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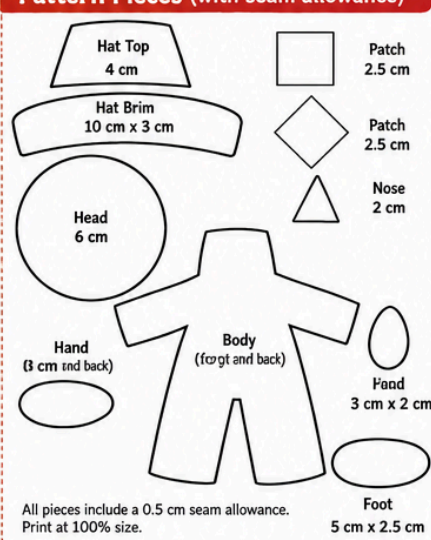
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Felt Scarecrow Ornament Tutorial

Step by step • Pattern • Measurements in cm

Pattern Pieces (with seam allowance)



All pieces include a 0.5 cm seam allowance.
Print at 100% size.

Materials

- Felt fabric (various colors)
- Embroidery thread
- Black beads or safety eyes (0.5 cm)
- Raffia or yarn for hair, hands and ankles
- Toy stuffing (fiberfill)
- Twine or ribbon for hanging
- Scissors
- Sewing needle
- Fabric glue (optional)

Stitch Guide (main stitches used)



Running Stitch
(for gathering)



Blanket Stitch
(for joining pieces)



Back Stitch
(for face details)

Step by Step Instructions

- 1

Cut the pieces



Use the pattern and cut all felt pieces according to the measurements. Cut body front, body back and patchwork squares.
- 2

Make the patchwork body



Sew the small felt squares together using blanket stitch to create the front of the body. Repeat for the arms and legs using different colors.
- 3

Make the hat



Sew the patch pieces onto the hat top and then join the brim. Use blanket stitch around the edges. Leave the bottom open.
- 4

Make the head



Attach the eyes (beads or embroidery), sew the nose, and embroider the smile with back stitch. Add a little blush if you like.
- 5

Add the hair



Cut raffia or yarn pieces (about 5–6 cm) and glue or sew them under the hat. Place the hat on the head and sew.
- 6

Assemble the body



Sew the arms and legs to the front body piece. Add raffia to the wrists and ankles before attaching the hands and feet.
- 7

Join the front and back



Place the front and back pieces together and sew around the entire doll with blanket stitch, leaving a small opening at the top.
- 8

Stuff the ornament



Fill with toy stuffing (fiberfill) until it is firm but not overstuffing. Then close the opening with blanket stitch.
- 9

Add details



Sew small patch squares on the body and hat. Add a raffia bow at the neck.
- 10

Add hanging loop



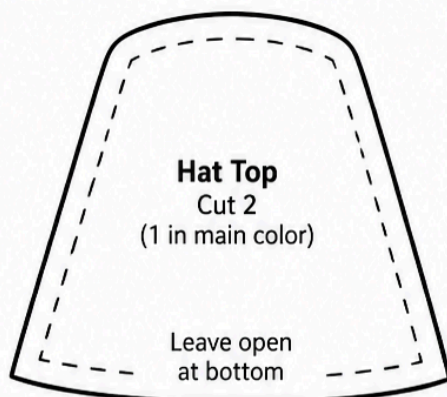
Attach a loop of twine or ribbon at the top of the hat for hanging.
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Finished!



Close-up Details



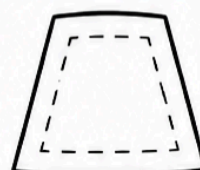
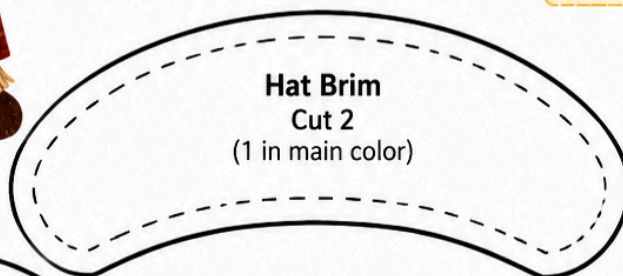


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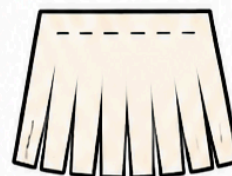
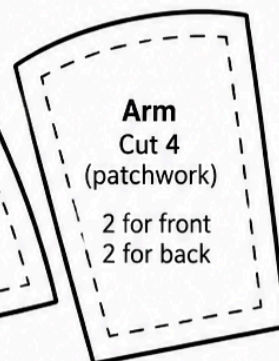
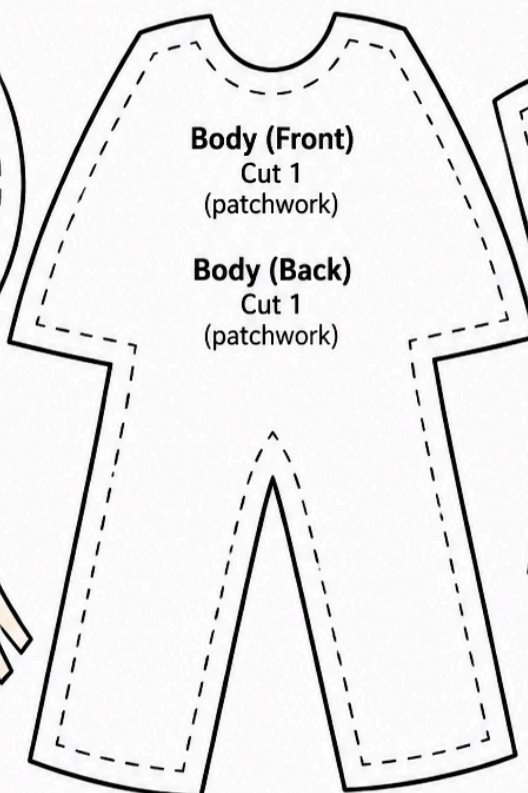
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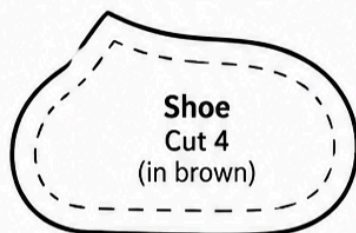
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- Stuffing
- Embroidery thread
- Raffia or yarn for hair
- Black beads or felt for eyes
- Orange felt for nose
- Twine or ribbon for bow



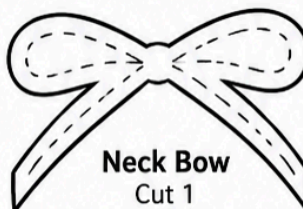
Hat Patch
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(in different colors)



Hand Fringe
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(straw or yarn)



Patches
Cut 1 or more
(in different colors)



Neck Bow
Cut 1
(twine or ribbon)



Leg Fringe
Cut 4
(straw or yarn)

Felt Scarecrow Ornament Tutorial – Step-by-Step Sewing Pattern for Fall Decorations

Creating a handmade Felt Scarecrow Ornament is a wonderful way to celebrate autumn with colorful fabrics, rustic details, and traditional hand-sewing techniques. This adorable scarecrow features a patchwork outfit, a brown felt hat, raffia hair, a cheerful embroidered face, and a small hanging loop. It makes a lovely decoration for a fall wreath, Thanksgiving display, seasonal wall hanging, or farmhouse-inspired home.

This complete felt scarecrow sewing tutorial follows the supplied pattern and explains how to create the ornament from beginning to end. Even if you are new to working with felt, you can complete this project using basic hand stitches, simple pattern pieces, and a little patience.

The finished ornament measures approximately 18 cm tall and 12 cm wide, including the hat and extended arms. All measurements are provided in centimeters, and the instructions use familiar American sewing terminology.

Step 1: Gather Your Materials and Sewing Supplies

Before beginning your DIY felt scarecrow ornament, prepare all the materials and organize your workspace. Having everything ready will make cutting, stitching, and assembling the ornament easier.

Materials Needed

- Brown felt for the hat, shoes, and back of the body.
- Beige or cream felt for the scarecrow's face.

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- Assorted felt colors, including orange, mustard yellow, red, blue, olive green, and dark brown.
- Black embroidery floss for facial details and decorative stitching.
- Brown, orange, or coordinating embroidery floss for blanket stitching.
- Two small black beads or safety eyes, approximately 0.5 cm in diameter.
- Orange felt for the triangular nose.
- Natural raffia or straw-colored yarn for the hair, hands, and ankles.
- Polyester fiberfill for stuffing.
- Natural twine or ribbon for the hanging loop.
- A hand-sewing needle.
- Sharp fabric scissors.
- Fabric clips or sewing pins.
- Fabric marker or tailor's chalk.
- Paper for tracing the pattern.
- Fabric glue, optional.

For a more traditional appearance, choose slightly muted autumn colors. The original design uses a beautiful combination of warm orange, deep red, mustard yellow, dark blue, brown, and olive green.

These colors create a rustic patchwork effect that makes the ornament look like a miniature scarecrow dressed in an old-fashioned handmade outfit.

Beginner tip: Use craft felt or wool-blend felt that is approximately 1–2 mm thick. Felt is particularly suitable for this project because it does not fray, making it easy to cut and hand-sew.

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Step 2: Understand the Pattern and Finished Measurements

The supplied graphic includes the basic shapes needed to construct the ornament.

The finished scarecrow should measure approximately:

- Total height: 18 cm
- Total width: 12 cm

The pattern includes the following measurements:

Pattern piece	Measurement	Quantity
Head	6 cm diameter	2
Hat top	4 cm high	2
Hat brim	10 × 3 cm	2
Decorative patches	2.5 cm	Several
Nose	2 cm	1
Hands	3 cm wide and back	2

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Decorative foot pieces	5 × 2.5 cm	2
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Body	Scale from supplied pattern	Front and back
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The illustration indicates that the pattern pieces include a 0.5 cm seam allowance.

For the body, trace the one-piece silhouette shown in the reference. It includes the torso, two outstretched arms, and two separated legs. Since the graphic does not provide a complete numerical measurement for this shape, use the overall finished dimensions to scale the pattern.

The hat top is a slightly tapered shape with a rounded upper edge. The brim is a curved strip that extends beyond the sides of the hat.

The head is circular, while the nose is a small triangle. The hands and shoes are oval shapes.

Important Pattern Preparation

If you are using the original graphic as a reference, remember that the illustrated pattern is not necessarily displayed at actual printing size.

To make an accurate template, redraw the shapes using the measurements given above. For any piece without complete dimensions, adjust the paper template proportionally to the 18 cm finished height.

When tracing a piece, transfer the sewing lines and any decorative placement marks.

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Sewing tip: Keep the seam allowance consistent. The supplied pattern specifies 0.5 cm, but the exposed blanket-stitched edges may be sewn closer to the edge when necessary to preserve the ornament's proportions.

Step 3: Cut All the Felt Pattern Pieces

Once the templates are ready, begin cutting the felt.

Start with the body pieces.

Place the body template on the brown felt and trace the outline. Cut one piece for the back of the scarecrow.

Cut another matching body piece for the front. This front piece will become the foundation for the colorful patchwork outfit.

Next, cut two beige circles for the head. Each circle should measure approximately 6 cm in diameter.

Cut the hat top and curved brim from dark brown felt. If you plan to create a lightly stuffed or layered hat, prepare matching front and back pieces.

Cut two oval hand pieces and two oval foot pieces from brown felt.

For the patchwork decorations, cut several small squares, rectangles, and irregular shapes from the assorted colored felt.

The diagram shows decorative patches approximately 2.5 cm across, although smaller pieces may be used around the arms and narrow sections of the body.

Finally, cut one small orange triangle for the nose.

Arrange all the pieces on your worktable before sewing. Check that the front and back body pieces align and that the head fits comfortably beneath the hat.

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Step 4: Create the Colorful Patchwork Body

The patchwork felt outfit is one of the most recognizable features of this scarecrow.

To recreate the appearance shown in the reference, cover the front body piece with small felt patches.

Begin at the shoulders and upper chest. Arrange the colored pieces so that they overlap or meet closely, creating the appearance of a handmade patchwork garment.

Use red, blue, orange, green, yellow, and brown pieces in alternating positions.

Continue arranging patches down the torso and both legs.

The original ornament has an intentionally irregular arrangement. Some pieces are rectangular, while others have slightly angled edges.

This gives the outfit a charming, rustic appearance.

Sewing the Patchwork

Thread a needle with black or dark brown embroidery floss.

Use a blanket stitch to attach the patches along their visible edges.

For a more decorative look, use a slightly larger stitch so the thread contrasts with the colored felt.

Work around each patch until it is securely attached.

If the felt pieces meet at a seam, stitch along the shared edge to imitate the look of traditional patchwork.

Continue until the front body piece is covered with colorful patches.

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You can add a few smaller patches over larger pieces, especially around the lower torso, sleeves, and legs.

These overlapping patches create the layered appearance visible in the original design.

Helpful tip: A tiny amount of fabric glue can hold the patches in place while you sew. Allow it to dry before stitching, and avoid using too much glue because it can make the felt stiff.

Step 5: Sew the Brown Felt Hat 🎩

The scarecrow's hat is made from dark brown felt and decorated with colorful patches.

Begin by placing the two hat-top pieces together.

Use brown embroidery floss to sew around the curved sides and top with a blanket stitch.

Leave the bottom edge open.

If you want the hat to have a slightly padded appearance, insert a very thin layer of polyester fiberfill. Avoid overstuffing.

Next, position the curved brim pieces together and stitch around the outer edges.

The brim should extend slightly beyond the width of the head.

Decorate the Hat

Cut two small patches from mustard yellow and dark blue felt.

Place the yellow patch toward one side of the hat and the blue patch toward the opposite side.

Attach them with black blanket stitches.

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Use a few deliberately uneven stitches to create the rustic, repaired-clothing appearance shown in the tutorial.

Position the brim along the lower edge of the hat top.

Sew the brim into place with brown or dark embroidery floss.

The completed hat should have a soft, slightly curved appearance, with the decorative patches clearly visible.

Set the hat aside while preparing the scarecrow's face.

Step 6: Make the Scarecrow's Face 😊

Take one beige felt circle and place it on a flat surface.

This will become the front of the scarecrow's head.

Begin by marking the positions of the eyes.

Place the two black beads or safety eyes approximately 2 cm apart, centered in the upper half of the circle.

If using beads, sew them securely to the felt.

If using safety eyes, install them according to the manufacturer's instructions before closing the head.

For decorations intended for young children, embroidered eyes are a safer alternative to beads or other detachable components.

Add the Nose

Take the small orange felt triangle.

Position it below and between the eyes, with the point facing downward.

Attach it with small stitches around the edges.

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You may also use a small amount of fabric glue, but stitching provides a more durable finish.

Embroider the Smile

Thread your needle with black embroidery floss.

Draw a gentle curved smile beneath the nose using a removable fabric marker.

Use a backstitch to follow the curved line.

Add several short vertical stitches across the smile to imitate the stitched-mouth appearance shown in the image.

Create two small X-shaped stitches near the corners of the mouth to represent decorative cheek details.

If desired, add a very light touch of pink fabric blush to the cheeks.

Assemble the Head

Place the second beige felt circle behind the decorated face.

Align the edges carefully.

Use beige or coordinating embroidery floss to blanket stitch around the circle.

Leave a small opening.

Insert a modest amount of polyester fiberfill until the head becomes softly rounded.

Do not overstuff, as the face should remain relatively flat.

Close the opening with the same blanket stitch.

Your scarecrow's cheerful face is now complete.

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Step 7: Add Raffia Hair Under the Hat

The original scarecrow has straw-like hair extending from beneath the hat.

This detail gives the ornament its traditional harvest-inspired appearance.

Cut several pieces of natural raffia or straw-colored yarn measuring approximately 5–6 cm long.

Prepare enough pieces to create small bundles on both sides of the head.

Arrange the strands so they extend outward from the left and right sides of the face.

Keep the strands slightly uneven for a natural appearance.

Secure the raffia to the back or upper sides of the head with a few stitches or a small amount of fabric glue.

Position the completed hat over the top of the head.

The hat should cover the attachment points of the raffia.

Adjust the hair so it extends visibly from beneath the brim.

Sew the hat to the head using small, discreet stitches along the lower edge.

For extra stability, add a few stitches behind the head where they will not be visible.

The completed head should now resemble the cheerful scarecrow shown in the reference, with a brown patchwork hat and golden straw hair.

Step 8: Prepare the Hands, Feet, and Straw Details

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The scarecrow's hands and ankles feature small bundles of raffia that resemble straw sticking out from the sleeves and pants.

Begin by cutting short raffia strands approximately 3–5 cm long.

Gather the strands into small bundles.

For each wrist, arrange the raffia so that the ends extend beyond the sleeve opening.

Secure the bundle with several small stitches.

Repeat this process for the opposite wrist.

For the ankles, prepare two slightly wider bundles of raffia.

Position the strands along the bottom of each pant leg, allowing them to extend downward.

Sew them securely to the inside of the body front or along the edge.

Make the Felt Hands and Shoes

Take the oval brown felt pieces prepared earlier.

These will form the simplified hands and shoes shown in the pattern.

Position the hand pieces near the ends of the sleeves, allowing some raffia to remain visible.

The shoes should be placed beneath the ankle raffia.

Attach the pieces with brown embroidery floss using small blanket stitches or running stitches.

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The finished shoes should appear slightly oversized, giving the scarecrow a playful handmade look.

Check that the shoes are evenly positioned and that the raffia remains visible above them.

Step 9: Assemble the Front of the Scarecrow

Now that the decorative components are ready, begin assembling the complete scarecrow.

Place the patchwork body front on your worktable with the decorated side facing upward.

Position the prepared hands at the ends of the sleeves.

Arrange the shoes at the bottom of the legs.

Check that the straw bundles are visible around the wrists and ankles.

Use small stitches to secure the hands and feet to the body.

Next, position the finished head above the torso.

The head should overlap the upper body slightly so the connection is hidden beneath the neck area.

Sew the lower portion of the head to the body using small, strong stitches.

Make several passes with the needle to ensure that the head is firmly attached.

At this stage, the scarecrow should have its recognizable shape, including the hat, face, patchwork clothing, straw hands, and brown shoes.

Step 10: Join the Front and Back of the Body

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Take the plain brown felt body back and place it behind the decorated front.

Align the shoulders, arms, torso, and legs.

Make sure the raffia bundles are correctly positioned and are not accidentally trapped inside the seams.

Thread a needle with brown or orange embroidery floss.

Begin sewing around the outer edge using a blanket stitch.

Work slowly around the arms, underarms, sides, and legs.

Keep the stitches evenly spaced, approximately 0.3–0.5 cm apart.

The original tutorial uses visible stitching along the outer edges, giving the ornament a decorative handmade finish.

Continue sewing around most of the body, but leave a small opening near the upper back or shoulder area.

This opening will be used for stuffing.

Important Sewing Tip

When sewing around narrow areas, such as the space between the legs or under the arms, use smaller stitches.

This helps maintain the shape and prevents gaps from forming.

If the felt becomes difficult to handle, use fabric clips to hold the layers together.

Avoid pulling the thread too tightly, as this may distort the shape of the ornament.

Step 11: Stuff the Scarecrow Ornament

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With the body mostly sewn together, begin adding polyester fiberfill.

Use small pieces of stuffing rather than inserting one large bundle.

Start with the legs.

Push a little stuffing into each leg using the blunt end of a pencil or a stuffing tool.

Continue filling the torso.

Add a small amount of stuffing to each arm.

The goal is to create a soft, slightly padded ornament rather than a firm stuffed toy.

Too much stuffing can stretch the seams and make the patchwork body appear bulky.

Check the shape frequently as you work.

Gently massage the stuffing through the felt to distribute it evenly.

Once the body is filled, close the remaining opening with blanket stitches.

Secure the thread with a small knot and hide the end between the felt layers.

The body should now hold its shape while remaining soft and flexible.

Step 12: Add Decorative Patchwork Details

After assembling the body, inspect the ornament for areas that could benefit from additional decoration.

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The original scarecrow includes small mustard yellow and brown patches sewn over the larger patchwork sections.

Cut a few small irregular patches from leftover felt.

Position them on the front of the body.

Use black embroidery floss to attach them with visible blanket stitches.

For a rustic effect, vary the stitch direction slightly.

You can also add small straight stitches along the borders between the colored felt sections.

These details imitate the appearance of a well-loved, hand-repaired scarecrow outfit.

Avoid covering too much of the colorful background.

The individual red, blue, orange, green, and yellow sections should remain visible.

Step 13: Make the Raffia Bow for the Neck

The raffia bow is an important finishing detail in the supplied tutorial.

It adds a natural texture and creates a decorative transition between the head and body.

Cut several strands of raffia approximately 15–20 cm long.

Gather the strands into a small bundle.

Fold the bundle to form two loops, similar to tying a shoelace bow.

Wrap a short piece of raffia around the center to hold the loops together.

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Tie the center securely.

Trim the loose ends so they are approximately equal in length.

Position the bow directly beneath the scarecrow's head, at the top of the patchwork torso.

Use a needle and matching thread to sew the center of the bow to the felt.

Make several small stitches so the bow stays in place.

Fluff the loops and adjust the loose ends until they resemble the natural straw bow shown in the original design.

Step 14: Attach the Hanging Loop

The final construction step is adding the hanging loop.

Cut a piece of natural twine or ribbon approximately 12–15 cm long.

Fold it in half to form a loop.

The finished loop can extend approximately 4–6 cm above the hat, depending on your preferred hanging length.

Position the two loose ends at the top center of the hat.

For the strongest attachment, insert the ends between the hat layers before completing the final stitches.

If the hat has already been closed, sew the folded twine securely to the back of the hat.

Use several small stitches to anchor it.

Gently pull the loop to check that it can support the weight of the ornament.

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Make sure the loop is centered so the scarecrow hangs straight.

A natural jute twine loop works particularly well with the autumn colors and rustic texture of the felt.

Step 15: Learn the Three Main Sewing Stitches Used

The original graphic highlights three basic stitches used throughout the project.

Understanding these techniques will help beginners complete the ornament neatly.

Running Stitch

The running stitch is a simple hand-sewing technique created by passing the needle in and out of the fabric at regular intervals.

It is useful for gathering raffia bundles, making temporary stitches, and securing small decorative pieces.

To make a running stitch, insert the needle from the back of the felt, bring it to the front, and pass it back through the fabric a short distance away.

Repeat this movement along the desired line.

Blanket Stitch

The blanket stitch is the primary decorative stitch used in this project.

It joins two layers of felt while creating a visible border along the edges.

Insert the needle through the felt layers near the edge.

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Before pulling the thread completely tight, pass the needle through the loop of thread.

Gently tighten the stitch so it forms a small perpendicular bar along the fabric edge.

Repeat at evenly spaced intervals.

This technique is ideal for sewing the body, hat, head, and decorative patches.

Backstitch

The backstitch creates a continuous line of embroidery.

It is particularly useful for the scarecrow's smile and other facial details.

Bring the needle through the felt and make one small stitch forward.

Bring the needle up again a short distance ahead.

Insert it back into the end of the previous stitch.

Continue until the embroidered line is complete.

For the scarecrow's mouth, use small, evenly spaced backstitches to follow the curved smile.

Step 16: Check the Finished Scarecrow Ornament

Once all the pieces are assembled, place the scarecrow on a flat surface.

Compare it with the original design.

Your finished ornament should feature a cheerful beige face, two black eyes, an orange triangular nose, an embroidered smile, golden raffia hair, a brown patchwork hat, a colorful felt

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outfit, straw details around the wrists and ankles, brown oval shoes, a natural raffia bow, and a hanging loop.

The finished size should be approximately 18 cm high by 12 cm wide, although small variations are normal in handmade sewing projects.

Inspect all the stitches and reinforce any areas that feel loose.

Trim stray threads carefully.

If the raffia hair looks uneven, gently trim the longest strands while keeping the natural straw-like appearance.

Finally, hold the ornament by its hanging loop to check the balance.

If it tilts noticeably to one side, adjust the loop attachment or redistribute the stuffing slightly.

Step 17: Decorating Ideas for Your Handmade Felt Scarecrow

Your completed felt scarecrow ornament can be used in several seasonal displays.

Hang it from a decorative branch surrounded by artificial autumn leaves, pumpkins, and acorns.

Attach it to a fall wreath for a welcoming front-door decoration, provided it is protected from rain and prolonged moisture.

Use it as a decorative accent on a Thanksgiving centerpiece or place it beside miniature fabric pumpkins on a shelf.

You can also make several scarecrows using different patchwork color combinations.

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For example, one ornament could feature mostly orange and brown felt, while another could include deeper red, olive green, and mustard yellow.

A collection of handmade scarecrows can create a coordinated autumn decoration for your home.

If making the ornaments as gifts, add a small fabric tag with the year or the recipient's initials.

For storage, keep the ornaments in a dry container between layers of tissue paper to protect the felt, raffia, and embroidered details.

Step 18: Helpful Tips for Beginners

A few simple techniques can make your first felt scarecrow sewing project easier.

Choose good-quality felt. Felt that is too thin may stretch or lose its shape when stuffed. A medium-weight felt is easier to handle and gives the ornament a more polished appearance.

Use contrasting thread colors. Black embroidery floss makes the decorative stitches stand out against the colorful patchwork.

Cut carefully. Accurate cutting helps the front and back pieces align correctly. Use sharp scissors and avoid stretching the felt while cutting.

Do not overstuff. The scarecrow should have a softly padded appearance. Excess stuffing can distort the arms and legs.

Secure the raffia well. Straw-like strands can slip out if they are only loosely attached. Use several small stitches to hold each bundle in place.

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Take your time with the face. The eyes, nose, and smile give the scarecrow its personality. Arrange all the facial features before permanently attaching them.

Keep small parts away from young children. Beads, loose raffia, and detachable decorations may present choking hazards. This project is intended as a decorative ornament rather than a toy.

Frequently Asked Questions About Felt Scarecrow Ornaments

1. Is this felt scarecrow ornament suitable for beginners?

Yes. The project uses basic hand-sewing techniques such as running stitch, blanket stitch, and backstitch. Beginners can complete it by following each construction step carefully.

2. Can I make the ornament without a sewing machine?

Absolutely. The original design is particularly suitable for hand sewing. All the main components can be assembled using a needle and embroidery floss.

3. What type of felt works best?

Craft felt or wool-blend felt approximately 1–2 mm thick works well. Wool-blend felt often provides a softer texture and better shape retention, while polyester craft felt is usually more affordable.

4. Can I use yarn instead of raffia?

Yes. Straw-colored cotton or acrylic yarn can replace raffia for the hair, wrists, ankles, and neck bow. Choose a yarn that resembles natural straw for the closest appearance to the original.

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5. How much stuffing should I use?

Use just enough polyester fiberfill to give the head and body a soft, rounded shape. The ornament should remain relatively flat and lightweight.

6. Can I change the colors of the patchwork outfit?

Yes. Although the reference uses traditional autumn colors, you can customize the patchwork using your favorite shades. For a classic harvest appearance, combine mustard yellow, burnt orange, dark red, brown, and olive green.

7. How do I make a larger scarecrow?

Enlarge all the pattern pieces by the same percentage. For example, increasing the template to 150% will produce a significantly larger ornament. Remember that the finished dimensions and amount of stuffing will also increase.

8. Can I use fabric glue instead of sewing?

Fabric glue can help attach decorative patches and raffia, but stitching is recommended for the main body, head, and hanging loop. Sewn connections are generally more durable.

9. How should I clean the finished ornament?

Gently remove dust with a soft brush or dry cloth. If necessary, spot-clean with a slightly damp cloth and allow the ornament to air-dry completely. Avoid soaking it because the felt, stuffing, and raffia may lose their shape.

10. How long does it take to complete this project?

A beginner may need approximately 3–5 hours, depending on sewing experience and the number of decorative patches. More experienced crafters may finish it sooner.

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Conclusion: Enjoy Your Handmade Felt Scarecrow Ornament 🍂

Making a Felt Scarecrow Ornament is a rewarding autumn sewing project that combines simple felt shapes, colorful patchwork, decorative embroidery, and charming rustic details.

By following the steps in this tutorial, you can transform ordinary felt pieces into a cheerful seasonal decoration measuring approximately 18 cm tall and 12 cm wide.

The brown hat, embroidered smile, raffia hair, patchwork outfit, and little straw details give the finished scarecrow its distinctive handmade personality.

Whether you hang it on an autumn wreath, display it in your home, or give it as a thoughtful seasonal gift, this DIY felt scarecrow pattern is a lovely way to celebrate the warmth and creativity of fall.

Most importantly, every stitch and colorful patch makes your scarecrow unique. Enjoy the process, experiment with your favorite autumn fabrics, and create a handmade ornament you will be happy to display year after year.