



Finished Size: 25 cm
13 cm

MATERIALS

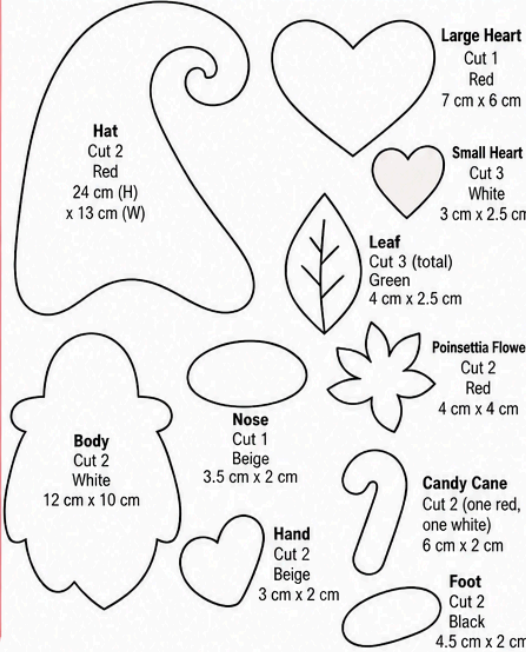


Felt fabric (U.S. craft felt)

- Red
- White
- Beige (skin tone)
- Green (light and dark)
- Black

- Embroidery thread to match the felt
- Sewing needle
- Fabric scissors
- Pencil or fabric marker
- Stuffing (optional, for padded effect)

TEMPLATES (with 0.5 cm seam allowance)



Hat
Cut 2
Red
24 cm (H) x 13 cm (W)

Large Heart
Cut 1
Red
7 cm x 6 cm

Small Heart
Cut 3
White
3 cm x 2.5 cm

Leaf
Cut 3 (total)
Green
4 cm x 2.5 cm

Poinsettia Flower
Cut 2
Red
4 cm x 4 cm

Nose
Cut 1
Beige
3.5 cm x 2 cm

Body
Cut 2
White
12 cm x 10 cm

Hand
Cut 2
Beige
3 cm x 2 cm

Candy Cane
Cut 2 (one red, one white)
6 cm x 2 cm

Foot
Cut 2
Black
4.5 cm x 2 cm

STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1 Cut the pieces



Use the templates to cut all pieces from felt. Remember to cut two pieces for the hat and body.

2 Make the hat



Sew the small white hearts on the front hat piece using a running stitch or backstitch.

3 Add the flower



Sew the leaves and poinsettia flower on the hat. Add small red felt circles in the center.

4 Prepare the beard



Place the nose between the hat and beard. Sew the beard pieces together on the body front.

5 Add the heart and hands



Sew the large heart to the center and the hands on both sides.

6 Make the candy cane



Sew the white stripes onto the red candy cane piece. Then sew it next to the hand.

7 Add the feet



Sew the black feet to the back body piece (or front, as preferred).

8 Assemble the gnome



Place the front and back pieces together and sew around the edge with a blanket stitch. Leave a small opening, add a little stuffing (optional), and close.

MAIN STITCHES USED



Running Stitch
For applique



Backstitch
For details



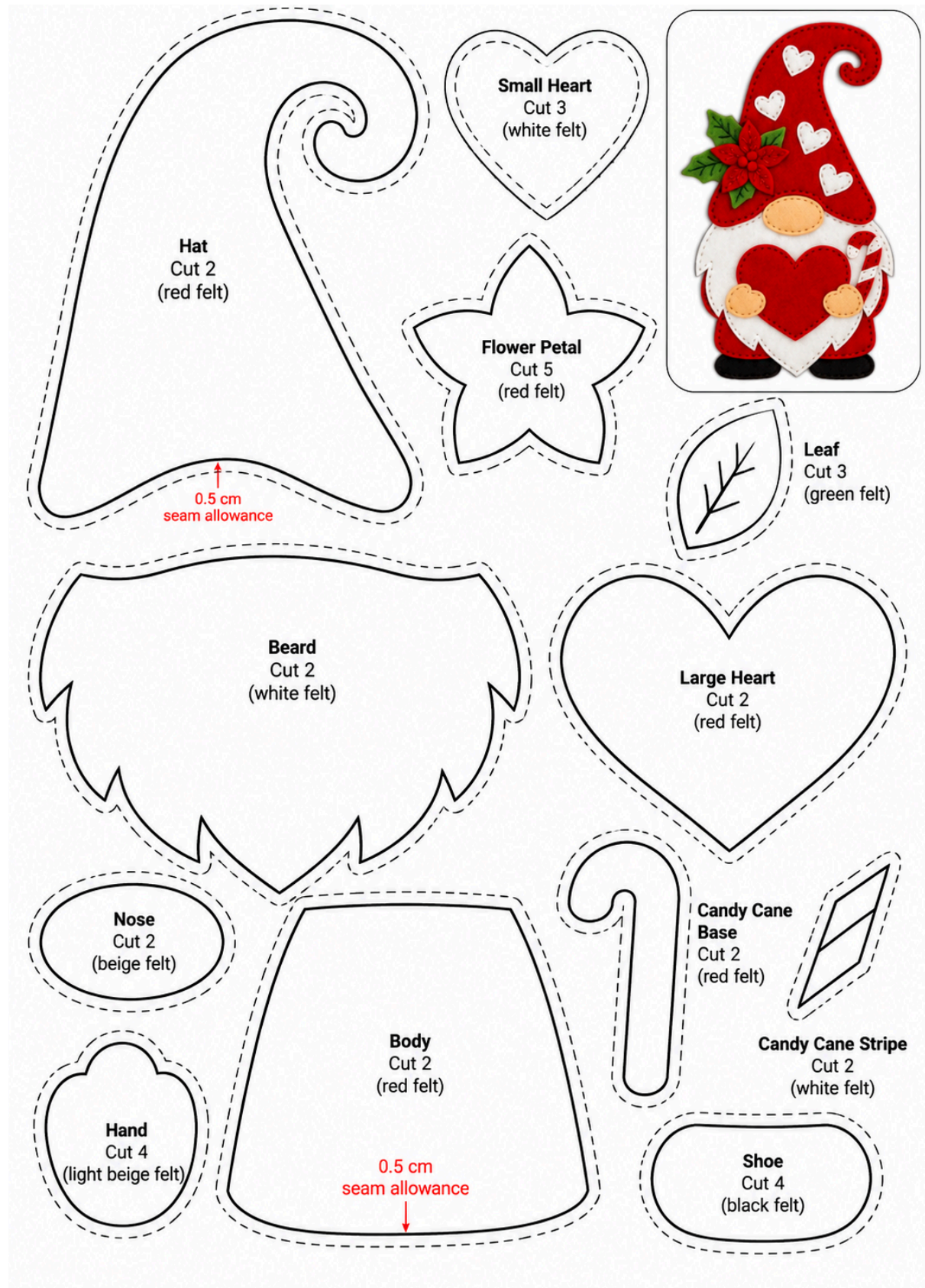
Blanket Stitch
For joining pieces

TIPS

- ✓ Use felt fabric for easy sewing and a clean finish.
- ✓ You can glue the pieces with fabric glue before sewing.
- ✓ A small amount of stuffing gives a nice padded effect.
- ✓ Use matching thread colors for a neat look.
- ✓ You can make it as a decoration, ornament, or gift.
- ✓ Adjust the size by scaling the templates as needed.

FINISHED PROJECT





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Christmas Felt Gnome with Poinsettia and Heart – Complete Step-by-Step Sewing Tutorial 🎄❤️

Create a charming Christmas Felt Gnome featuring a tall curled red hat, a beautiful poinsettia flower, delicate white hearts, a fluffy-looking felt beard, and a large red heart held between two little hands. This handmade Christmas decoration is perfect for holiday displays, Christmas tree ornaments, festive wreaths, and thoughtful homemade gifts.

This complete beginner-friendly tutorial follows the provided sewing diagram, including the felt templates, measurements in centimeters, cutting instructions, embroidery stitches, assembly order, and finishing techniques. All sewing terminology follows common U.S. crafting practices.

The finished gnome measures approximately 25 cm tall and 13 cm wide. The design uses simple felt appliqué techniques, making it suitable for beginners who want to practice hand sewing while creating a beautiful Christmas keepsake.

Step 1: Gather Your Materials and Sewing Supplies 🧵

Before beginning, organize your felt pieces, sewing tools, and printed templates. Preparing everything in advance will make the cutting and assembly process much easier.

Felt fabric colors

Use regular craft felt, which is widely available in American craft stores.

Felt color

Purpose

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Red	Hat, large heart, poinsettia petals, body accents, and candy cane
White	Beard, decorative hearts, and candy cane stripes
Beige or skin tone	Nose and hands
Light green	Poinsettia leaves
Dark green	Additional decorative leaves
Black	Gnome's feet

Choose felt that is approximately 1–2 mm thick. Polyester craft felt works well, although wool-blend felt can provide a softer, more refined finish.

Additional sewing supplies

- **Embroidery floss in red, white, beige, green, and black**
- **Hand-sewing needle**
- **Sharp fabric scissors**
- **Pencil or washable fabric marker**
- **Paper for printing the templates**
- **Straight pins or sewing clips**
- **Matching sewing thread**
- **Small amount of polyester fiberfill (optional)**
- **Fabric glue (optional)**

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- Ruler or measuring tape

For a traditional handmade appearance, use contrasting embroidery thread around selected felt pieces. The illustrated design uses visible decorative stitching, particularly around the hat, beard, and large heart.

Beginner tip: Separate standard six-strand embroidery floss into two or three strands for most decorative stitching. This creates visible stitches without making the felt edges excessively bulky.

Step 2: Prepare and Cut the Felt Templates

The provided diagram includes the principal templates needed to reproduce the Christmas gnome.

The measurements below correspond to the labeled pattern pieces. They are approximate template dimensions, and the finished arrangement should be checked against the illustration before sewing.

Template measurements and cutting quantities

Pattern piece	Quantity	Color	Dimensions
Curled hat	2	Red	24 × 13 cm
Body	2	White	12 × 10 cm

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Large heart	1	Red	7 × 6 cm
Small hearts	3	White	3 × 2.5 cm
Nose	1	Beige	3.5 × 2 cm
Hands	2	Beige	3 × 2 cm
Leaves	3	Green	4 × 2.5 cm
Poinsettia flowers	2	Red	4 × 4 cm
Candy cane	2	Red and white	6 × 2 cm
Feet	2	Black	4.5 × 2 cm

The illustration uses two poinsettia flower shapes layered together to create a fuller blossom. It also shows an additional small white heart on the curled tip of the hat. Cut that extra heart if you want to reproduce all four visible hat decorations.

How to prepare the templates

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1. Print or trace the templates onto ordinary printer paper.
2. Check the dimensions with a ruler before cutting.
3. Cut out each paper shape carefully.
4. Place the paper templates on the corresponding felt colors.
5. Trace around each template with a fabric marker.
6. Cut the felt slowly, following the curved outlines.
7. Arrange all pieces on your work surface to verify that nothing is missing.

The diagram identifies a 0.5 cm seam allowance. For pieces that will be joined with an internal seam, preserve this allowance as indicated by your printed template. For visible felt appliqués that are stitched directly along the outer edges, cut to the intended finished outline so the appliqués do not become oversized.

Pay special attention to the curled hat. Its spiral tip is one of the most recognizable features of this project. Use small, precise cuts to preserve the shape without creating jagged edges.

Helpful tip: Cut both hat layers together if your scissors can handle the thickness. This helps ensure that the two pieces match perfectly.

Step 3: Sew the Curled Red Christmas Hat

The tall red hat is the most distinctive element of the Christmas gnome.

It has a wide, gently curved lower edge and a narrow top that curls inward into a decorative spiral.

Preparing the hat

Place the two red hat pieces together with their edges aligned.

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If you want a slightly padded hat, place a very thin layer of polyester fiberfill between the felt pieces. Avoid overstuffing the curled tip, because too much filling can distort its shape.

Thread your needle with red embroidery floss.

Begin stitching around the outer edge of the hat using a running stitch or backstitch.

Keep the stitches approximately 0.3–0.5 cm apart for an even handmade appearance.

Continue carefully around the spiral tip, using shorter stitches where necessary to follow the tight curves.

Leave the lower edge available for attaching the hat to the gnome's body.

Add the small white hearts

The finished illustration shows little white hearts scattered across the front of the red hat.

Arrange three white hearts diagonally across the hat and add the optional fourth near the curled tip.

Pin them in place temporarily.

Using white embroidery floss, sew around each heart with small running stitches.

Keep the stitching close to the edges while leaving enough felt to prevent tearing.

The bright white hearts provide a beautiful contrast against the deep red background.

Step 4: Create the Red Poinsettia Flower and Green Leaves 

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The poinsettia decoration gives this Christmas gnome its festive personality.

The flower is positioned on the lower-left side of the hat, close to the area where the hat meets the beard.

Prepare the leaves

Cut three main green leaves from the template, using a combination of light and dark green felt.

If desired, cut one or two additional leaves to achieve the fuller appearance shown in the finished project.

Arrange the leaves in a fan shape.

The pointed ends should extend outward, while their bases overlap beneath the flower.

Use green embroidery floss to sew a central vein along each leaf.

You can add smaller diagonal stitches to imitate the natural veins of a poinsettia leaf.

Assemble the poinsettia

Take the two red flower shapes.

Place one flower on top of the other, rotating the upper layer slightly so the petals do not overlap exactly.

This creates the appearance of a fuller poinsettia blossom.

Use red embroidery floss to add decorative lines from the center toward the tips of the petals.

Cut a small red felt circle for the flower center. You can also layer two or three tiny circles for additional dimension.

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Attach the center with several small stitches.

Attach the flower to the hat

Position the green leaves on the lower-left side of the hat.

Secure them with small hidden stitches or a tiny amount of fabric glue.

Place the layered red poinsettia over the leaf bases.

Sew through the center of the flower to attach all the layers securely.

Make sure the petals remain slightly raised rather than completely flattened.

The finished decoration should look like a bright red Christmas flower resting naturally against the curled hat.

Step 5: Prepare the White Beard and Beige Nose

The gnome's beard creates the soft, rounded appearance that makes this decoration so adorable.

Although the template calls the main white piece the body, the finished illustration uses it as the prominent white beard and front section of the gnome.

Shape the beard

Take the two white felt body pieces measuring approximately 12 × 10 cm.

Align them carefully.

The upper section should be rounded, while the lower portion forms a pointed beard with small decorative notches along the sides.

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Using white embroidery floss, stitch around the visible outer edge with a running stitch.

If you want a soft padded effect, insert a small amount of fiberfill between the layers before closing the seam.

Keep the filling light so the beard maintains its shape.

Prepare the nose

Cut one beige oval measuring approximately 3.5 × 2 cm.

Position the nose near the upper center of the beard.

The nose should sit immediately beneath the lower edge of the hat, giving the impression that the gnome's face is hidden by the oversized hat.

Use beige embroidery floss to stitch around the nose.

For a slightly raised nose, you may cut a second matching oval and add a tiny amount of stuffing between the layers.

However, the original pattern calls for one nose piece, so a single flat felt oval is perfectly suitable.

Important: Do not attach the beard permanently to the entire gnome yet. It will be easier to position the large heart and hands before completing the final assembly.

Step 6: Make the Large Red Heart and Little Hands

The large red heart is the central decorative feature of the gnome.

It sits directly over the white beard, with two beige hands holding it from either side.

Prepare the heart

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Cut one large red felt heart measuring approximately 7 × 6 cm.

Position it in the center of the white beard, slightly below the nose.

Make sure the heart is symmetrical and that its pointed lower tip follows the direction of the beard.

Use red embroidery floss to sew a running stitch around the heart.

Keep the stitches evenly spaced and approximately 0.3 cm from the outer edge.

You may add a small amount of fiberfill beneath the heart before completing the stitching if you want a gently raised appearance.

Sew the hands

Cut two beige hand shapes measuring approximately 3 × 2 cm each.

The hands have rounded outlines with a small thumb-like curve.

Place one hand on the left side of the heart and the other on the right side.

Position them so they appear to hold the heart naturally.

Use beige embroidery floss to sew around their outer edges.

The hands should slightly overlap the red heart.

Avoid placing them too high, as this could interfere with the nose or the lower edge of the hat.

When finished, the front of the gnome should display a large red heart framed by two small beige hands.

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Step 7: Sew the Red and White Candy Cane

The candy cane is a delightful Christmas accessory positioned along the gnome's right side.

It has a traditional hooked shape with alternating red and white stripes.

Prepare the candy cane

Use the candy cane template, approximately 6 × 2 cm, to cut the main red felt shape.

The diagram lists two candy cane pieces, one red and one white. To achieve the striped appearance shown, use the red piece as the base and cut the white felt into narrow diagonal bands.

If you prefer a more structured candy cane, cut a second backing piece and stitch the layers together.

Create the stripes

Cut several thin white felt strips.

Arrange them diagonally across the red candy cane, spacing them evenly.

Trim the ends of the strips so they follow the outer edges of the cane.

Secure the strips with white thread using tiny running stitches.

Alternatively, use small amounts of fabric glue to hold them in place before sewing.

Attach the candy cane

Position the completed candy cane along the right side of the beard and heart.

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The curved hook should point inward near the gnome's upper-right side.

Allow part of the cane to remain visible behind the right hand.

Use small hidden stitches to secure it to the beard or underlying body.

The candy cane should appear to be held beside the heart without covering the main decorative details.

Step 8: Attach the Black Felt Feet

The gnome has two small black feet positioned beneath the white beard.

These simple oval shapes create a stable-looking base and visually balance the tall curled hat.

Prepare the feet

Cut two black felt ovals measuring approximately 4.5 × 2 cm each.

Position them side by side at the bottom of the gnome.

Allow a small gap between the feet so they remain visually distinct.

The lower point of the white beard should extend slightly over the upper portion of the feet.

Sew the feet in place

Use black embroidery floss or matching sewing thread.

Secure the feet to the back of the lower body section.

If you want slightly padded feet, cut matching backing ovals and insert a tiny amount of fiberfill before closing them.

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For a flat Christmas ornament, single-layer felt feet are sufficient.

Check that both feet extend evenly from beneath the body.

Step 9: Assemble the Christmas Felt Gnome

Now that the individual components are complete, it is time to join them into the finished Christmas decoration.

The original tutorial uses a blanket stitch to join the main front and back sections.

Arrange the pieces

Place the gnome components on a flat surface in the following order:

1. Position the back body section.
2. Arrange the black feet at the bottom.
3. Place the decorated white beard on the front.
4. Position the curled red hat above the beard.
5. Align the beige nose between the hat and beard.
6. Confirm that the red heart and hands are centered.
7. Check that the poinsettia and candy cane remain visible.

Before sewing, compare your arrangement with the finished-project illustration.

The hat should lean slightly to one side, with its curled tip pointing inward.

The poinsettia should decorate the lower-left portion of the hat.

The large heart should sit directly below the nose.

Join the layers

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Use matching thread or embroidery floss to attach the main components.

Start by securing the feet and beard to the backing.

Next, attach the hat so its lower edge overlaps the upper beard.

Use small hidden stitches in overlapping areas to maintain a clean appearance.

Where two felt layers form an exposed outer edge, use a blanket stitch for a neat and durable finish.

Optional stuffing

If you want a lightly padded Christmas gnome, leave a small opening along an accessible section of the outer seam.

Insert small pieces of polyester fiberfill.

Distribute the stuffing evenly with your fingers.

Avoid packing too much filling into the narrow hat tip or small details.

Close the opening with matching thread and continue the blanket stitch.

For a flat wall decoration or Christmas tree ornament, omit the stuffing entirely.

Step 10: Learn the Three Main Hand-Sewing Stitches

The original diagram highlights three essential sewing stitches: running stitch, backstitch, and blanket stitch.

Understanding these techniques will help you achieve the same neat decorative finish shown in the reference.

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Running stitch

The running stitch is ideal for attaching felt appliqués and creating visible decorative outlines.

Bring the needle up through the felt.

Move forward a short distance and insert the needle back down.

Bring it up again after another short distance.

Repeat to create a line of evenly spaced stitches.

Use this technique around the small hearts, large heart, nose, hands, and decorative felt shapes.

Backstitch

The backstitch creates a continuous, stronger line.

Bring the needle up through the fabric.

Insert it backward at the end of the previous stitch.

Bring it forward again a stitch length ahead.

Repeat this process to form a neat, nearly unbroken line.

This stitch works especially well around curved areas and for adding decorative details to the poinsettia leaves.

Blanket stitch

The blanket stitch is used to join felt layers along their outer edges.

Bring the needle through both layers of felt near the edge.

Pass the thread under the needle before pulling it tight, forming a small loop along the edge.

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Repeat at regular intervals.

This creates the familiar decorative border commonly seen on handmade felt Christmas ornaments.

For this project, aim for stitches approximately 0.3–0.5 cm apart, adjusting the spacing around small curves.

Step 11: Add the Final Decorative Details ✨

Once the gnome is assembled, inspect the entire project carefully.

Check that all the felt pieces are securely attached and that no loose threads remain.

Use sharp embroidery scissors to trim excess thread ends.

Gently shape the poinsettia petals with your fingers so they appear layered and dimensional.

Make sure the white hearts on the hat are evenly positioned.

Adjust the candy cane if it has shifted during assembly.

If you want to hang your gnome, cut a narrow piece of ribbon or embroidery cord approximately 15–20 cm long.

Fold the ribbon into a loop.

Secure both ends to the back of the upper hat with several strong stitches.

For a wall hanging, you can also attach a small felt loop to the back.

Avoid hanging a heavily stuffed decoration from a single weak stitch. Reinforce the hanging loop through multiple felt layers.

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Your completed Christmas gnome should measure approximately 25 cm in height and 13 cm in width, depending on the exact cutting and assembly.

Step 12: Creative Ways to Display Your Finished Christmas Gnome

This handmade felt gnome can be used in several festive decorating projects.

Christmas tree ornament: Add a ribbon loop and hang the gnome among traditional red, white, and green Christmas decorations. Its bright poinsettia and heart details will stand out beautifully against evergreen branches.

Christmas wreath decoration: Attach the finished gnome to a fabric or greenery wreath. Position it slightly off-center and surround it with small bows or berries for a coordinated holiday display.

Handmade Christmas gift: Create several gnomes using different felt colors. Package them in small gift bags with a handwritten holiday message for friends, family members, or coworkers.

Holiday wall hanging: Make a slightly larger version by enlarging the templates proportionally. Add a sturdy hanging loop and display it on a door, wall, or seasonal craft board.

Festive craft collection: Pair your Christmas gnome with handmade felt stars, stockings, Christmas trees, and poinsettia ornaments to create a coordinated set.

Frequently Asked Questions About the Christmas Felt Gnome Pattern

Is this Christmas felt gnome suitable for beginners?

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Yes. This project uses basic felt cutting and simple hand-sewing stitches. Beginners can complete it by following the steps carefully and practicing the running stitch and blanket stitch before assembling the main pieces.

Can I make this gnome without a sewing machine?

Absolutely. The entire project is designed for hand sewing. A sewing machine is not necessary, and hand stitching helps create the traditional decorative appearance.

What is the best felt thickness for this project?

Craft felt approximately 1–2 mm thick works well. Thinner felt is easier to cut around the hat's spiral, while slightly thicker felt provides more structure.

Can I use fabric glue instead of sewing?

Fabric glue can help position small decorations, such as leaves and candy cane stripes. However, stitching is recommended for the main body, hat, and hanging loop because it provides a more durable finish.

How long does this project take?

A beginner may need approximately 3–5 hours, depending on sewing experience and the amount of decorative stitching. Experienced crafters may finish it more quickly.

Can I resize the templates?

Yes. Enlarge or reduce all the templates by the same percentage to preserve their proportions. Remember to check seam allowances after resizing.

Should I add stuffing to the gnome?

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Stuffing is optional. Use a small amount for a padded ornament or omit it for a flat appliqué-style decoration.

How should I clean the finished felt gnome?

Gently remove dust with a soft brush or lint roller. If needed, spot-clean with a slightly damp cloth and allow it to air-dry completely. Avoid machine washing unless all materials have been tested for colorfastness and washability.

Conclusion: Enjoy Your Handmade Christmas Felt Gnome ❤️

Creating this Christmas Felt Gnome with Poinsettia and Heart is a wonderful way to combine simple hand sewing with festive creativity.

By following the original pattern measurements, preparing the felt pieces carefully, and using the recommended embroidery stitches, you can reproduce the charming design with its curled red hat, white hearts, colorful poinsettia, pointed beard, red heart, candy cane, and little black feet.

The project is especially enjoyable because it does not require expensive equipment or advanced sewing skills. With basic craft felt, embroidery thread, and a little patience, you can create a beautiful Christmas decoration from beginning to end.

Whether you display your finished gnome in your home or give it as a handmade gift, it will bring a warm, personal touch to your holiday celebrations.