle template or ruler.

4 Make the Poinsettia



Sew two petal pieces right sides together, leave a small opening, turn right side out and press. Make 5 petals.

5 Make the Holly Leaves



Sew two leaf pieces right sides together, turn right side out and press. Make 6 leaves and add veins with embroidery thread.

6 Make the Berries



Cut small circles, turn and stitch to form the berries. Embroider the branch using back stitch.

7 Assemble the Appliqué



Position the petals, leaves and berries on the background. Pin in place.

8 Stitch the Appliqué



Use a blanket stitch or running stitch around all appliqué pieces.

9 Add the Flower Center



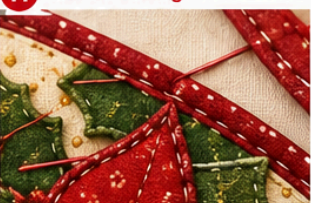
Sew 5 to 7 gold beads in the center of the flower.

10 Make the Cap and Loop



Sew the cap pieces together, turn right side out, add a cord loop and stitch to the top of the ornament.

11 Add the Binding



Attach the binding strip around the circle. Fold to the back and hand stitch.

12 Final Touches



Add decorative stitches, stars and veins using embroidery thread.

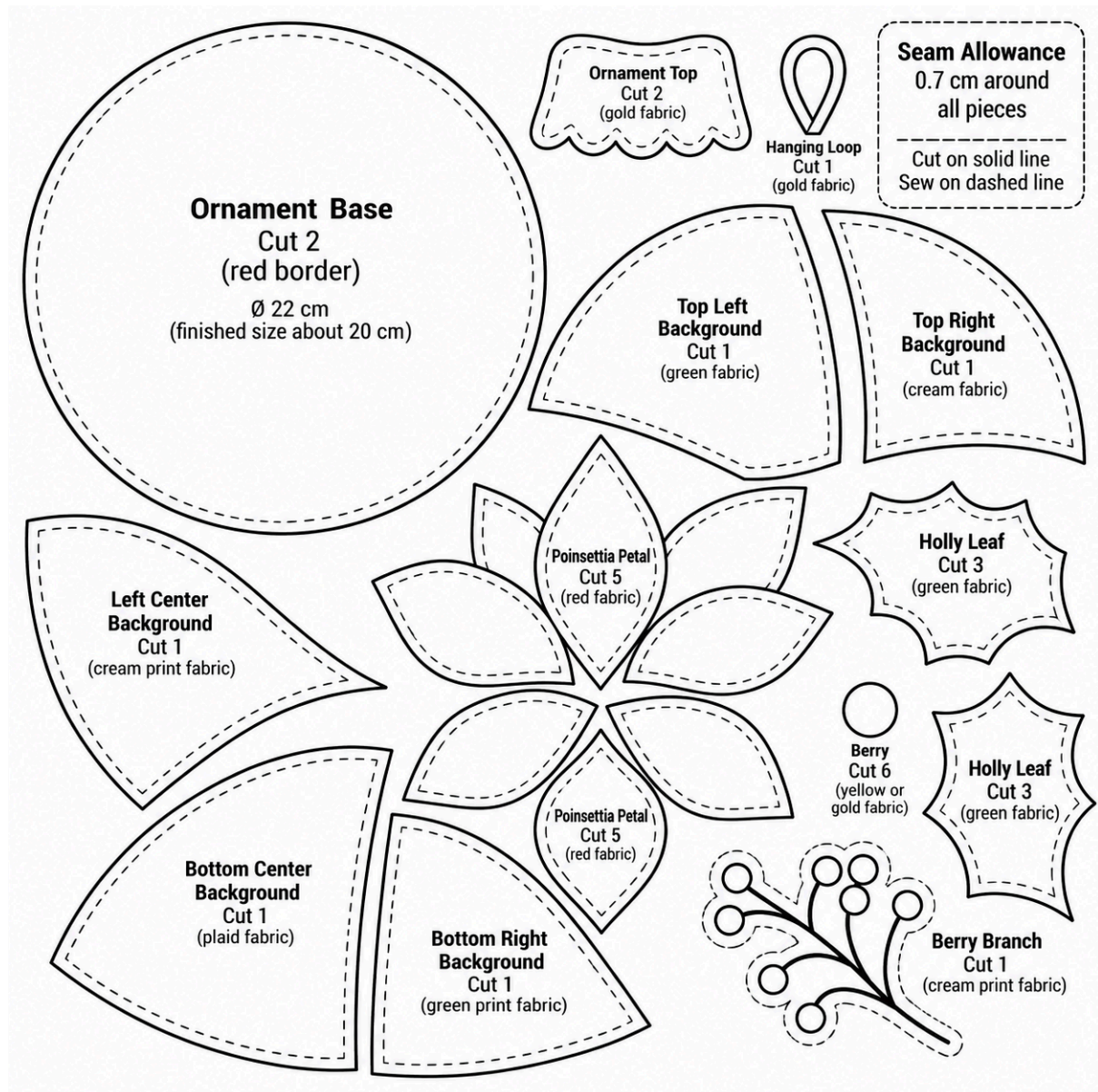
13 Back View (Optional Padding)



Use the same size circle for the back. You can add a thin layer of polyester fiberfill for a padded look.

Main Sewing Stitches Used

 Running Stitch	 Back Stitch
 Blanket Stitch	 Straight Stitch (for veins and stars)
 French Knot (for berries)	 Satin Stitch (for the cap edges)



Christmas Patchwork Ornament Appliqué Tutorial – Complete Step-by-Step Sewing Pattern 🎄

The Christmas Patchwork Ornament Appliqué Tutorial is a beautiful holiday sewing project that combines traditional patchwork, colorful Christmas fabrics, delicate embroidery, and dimensional appliqué. This handmade ornament features a circular quilted background decorated with a red poinsettia

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flower, green holly leaves, festive berries, and a golden hanging loop. The finished decoration measures approximately 20 cm (7.9 inches) in diameter, making it perfect for Christmas trees, holiday wall displays, decorative wreaths, and handmade seasonal gifts.

This tutorial follows the supplied sewing diagram, including its fabric measurements, appliqué shapes, construction sequence, and finishing techniques. It uses American sewing terminology, with measurements provided in centimeters for accuracy. Both beginners and experienced quilters can complete this project by following each stage carefully.

Project Overview

Beginner–Intermediate

Detail	Measurement or technique
Finished diameter	20 cm
Seam allowance	0.5 cm
Main technique	Curved patchwork and appliqué
Decoration	Poinsettia, holly leaves, berries

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Sewing methods	Hand sewing or machine sewing
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Optional filling	Polyester fiberfill
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Main materials	Quilting cotton, felt, embroidery floss
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Step 1: Gather the Materials and Prepare the Fabric Pieces

Before beginning your Christmas patchwork ornament, prepare all the materials and arrange your fabrics according to the colors shown in the reference diagram. Using traditional Christmas prints will help reproduce the original design.

Materials and sewing supplies

- **Six coordinating quilting cotton fabrics in green, cream, red, and plaid patterns.**
- **Red cotton fabric or felt for the poinsettia petals.**
- **Green cotton fabric or felt for the holly leaves.**
- **Gold or mustard-yellow fabric for the ornament cap.**
- **Red fabric for the decorative binding.**
- **Matching sewing thread.**
- **Red, green, and gold embroidery floss.**
- **Five to seven gold beads for the flower center.**
- **Small red fabric circles for the berries.**
- **Polyester fiberfill for optional padding.**
- **Sewing needle and embroidery needle.**
- **Fabric scissors or rotary cutter.**

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- Sewing pins or fabric clips.
- Fabric marking pencil.
- Fabric glue (optional).
- Iron and ironing board.
- Circle template or drawing compass.
- Cord or decorative gold thread for the hanging loop.

Fabric cutting measurements

Cut the following fabric pieces according to the measurements indicated in the original tutorial.

Fabric or component	Size (cm)	Quantity
Dark green fabric with gold stars	9 × 9	1
Cream fabric with gold dots	9 × 9	1
Cream fabric with decorative vines	9 × 9	1
Red and green plaid fabric	9 × 9	1
Green floral fabric	9 × 9	1

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Red Christmas fabric	9 × 9	1
Ornament cap	8 × 4	2
Poinsettia petals	6 × 4	10
Holly leaves	6 × 4	6
Small berries	1 cm diameter	6
Red binding strip	34 × 3	1

Important measurement note: The six 9 × 9 cm fabric squares are starting pieces for tracing the curved sections, not finished patchwork squares. The original diagram specifies a 0.5 cm seam allowance on all pieces.

The diagram's 34 cm binding strip is shorter than the circumference of a 20 cm circle, which is approximately 62.8 cm. For a complete outer binding, prepare approximately 68–70 cm of binding, joining additional strips if necessary. This allows enough length to cover the entire edge and finish the ends neatly.

Preparing the printable template

The diagram includes a circular ornament template showing the patchwork sections, flower arrangement, holly leaves, berries, and top cap.

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Print the template at 100% scale without automatic page resizing. Verify the printed dimensions with a ruler before cutting the fabric.

If you are reproducing the design manually, draw a circle measuring 20 cm in diameter and divide the background into six curved sections that resemble the illustration.

Transfer the petal, leaf, and ornament cap shapes separately onto tracing paper or cardstock.

Remember that the finished circle measures 20 cm, so seam allowances must be included when preparing the fabric pieces.

Step 2: Cut and Sew the Circular Patchwork

Background

The circular patchwork background is the foundation of this Christmas decoration. Its six curved sections create the colorful appearance of a traditional handmade quilt.

1. Trace the patchwork sections

Place each fabric square on a clean cutting surface with the wrong side facing upward.

Using the printed template, trace one curved section onto each fabric.

Arrange the colors as shown in the diagram:

- Dark green with gold stars near the upper left.
- Cream with gold dots near the upper right.
- Red Christmas fabric on the right.
- Green floral fabric along the lower right.
- Red and green plaid fabric along the lower left.
- Cream vine-patterned fabric on the left.

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Add a 0.5 cm seam allowance around each traced section if it is not already included in your template.

Cut each piece carefully, preserving the curved edges.

2. Arrange the fabric sections

Place all six pieces on your work surface in the order shown in the original illustration.

The pieces should form a circular design, with curved seams connecting the different Christmas prints.

Check that the outer edges align and that the colors are distributed evenly.

This arrangement creates the decorative foundation for the poinsettia and holly appliqués.

3. Sew the curved pieces together

Begin joining two neighboring fabric sections with their right sides together.

Align the curved edges and secure them with pins or fabric clips.

Sew along the seam line using a 0.5 cm seam allowance.

Use a short machine stitch of approximately 2.0–2.5 mm or sew by hand with small running stitches.

Continue attaching the remaining sections according to the template.

When sewing curved seams, work slowly and avoid stretching the fabric. Clip the seam allowance slightly where necessary, taking care not to cut through the stitching.

4. Press the seams

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After joining the patchwork pieces, place the fabric on your ironing board.

Press each seam carefully with the iron rather than dragging it across the fabric.

Depending on the thickness of the fabrics, press the seam allowances to one side or open them to reduce bulk.

The goal is to create a smooth circular background without puckering or distorted curves.

5. Center and trim the background

Place the completed patchwork on a flat surface.

Position a circular template measuring 20 cm in diameter over the patchwork.

Check that the seams are balanced and that the decorative fabric sections resemble the reference image.

Trace the circular outline and trim the excess fabric.

The result should be a neat circular patchwork background ready for the Christmas appliqué.

Helpful tip: If you are using a 20 cm finished-diameter template, cut the outer circle to 21 cm before applying the 0.5 cm edge seam allowance. This preserves the intended finished measurement after binding.

Step 3: Make the Poinsettia Flower, Holly Leaves, and Berries

The dimensional poinsettia is the centerpiece of this Christmas ornament appliqué pattern. Its layered red petals contrast beautifully with the green holly leaves and patterned patchwork background.

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6. Cut and sew the poinsettia petals

Using the petal template, cut 10 red fabric pieces measuring approximately 6 × 4 cm each.

These pieces will form five finished petals, with two fabric layers used for every petal.

Place two matching petal pieces together with their right sides facing inward.

Pin the edges and sew around the curved outline, leaving a small opening for turning.

Carefully trim the excess seam allowance near the pointed end.

Turn the petal right side out using a blunt turning tool.

Gently shape the pointed tip and press the petal flat.

Repeat the process until you have five completed red petals.

For a more dimensional appearance, add a small amount of lightweight batting inside each petal before closing the opening with a ladder stitch.

The reference illustration features decorative white stitching around the petal edges. This can be added later with embroidery floss.

7. Make the holly leaves

Cut six green fabric pieces measuring approximately 6 × 4 cm each.

Use two pieces for each leaf, producing three completed holly leaves.

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Place the pieces right sides together and sew around the leaf outline, leaving a small opening.

The holly leaves should have pointed tips and gently curved or notched sides.

Clip the seam allowances at the corners and carefully turn each leaf right side out.

Press the leaves flat.

Using gold or green embroidery floss, stitch a central vein down each leaf.

Add smaller diagonal veins extending toward the outer edges.

A backstitch or straight stitch works well for this decorative detail.

The finished leaves should have a slightly raised appearance with clearly visible embroidered veins.

8. Make the Christmas berries

Cut six small circles from red fabric, approximately 1 cm in diameter, as indicated in the diagram.

To make each berry, sew a tiny running stitch around the edge of the fabric circle.

Gently pull the thread to gather the fabric into a rounded shape.

If needed, insert a very small amount of polyester fiberfill before closing.

Secure the gathering thread with a knot.

Repeat until you have six miniature red berries.

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To create the decorative berry branches, use dark green embroidery floss and sew thin stems onto the patchwork background.

A backstitch works particularly well for these delicate branches.

Attach the red berries to the embroidered stems using small, nearly invisible hand stitches.

For berries this small, red French knots are an alternative, but the reference project uses dimensional fabric berries.

Step 4: Assemble the Appliqué and Complete the Ornament

Now that the patchwork background and decorative pieces are prepared, it is time to assemble the design and complete the final stitching.

9. Position the appliqué pieces

Place the circular patchwork background on your work surface.

Arrange the three holly leaves near the center and behind the poinsettia, allowing their pointed edges to remain visible.

Position the five red poinsettia petals over the leaves.

The flower should sit slightly to the right of the center, matching the composition in the reference diagram.

Arrange the berry branches along the left side of the ornament.

Check the overall balance before sewing.

Once you are satisfied with the arrangement, secure each piece with pins or a small amount of temporary fabric glue.

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10. Stitch the appliqué pieces

Thread an embroidery needle with matching red or green embroidery floss.

Begin securing the holly leaves to the background.

Use a blanket stitch around the outer edges or a small running stitch close to the edge.

The blanket stitch creates a decorative border while holding the appliqué securely in place.

After attaching the leaves, sew the poinsettia petals onto the background.

Work around the petals carefully, preserving their dimensional shape.

Use red embroidery floss for the petal outlines.

If desired, add small white or cream running stitches along the petal edges, as shown in the reference image.

These stitches highlight the curved shape of each petal and add a traditional handcrafted appearance.

11. Add the golden flower center

The center of the poinsettia is decorated with gold beads.

Arrange five to seven gold beads in a small circular cluster where the petals meet.

Thread a beading needle with strong sewing thread.

Attach each bead individually using two or three secure stitches.

Keep the beads close together to create a raised golden center.

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After attaching the final bead, knot the thread securely on the back of the fabric.

For ornaments intended for homes with young children or pets, embroidered gold French knots can be used instead of detachable beads.

12. Make the golden ornament cap and hanging loop

Cut two ornament cap pieces measuring approximately 8 × 4 cm.

The cap should have a slightly rounded rectangular shape with a scalloped lower edge, matching the template.

Place the two fabric pieces right sides together.

Sew around the cap, leaving an opening for turning.

Clip the seam allowances along the scalloped edge, taking care not to cut the stitching.

Turn the cap right side out and press carefully.

Add decorative vertical stitching with gold embroidery floss.

A satin stitch can be used along the edges to give the cap a polished finish.

Next, cut approximately 12–15 cm of gold cord.

Fold the cord in half to create a hanging loop.

Position the loop behind the top center of the ornament and secure it with strong stitches.

Place the golden cap over the loop attachment and the upper edge of the patchwork circle.

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Stitch the cap firmly in place, ensuring that the hanging loop is securely anchored.

13. Add the red binding around the circle

Prepare a red fabric binding strip measuring approximately 3 cm wide.

As noted earlier, you will need enough length to go around the entire 20 cm circle.

For a neat finish, join additional strips to create approximately 68–70 cm of binding.

Fold and press the binding lengthwise, wrong sides together.

Position the binding along the outer edge of the patchwork circle.

Pin it carefully, easing it around the curved edge without stretching.

Sew the binding to the front of the ornament using a consistent seam allowance.

Fold the binding over the raw edge toward the back.

Secure it with small hand stitches, preferably using a ladder stitch or slip stitch.

The finished binding should create a smooth red border around the entire circular decoration.

14. Add decorative embroidery and finishing touches

The original tutorial includes small embroidered stars scattered across the green patchwork fabric.

Thread your embroidery needle with gold embroidery floss.

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Use straight stitches to create small star shapes.

To make a simple star, sew several short stitches that cross at the center.

Add these details to the green sections of the patchwork background.

You can also embroider small decorative lines on the holly leaves to emphasize their veins.

Use red, green, or gold embroidery floss to coordinate with the Christmas fabrics.

Keep the embroidery balanced and avoid overcrowding the design.

These details make the ornament appear more intricate while preserving its traditional patchwork style.

15. Prepare the backing and optional padding

The diagram shows a red and green plaid fabric backing.

Cut a backing circle that matches the front of your ornament, allowing for the same seam allowance.

If you prefer a flat ornament, place the backing behind the finished appliqué and secure the edges before attaching the binding.

For a lightly padded ornament, place a thin layer of polyester fiberfill or batting between the front and backing fabrics.

Spread the filling evenly to prevent lumps.

Do not overstuff the ornament, because the finished project should retain its circular shape.

Baste the layers together around the outside edge.

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Finish the raw edges with the red binding described previously.

If you are adding a separate backing after completing the appliqué, attach the backing and any padding before the final binding is sewn, so the binding encloses all layers.

16. Inspect the finished Christmas ornament

Once all the sewing is complete, inspect the entire ornament.

Check that the poinsettia petals are firmly attached and that the holly leaves lie neatly against the background.

Make sure the berries and gold beads are securely stitched.

Examine the binding for loose threads or uneven areas.

Gently smooth the fabric with your hands.

If pressing is necessary, use a pressing cloth and avoid placing the iron directly on the dimensional flower, berries, or beads.

Finally, test the hanging loop to ensure it can support the weight of the decoration.

Your 20 cm Christmas Patchwork Ornament Appliqué is now ready to display.

Main Sewing Stitches Used in This Tutorial

The original diagram identifies six important stitches used throughout the project.

Stitch

Purpose

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Running Stitch	Joining fabric pieces and adding decorative outlines
Backstitch	Embroidering berry branches and leaf details
Blanket Stitch	Securing the poinsettia petals and holly leaves
Straight Stitch	Creating leaf veins and decorative gold stars
French Knot	Making tiny decorative berries or flower details
Satin Stitch	Decorating the golden ornament cap

Beginners should practice these stitches on a scrap of cotton fabric before applying them to the ornament.

For the cleanest appearance, use embroidery floss colors that coordinate with the individual fabric pieces.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Can beginners make this Christmas patchwork ornament?

Yes. Beginners with basic sewing experience can complete this project. The most challenging parts are sewing the curved patchwork sections and turning the pointed poinsettia petals.

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Working slowly and using accurate templates will make these steps easier.

Can I make the ornament entirely by hand?

Absolutely. Every step can be completed with hand sewing. Use a running stitch for joining the patchwork, a backstitch for decorative embroidery, and a blanket stitch for attaching the appliqué pieces.

What type of fabric works best?

Quilting-weight cotton is ideal for the patchwork background because it is easy to cut, press, and sew. Felt can also be used for the poinsettia petals and holly leaves, especially if you prefer appliqué pieces that do not fray.

Do I need a sewing machine?

No. A sewing machine can speed up the construction of the circular patchwork, but it is not required. The decorative appliqué and embroidery can be sewn by hand.

Can I make a larger Christmas ornament?

Yes. You can enlarge the template to create a larger wall decoration. Increase all the pattern pieces proportionally and adjust the backing and binding measurements to match the new diameter.

Is polyester fiberfill necessary?

No. The padding is optional. A flat ornament is easier to assemble and works well for wall displays, while a lightly padded version creates a softer, more dimensional appearance.

How do I prevent the curved patchwork seams from puckering?

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Use a consistent seam allowance, pin the curves carefully, and avoid pulling the fabric while sewing. Small clips in the seam allowances can help the fabric lie flat. Press the seams gently after stitching.

Can I wash the finished ornament?

Spot cleaning is recommended, particularly when the decoration contains beads, embroidery, and dimensional fabric berries. Avoid machine washing unless all materials and embellishments are suitable for it.

Conclusion

The Christmas Patchwork Ornament Appliqué Tutorial combines traditional American quilting techniques with festive embroidery and decorative fabric appliqué. By following the cutting measurements, assembling the six-section circular background, creating the poinsettia and holly decorations, and finishing the project with a red binding and golden hanging loop, you can create a beautiful handmade Christmas decoration.

This 20 cm fabric Christmas ornament is a wonderful project for practicing curved patchwork seams, blanket stitching, dimensional appliqué, and decorative embroidery. It can be displayed on a Christmas tree, hung on a wall, included in a holiday wreath, or given as a thoughtful handmade gift.

With carefully selected fabrics and patient stitching, your finished ornament will capture the warm, traditional holiday appearance of the original tutorial.