

FABRIC POINSETTIA CANDLE HOLDER TUTORIAL

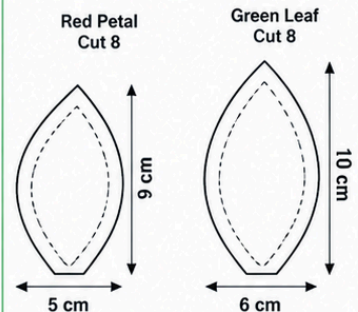
Finished Size



Materials



Templates (add 0.5 cm seam allowance)



1 Cut the pieces



From the templates, cut 8 red petals and 8 green leaves. Add 0.5 cm seam allowance when cutting.

2 Sew the red petals



Place two red petal pieces right sides together. Sew around the edge, leaving a 2 cm opening at the bottom.

3 Turn and stuff



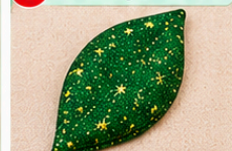
Turn the petal right side out. Fill with polyester stuffing, then close the opening with a hand stitch.

4 Repeat for all petals



Make 8 stuffed red petals.

5 Sew the green leaves



Sew, turn, stuff and close the 8 green leaves the same way as the red petals.

6 Arrange the base



Arrange the 8 green leaves in a circle with the pointed ends facing outward.

7 Sew the green layer



Sew the inner edges of the green leaves together by hand or machine to form a stable circle.

8 Add the red petals



Place the 8 red petals on top of the green leaves, between them, forming a second layer.

9 Sew the red layer



Sew the inner edges of the red petals together, securing them to the green layer.

10 Shape the petals



Adjust the petals and leaves, shaping them evenly. Make extra stitches if necessary to secure.

11 Add the candle holder



Place a small candle holder (about 5–7 cm diameter) in the center. You can also stitch a fabric ring if preferred.

12 Finished Poinsettia Candle Holder



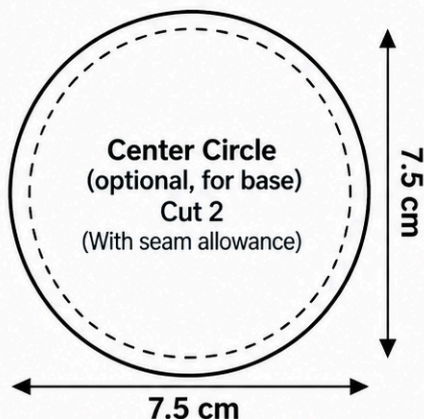
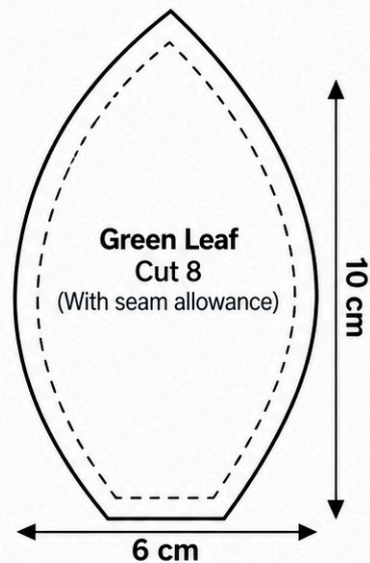
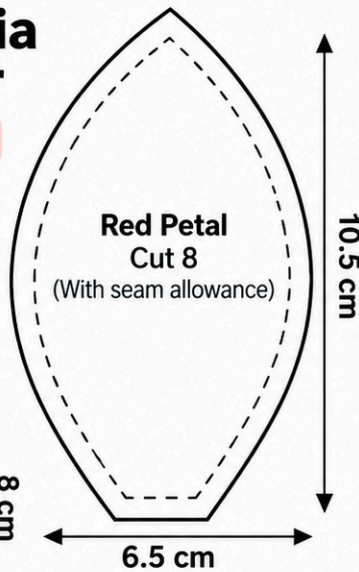
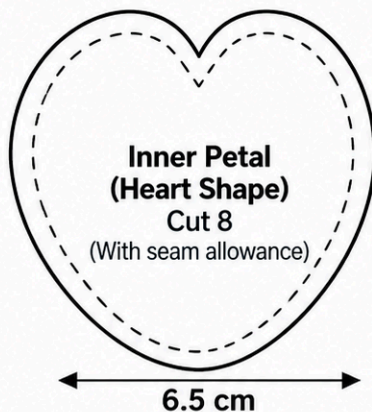
Main Sewing Methods (U.S. Terms)

Running Stitch Used to temporarily hold fabric or gather.	Backstitch Strong stitch for securing pieces.
Whip Stitch Used to close openings by hand.	Ladder Stitch Invisible stitch to close stuffed pieces.
Straight Stitch (Machine) Basic stitch for sewing fabric pieces together.	Tips: - Use 100% cotton fabric. - Keep a 0.5 cm seam allowance. - Stuff firmly but not too much. - Adjust the petals for an even look. - Use a safe candle (LED or tealight).

Fabric Poinsettia Candle Holder

Templates for Printing

Seam allowance included: 0.5 cm



Fabric Poinsettia Candle Holder Tutorial – Step-by-Step Christmas Sewing Pattern 🎄

The Fabric Poinsettia Candle Holder is a beautiful Christmas sewing project that combines traditional holiday colors, soft fabric petals, and simple hand-sewing techniques. Inspired by the tutorial chart, this festive decoration features a circular

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arrangement of eight green fabric leaves and eight red fabric petals, surrounding a small candle holder in the center.

This project is suitable for beginners who want to practice basic sewing stitches, fabric cutting, stuffing, gathering, and decorative assembly. You can complete it using a sewing machine or sew everything by hand. The finished poinsettia measures approximately 20 cm (7.9 inches) in diameter, making it a lovely decoration for a Christmas table, mantel, or holiday centerpiece.

In this complete tutorial, you will learn how to prepare the materials, cut the templates, sew the individual petals, assemble the circular layers, and finish the centerpiece. All measurements are given in centimeters (cm), and all sewing terminology follows commonly used U.S. sewing terms.

Step 1: Gather Your Materials and Sewing Supplies

Before starting your Fabric Poinsettia Candle Holder Pattern, prepare all the materials and tools. Organizing everything in advance makes the sewing process easier and helps ensure consistent results.

Materials

- Red Christmas cotton fabric: approximately 25 × 25 cm, with gold stars or festive prints.
- Green Christmas cotton fabric: approximately 25 × 25 cm, preferably with gold accents.
- Matching sewing thread: red and green.
- Polyester fiberfill: a small amount for lightly stuffing the petals and leaves.
- Hand-sewing needle: suitable for cotton fabric.
- Sewing machine: optional.
- Fabric scissors: sharp enough for precise cutting.

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- Fabric marking pencil or washable marker.
- Straight pins or sewing clips.
- Measuring tape or sewing ruler.
- Iron and ironing board.
- Small metal candle holder: approximately 5–7 cm in diameter.
- Optional cotton fabric scraps: for creating a center support.

For safety, use a battery-operated LED tealight instead of a real flame. Polyester stuffing and cotton fabrics are combustible, and a metal holder alone does not make the arrangement safe for an open flame.

Finished Project Measurements

Component	Approximate size
Finished poinsettia	20 cm diameter
Red petal template	9 × 5 cm
Green leaf template	10 × 6 cm
Seam allowance	0.5 cm

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**Center candle holder 5–7 cm
 diameter**

These measurements follow the original tutorial chart. The final diameter can vary slightly depending on the amount of stuffing, the overlap between the petals, and the center opening.

Step 2: Prepare the Fabric and Cutting Templates

The poinsettia is made from two circular layers: green leaves underneath and red petals on top.

The red fabric represents the flower petals, while the green fabric creates the leafy base.

Prepare the fabrics

- 1. Lay the red and green cotton fabrics on a clean cutting surface.**
- 2. Press both fabrics with an iron to remove wrinkles.**
- 3. Place the fabric with the right side facing down.**
- 4. Position the appropriate paper template on the fabric.**
- 5. Trace the outline with a washable fabric marker.**
- 6. Cut carefully along the outer cutting line.**

Red Petal Template

The red petal template measures approximately:

- Length: 9 cm**
- Width: 5 cm**
- Seam allowance: 0.5 cm**

The petal has a pointed top and a slightly flattened lower edge. This lower edge will eventually face the center of the flower.

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To create eight stuffed red petals, cut:

16 red fabric pieces — two matching pieces for each petal.

Green Leaf Template

The green leaf template measures approximately:

- **Length: 10 cm**
- **Width: 6 cm**
- **Seam allowance: 0.5 cm**

The green leaf is slightly larger than the red petal, allowing it to remain visible underneath the flower.

To create eight stuffed green leaves, cut:

16 green fabric pieces — two matching pieces for each leaf.

The 0.5 cm seam allowance should be included in the cutting dimensions above. If you use a template that shows only the stitching line, add the allowance before cutting.

Cutting Tip

When cutting printed Christmas fabric, pay attention to the direction of the design.

For example, if your fabric features stars, try to keep their orientation consistent throughout the petals.

This small detail gives the finished Christmas fabric poinsettia a more polished appearance.

Step 3: Sew the Red Fabric Petals

Now you can begin sewing the first decorative layer.

The red petals should have a soft, slightly padded appearance. This creates the dimensional effect visible in the tutorial chart.

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Position the fabric pieces

Take two matching red petal pieces.

Place them together with their right sides facing each other.

Align the curved edges and pointed tip.

Secure the layers using sewing clips or straight pins.

Sew around the petal

Using a sewing machine or hand-sewing needle:

- 1. Begin near the bottom edge.**
- 2. Sew around the curved side.**
- 3. Continue toward the pointed tip.**
- 4. Sew around the opposite side.**
- 5. Leave an opening of approximately 2 cm along the lower edge.**

Maintain a consistent 0.5 cm seam allowance.

For machine sewing, use a straight stitch approximately 2–2.5 mm long.

If sewing by hand, use a backstitch for strong, secure seams.

Trim and turn the petal

Carefully trim excess fabric near the pointed tip without cutting the stitching.

Clip the seam allowance slightly around tight curves if necessary.

Turn the petal right side out through the opening.

Use a blunt turning tool to gently shape the pointed end.

Avoid using sharp objects that could puncture the fabric.

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Add the stuffing

Take a small amount of polyester fiberfill and insert it into the petal.

Distribute the stuffing evenly.

The petal should feel soft and lightly padded, not overly firm.

Too much stuffing may distort the shape and make assembly difficult.

Close the opening

Fold the raw edges inward by approximately 0.5 cm.

Use a ladder stitch to close the opening neatly.

Alternatively, you can use a small whip stitch because the lower edge will be hidden during assembly.

Repeat the process until you have:

8 completed red fabric petals.

Arrange the finished petals on your work surface and compare their shapes before continuing.

Step 4: Sew the Eight Green Fabric Leaves 🌿

The green leaves are made using almost the same method as the red petals.

However, they should be slightly larger to form a visible background layer.

Assemble each leaf

Take two matching green fabric pieces.

Place the right sides together and align the edges.

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Pin or clip the layers in position.

Sew around the shape using a 0.5 cm seam allowance, leaving a 2 cm opening at the lower edge.

Turn the leaves

Trim the seam allowance carefully around the pointed tip.

Turn each leaf right side out.

Gently push the tip outward to create a defined point.

Press lightly with an iron if needed, protecting the fabric with a pressing cloth.

Stuff the leaves

Add a small amount of polyester fiberfill.

Unlike a stuffed toy, the leaves should remain relatively flat.

This helps the poinsettia sit evenly on the table.

Spread the stuffing toward the pointed ends and along the center of each leaf.

Close the openings

Fold the raw edges inward and close them with a ladder stitch.

Repeat until all eight green leaves are complete.

You should now have:

- **8 red padded petals.**
- **8 green padded leaves.**

A total of 16 finished fabric components will form the Christmas poinsettia.

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Step 5: Arrange the Green Leaf Base

The next stage is to create the foundation of the decoration.

This is where the individual fabric leaves begin forming a circular Christmas flower.

Arrange the leaves in a circle

Place the eight green leaves on a flat surface.

Position their narrow lower ends toward the center.

The pointed ends should face outward.

Space the leaves evenly, allowing the inner ends to overlap slightly.

Think of the arrangement as a flower with eight equally spaced points.

Adjust the diameter

Measure the decoration from one outer tip to the opposite tip.

The approximate finished diameter should be close to 20 cm once the red petals are added.

Adjust the overlap until the green leaves form a balanced circle.

Secure the inner edges

Use a hand-sewing needle and strong thread to connect the inner ends.

Make several small stitches through the overlapping fabric.

You can use a backstitch for extra strength.

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Continue joining the leaves until they form a stable circular base.

The center should remain open enough to accommodate the decorative candle holder.

Reinforce the structure

Turn the green layer over carefully.

Inspect the back and reinforce any loose connections.

If necessary, add a small cotton fabric support ring underneath the center to stabilize the arrangement.

Keep the support hidden beneath the leaves.

Step 6: Position the Red Petals Over the Green Leaves

Now it is time to create the recognizable red poinsettia flower.

The red petals should sit on top of the green layer while leaving portions of the green leaves visible.

Arrange the red petals

Place the eight red petals over the green base.

Position each red petal between or slightly over the green leaves.

This alternating arrangement creates the layered effect shown in the original image.

Keep the pointed ends facing outward.

Create a balanced arrangement

Before sewing, step back and examine the shape.

Check that:

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- The red petals are distributed evenly.
- The green leaves remain visible underneath.
- The pointed tips face outward.
- The center opening remains approximately circular.
- The flower looks symmetrical from every direction.

Move individual petals until you are satisfied with the appearance.

Pin the petals in position

Use sewing clips or pins to temporarily hold the red petals against the green layer.

Place the pins near the inner ends, where the stitching will eventually be hidden.

Avoid flattening the padded portions of the petals.

Step 7: Sew the Red Layer to the Green Base

Once all the red petals are arranged, secure them permanently.

This step gives the poinsettia its finished shape.

Attach the first petal

Thread a hand-sewing needle with matching red thread.

Position the first red petal over the green base.

Make several small stitches through the lower end of the red petal and the green layer beneath it.

Pull the thread firmly enough to secure the petal without distorting the fabric.

Continue around the circle

Attach the remaining seven red petals in the same manner.

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Work clockwise around the center.

Overlap the lower edges slightly to conceal gaps.

Maintain an even distance between the pointed ends.

Reinforce the inner circle

Once all the red petals are attached, inspect the center.

Use additional hand stitches to secure any loose sections.

A backstitch or small whip stitch works well for reinforcement.

Keep the stitches close to the inner opening so the candle holder can conceal them.

Shape the petals

Gently adjust each padded petal with your fingers.

Lift or flatten the tips as needed.

Spread the green leaves so they remain visible behind the red layer.

The decoration should now resemble a large, dimensional Christmas poinsettia.

Step 8: Add the Center Candle Holder

The central holder completes the arrangement and provides the focal point of the Christmas decoration.

For this fabric project, a battery-operated LED tealight is the safest lighting option.

Choose the holder

Select a small decorative holder approximately 5–7 cm in diameter.

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A gold-colored metal cup creates an attractive contrast with the red and green Christmas fabrics.

Make sure its base sits flat.

Position the holder

Place the holder in the center of the poinsettia.

Check that the surrounding petals are evenly distributed.

The holder should rest on a stable, level surface rather than being supported only by soft stuffing.

If the center opening is large enough, position the holder directly on the table through the opening.

Optional fabric support

For a more structured centerpiece, sew a small cotton support ring beneath the inner ends of the petals.

The ring can help maintain the circular shape and keep the flower centered.

Secure the ring using small hand stitches.

Do not sew through the metal holder.

Keeping the holder removable makes cleaning and storage easier.

Add the LED candle

Place a battery-operated LED tealight inside the holder.

Turn it on and check the finished arrangement.

The warm artificial glow creates the appearance of a traditional Christmas candle without exposing the fabric to an open flame.

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Step 9: Learn the Main U.S. Sewing Stitches Used in This Project

The original tutorial chart includes several essential sewing techniques.

Understanding these stitches will help beginners complete the project with confidence.

Running Stitch

A running stitch is a basic hand-sewing stitch made by passing the needle in and out of the fabric at regular intervals.

It is useful for temporarily holding fabric pieces together or gathering material.

For this project, it can help position the leaves before final assembly.

Backstitch

A backstitch creates a strong, continuous seam.

Bring the needle forward through the fabric, insert it backward into the end of the previous stitch, and bring it up farther ahead.

This technique is excellent for securing the padded petals and reinforcing the circular base.

Whip Stitch

A whip stitch joins fabric edges using small stitches that wrap around the edge.

It is especially useful for connecting overlapping petals.

The stitches can be hidden beneath the central holder.

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Ladder Stitch

A ladder stitch, sometimes called an invisible stitch, is used to close openings after turning and stuffing fabric.

Fold the seam allowances inward.

Take alternating small stitches through the folded edges on opposite sides of the opening.

Pull the thread gently to close the seam.

This produces a clean finish without obvious exterior stitching.

Straight Stitch

A straight stitch is the standard sewing machine stitch used to join fabric pieces.

For this project, a stitch length of approximately 2–2.5 mm works well with quilting cotton.

Use it to sew around the petal and leaf shapes.

Always backstitch at the beginning and end of machine-sewn seams to prevent unraveling.

Step 10: Final Shaping and Finishing Details

The last stage focuses on improving the appearance and stability of the completed poinsettia.

Inspect the stitching

Examine each petal and leaf carefully.

Look for loose threads, visible openings, or weak connections.

Repair any areas that need reinforcement.

Adjust the stuffing

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Gently massage the padded fabric pieces to distribute the stuffing evenly.

The red petals should look rounded and soft.

The green leaves should remain slightly flatter.

Shape the outer edges

Spread the green leaves into an even circle.

Adjust the red petals so they create a symmetrical flower.

Make sure the pointed tips are clearly visible.

Check the center

Position the holder again and confirm that it sits securely.

The surrounding fabric should not interfere with the LED tealight.

Clean the finished decoration

Remove loose threads with small scissors.

Use a lint roller or soft brush to remove stray fibers.

If necessary, lightly steam the outer fabric from a safe distance, without touching the polyester stuffing with a hot iron.

Your Fabric Poinsettia Candle Holder is now complete!

Step 11: Creative Variations for Your Christmas Poinsettia

Once you understand the basic construction, you can experiment with different fabrics and colors.

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Traditional Christmas Poinsettia: Use bright red petals and dark green leaves with gold star prints, matching the original tutorial.

Elegant Gold Poinsettia: Combine burgundy red fabric with gold-patterned green leaves for a more sophisticated centerpiece.

Winter White Poinsettia: Replace the red fabric with white or ivory cotton and use silver or sage-green leaves.

Rustic Christmas Poinsettia: Choose plaid cotton, natural linen, and muted green fabrics for a farmhouse-inspired decoration.

Mini Poinsettia: Reduce the template dimensions proportionally to create a smaller decorative flower. Remember that smaller pieces are more difficult to turn and stuff.

Decorative Table Centerpiece: Arrange the completed poinsettia on a wooden tray with battery-operated fairy lights and artificial greenery, keeping all components stable.

Step 12: Care, Storage, and Safety Tips

Proper care will help preserve your handmade Christmas decoration for many holiday seasons.

Because the poinsettia contains polyester stuffing, avoid placing it near fireplaces, open candles, hot light bulbs, or other heat sources.

Do not use a real burning candle in the center. Use LED lighting only.

When cleaning, gently spot-clean the fabric with a damp cloth and mild detergent.

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Avoid soaking the decoration, as moisture can remain trapped inside the padded pieces.

Allow the fabric to dry completely before storing.

After Christmas, place the poinsettia in a clean storage box.

Avoid stacking heavy decorations on top because the pressure may flatten the petals.

You can also place a small piece of tissue paper between the layers to help preserve their shape.

Final Project Checklist

Sewing progress

0 of 8 completed

Cut 16 red fabric pieces and 16 green fabric pieces

Sew, turn, and lightly stuff 8 red petals

Sew, turn, and lightly stuff 8 green leaves

Arrange and stitch the green circular base

Position and secure the 8 red petals

Reinforce the center and shape the flower

Position the removable holder and LED tealight

Inspect all seams and finish loose threads

**Conclusion: Enjoy Your Handmade Fabric Poinsettia
Candle Holder **

The Fabric Poinsettia Candle Holder Pattern is a rewarding Christmas sewing project that transforms simple cotton fabric into a beautiful three-dimensional holiday decoration.

By following these instructions, you have learned how to cut fabric templates, sew padded petals, use traditional U.S.

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sewing stitches, create a circular leaf base, and assemble a layered poinsettia.

The combination of eight red petals, eight green leaves, festive cotton prints, and a decorative center holder creates a timeless Christmas centerpiece.

Whether you are a beginner learning basic sewing techniques or an experienced crafter looking for a handmade holiday project, this pattern offers plenty of opportunities for creativity.

Display your completed poinsettia with a battery-operated LED candle, enjoy the festive atmosphere, and celebrate the beauty of handmade Christmas decorations.