

Felt Nutcracker Face Wall Hanging Tutorial



20 cm

24 cm

Materials (U.S. Sewing Terms)

- Felt fabric (craft felt)
 - Red
 - Green
 - Yellow (gold)
 - White
 - Beige (skin tone)
 - Pink (cheeks)
 - Brown (eyes)
 - Black (eye details)
- Stitching thread (matching colors)
- Polyester fiberfill (stuffing) - small amount
- Fabric glue (optional)
- Scissors
- Hand sewing needle
- Ruler or measuring tape
- Pencil or fabric marker

Main Techniques Used


Running Stitch


Back Stitch

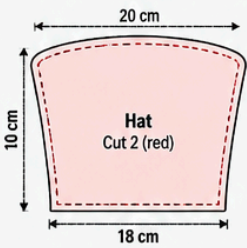

Blanket Stitch


Whip Stitch


Ladder Stitch (for stuffing)


Appliqué Stitch

Templates and Measurements (in cm)



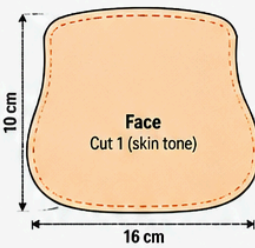
Hat
Cut 2 (red)



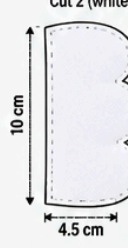
Hat Band
Cut 1 (green)



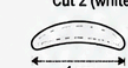
Star



Face
Cut 1 (skin tone)



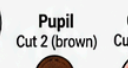
Hair
Cut 2 (white)



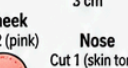
Eyebrow
Cut 2 (white)



Eye
Cut 2 (white)



Pupil
Cut 2 (brown)



Cheek
Cut 2 (pink)



Nose
Cut 1 (skin tone)



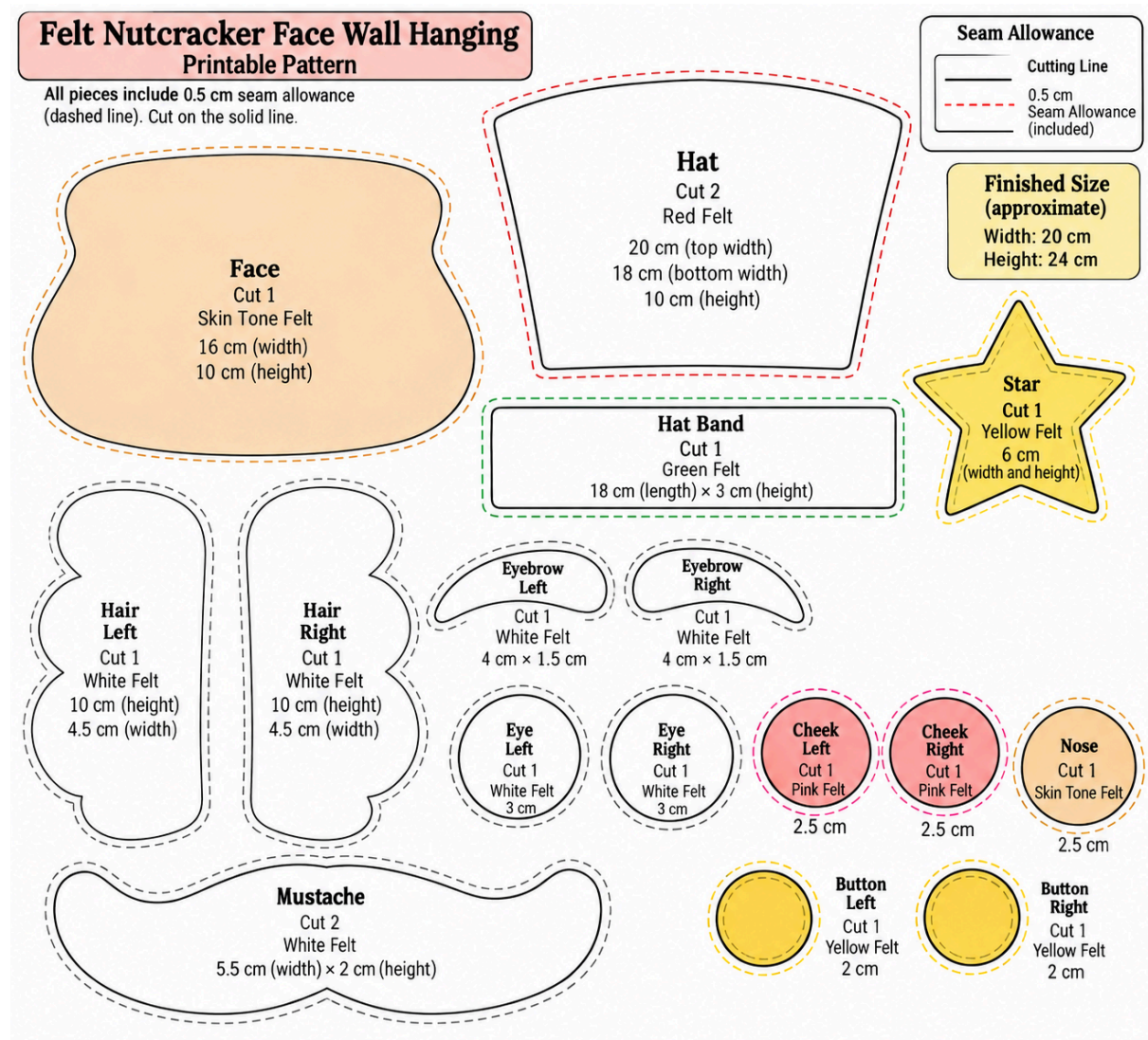
Mustache
Cut 2 (white)

Step-by-Step Instructions

- Cut all the pieces**
Use the templates to cut all pieces from felt fabric.
- Make the hat**
Place the two red hat pieces together and sew around the edges with a blanket stitch, leaving the bottom open.
- Add the hat band**
Sew the green band to the bottom of the hat and add the yellow circles.
- Add the star**
Sew the star in the center using a blanket stitch or appliqué stitch.
- Prepare the face**
Cut the face piece and mark the position of the eyes, cheeks, nose, eyebrows and mustache.
- Add the facial details**
Sew the eyes, eyebrows, cheeks, nose and mustache using blanket stitch or appliqué stitch.
- Attach the hair**
Sew the white hair pieces on both sides of the face.
- Join the hat and face**
Position the hat behind the face and sew securely with a blanket stitch around the top edge.
- Add hanging cord**
Attach a piece of cord or ribbon on the back of the hat for hanging.
- Final touches**
Check all stitches and add small stuffing to the nose if desired.
- Finished Project**

♥ Tips

- Use good quality felt fabric for a better finish.
- Keep stitches even and close together.
- You can use fabric glue to hold small pieces before sewing.
- Add a little stuffing to the nose for a 3D effect.
- This project is perfect for Christmas décor, gifts or craft fairs.
- You can resize the templates to make larger or smaller decorations.
- Have fun and be creative with colors!



Felt Nutcracker Face Wall Hanging Tutorial – Complete Step-by-Step Sewing Pattern 🎄

Create a charming handmade Christmas decoration with this Felt Nutcracker Face Wall Hanging Tutorial. This beginner-friendly sewing project features a cheerful Nutcracker face, a bright red military-style hat, a golden star, rosy cheeks, a fluffy white mustache, and decorative stitching. The finished ornament measures approximately 20 cm wide × 24 cm tall, excluding the hanging cord.

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This tutorial follows the supplied pattern chart, including its measurements, felt colors, cutting templates, and assembly sequence. Using common U.S. sewing terminology, you will learn how to prepare the felt pieces, sew decorative appliqués, assemble the Nutcracker, and finish the wall hanging neatly.

The project is suitable for Christmas home décor, handmade gifts, holiday craft fairs, and festive sewing activities. Most of the construction uses simple hand-sewing techniques, making it accessible even if you have never worked with felt before.

Step 1: Gather All Materials and Sewing Supplies

Before beginning your Felt Nutcracker Christmas decoration, organize your materials on a clean, well-lit work surface.

Materials Needed

Material	Color or specification	Purpose
Craft felt	Red	Nutcracker hat
Craft felt	Dark green	Decorative hatband
Craft felt	Yellow or gold	Star and hat buttons
Craft felt	White	Hair, eyebrows, eye highlights, and mustache

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Craft felt	Beige or peach	Face and nose
Craft felt	Pink	Rosy cheeks
Craft felt	Brown	Pupils or iris details
Craft felt	Black	Eye details and eyelashes
Embroidery floss	Matching colors	Decorative and assembly stitching
Polyester fiberfill	Small amount	Optional padded nose
Fabric glue	Optional	Holding small appliqués
Sharp scissors	Small craft or embroidery scissors	Cutting felt
Hand-sewing needle	Embroidery or sewing needle	Stitching

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Ruler or measuring tape	Metric measurements	Measuring templates
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Fabric marker	Removable or washable	Tracing outlines
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Twisted cord or ribbon	Approximately 25–30 cm	Hanging loop
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Choose felt approximately 1–2 mm thick. A firm craft felt is easy to cut and holds its shape well. For a softer appearance, wool-blend felt is also suitable.

Important Sewing Techniques

The chart identifies six useful stitches:

- **Running stitch:** A simple line of evenly spaced stitches, useful for decorative outlines.
- **Backstitch:** A strong stitch that creates a continuous line, ideal for facial details.
- **Blanket stitch:** Used to join felt layers while creating a decorative border.
- **Whip stitch:** Small stitches worked around an edge to attach pieces together.
- **Ladder stitch:** An almost invisible stitch for closing stuffed openings.
- **Appliqué stitch:** Small stitches that secure decorative felt shapes to a larger background.

For the closest match to the photograph, use blanket stitching around the hat, small appliqué stitches around the facial

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decorations, and neat edge stitching around the nose and mustache.

Step 2: Prepare and Cut the Felt Templates

Accurate cutting is essential for creating a symmetrical Nutcracker face.

The following measurements come from the supplied tutorial graphic. Because some smaller shapes are decorative, you may adjust their placement slightly to suit the face.

Main Pattern Measurements

Pattern piece	Quantity	Measurements
Red hat	2	20 cm across top, 18 cm across bottom, 10 cm high
Green hatband	1	18 × 3 cm
Beige face	1	16 × 10 cm
White side hair	2	10 × 4.5 cm
White eyebrows	2	4 × 1.5 cm

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White eye bases	2	Approximately 3 cm wide
Brown pupils	2	Approximately 2 cm wide
Pink cheeks	2	2.5 cm diameter
Beige nose	1	2.5 cm diameter
White mustache halves	2	Approximately 5.5 × 2 cm each
Yellow star	1	Approximately 6 cm wide
Yellow hat buttons	2	Approximately 1.5 cm diameter

Pattern note: The graphic gives approximate dimensions and stylized outlines, rather than a fully calibrated printable pattern. The finished width includes the side hair, and the finished height includes the assembled hat and face. Use the illustrated proportions when shaping the curves.

Cutting the Hat

- 1. Place the red felt flat on your work surface.**
- 2. Draw a hat approximately 10 cm tall.**

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3. Make the upper edge slightly curved and approximately 20 cm wide.
4. Taper the sides toward an 18 cm lower edge.
5. Round the upper corners gently.
6. Cut two identical pieces.

The second red piece forms the back of the hat and gives it additional structure.

Cutting the Face

Trace the face onto beige felt.

The face should be approximately 16 cm wide and 10 cm tall, with a slightly narrower upper section and rounded lower corners.

Cut one face piece, as shown in the chart.

If you want a more structured or lightly padded face, you may cut a second matching piece, but this is an optional adaptation rather than part of the original cutting list.

Cutting the Hair

Cut two white felt pieces measuring approximately 10 × 4.5 cm.

Each piece should have one relatively straight edge and three rounded lobes along the opposite edge.

These shapes create the Nutcracker's distinctive fluffy side hair.

To ensure symmetry, draw one template, then flip it over to cut the opposite side.

Cutting the Facial Decorations

Prepare the white eyebrows, eye pieces, pupils, pink cheeks, beige nose, and white mustache.

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For the eyes, create layered shapes using white, brown, and black felt. Small white highlights can be added to the black pupils to give the character a cheerful expression.

Cut two matching curved mustache halves with rounded outer ends and slightly pointed inner ends.

Cutting the Hat Decorations

Cut the green hatband to approximately 18 × 3 cm, rounding its corners slightly.

Cut a five-pointed yellow star approximately 6 cm wide.

Finally, cut two small yellow circles for the buttons at the ends of the hatband.

Keep all pieces arranged in separate groups so nothing gets lost during assembly.

Step 3: Sew the Red Nutcracker Hat

The tall red hat is one of the most recognizable features of this project.

Place the two red hat pieces together, aligning their curved upper edges and side edges.

Thread your needle with red or contrasting dark embroidery floss.

Sewing the Hat with Blanket Stitch

1. Knot the thread and hide the knot between the felt layers.
2. Begin stitching near one lower corner.
3. Insert the needle through both layers close to the edge.
4. Pass the needle through the loop of thread before tightening.

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5. Continue along the side, across the curved top, and down the opposite side.
6. Keep the stitches evenly spaced, approximately 3–4 mm apart.
7. Leave the lower edge open, as shown in the tutorial chart.

For a decorative finish similar to the reference image, use dark embroidery floss against the bright red felt.

The contrasting stitches create a beautiful handmade appearance.

If you prefer a completely flat wall hanging, do not add stuffing to the hat.

For a slightly dimensional version, insert a very thin layer of polyester fiberfill before finishing the assembly. Avoid overstuffing, which could distort the hat.

Step 4: Attach the Green Hatband and Gold Buttons

Position the green felt band across the lower front section of the red hat.

Center the band horizontally and make sure it follows the hat's shape.

The green band should be approximately 3 cm high.

Sewing the Hatband

Secure the band temporarily with fabric clips or a few small dots of fabric glue.

Thread your needle with dark green embroidery floss.

Use a small running stitch or appliqué stitch around the green band.

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Keep the stitches close to the edge and evenly spaced.

Do not pull the thread too tightly, as this can cause the felt to wrinkle.

Adding the Gold Buttons

Position one yellow circle at each end of the green band.

The circles should sit symmetrically and resemble decorative military-uniform buttons.

Attach each circle with yellow embroidery floss.

For a raised appearance, you can place a tiny amount of fiberfill beneath each circle before sewing it down.

This is optional, but it gives the finished hat additional texture.

Step 5: Sew the Golden Star onto the Hat ★

The golden star is the main decoration on the upper section of the Nutcracker hat.

Position the yellow star in the center of the red felt, above the green band.

Check that the star is upright and evenly spaced from the upper and side edges.

Attaching the Star

- 1. Thread your needle with yellow or gold embroidery floss.**
- 2. Start at one of the star's five points.**
- 3. Sew along the edge using small appliqué stitches.**
- 4. Continue around all five points.**
- 5. Keep the felt flat as you sew.**
- 6. Finish with a secure knot on the back.**

A small blanket stitch is another attractive option.

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If you want the star to stand out, cut a second matching star and sew the two layers together before attaching them to the hat.

For the closest match to the supplied illustration, use a single yellow felt star with visible gold stitching.

Step 6: Prepare the Nutcracker Face

Place the beige face piece on your work surface with the front facing upward.

Before sewing any facial features, arrange all the pieces temporarily.

This step is important because the character's expression depends on proper spacing.

Marking the Facial Features

Use a removable fabric marker to lightly mark the positions of:

- **Eyes**
- **Eyebrows**
- **Nose**
- **Cheeks**
- **Mustache**

Place the eyes symmetrically in the upper half of the face.

Position the eyebrows just above the eyes.

The nose should sit between the cheeks, with the mustache immediately below it.

Arrange the pink cheeks on either side of the nose.

Look at the reference image as you adjust the placement.

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Once you are satisfied, take a photograph of your arrangement or make small reference marks before removing the pieces for sewing.

Finishing the Face Edge

Use beige embroidery floss to create small decorative stitches around the outer edge of the face.

A running stitch or blanket stitch works well.

If using only one face layer, this stitching is decorative rather than structural.

For an optional two-layer face, join the layers around the edges, leaving any necessary openings for attaching the other components.

Step 7: Create the Eyes, Eyebrows, and Eyelashes 🧐

The Nutcracker's large eyes give the decoration its friendly appearance.

Start with the white eye bases.

Position the two white pieces symmetrically on the face.

Use small appliqué stitches to secure them.

Adding the Pupils

Place the brown circular pieces over the white eye bases.

Add smaller black shapes to create the pupils.

Keep a narrow visible border of white around the darker eye details.

For extra expression, attach a tiny white felt highlight to each black pupil.

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This simple detail makes the eyes look bright and lively.

Sewing the Eyebrows

Position the two white curved eyebrows above the eyes.

Sew them with small white stitches.

The eyebrows should curve gently upward toward the outside of the face.

Embroidering the Eyelashes

Using black embroidery floss, add two or three short eyelashes near the outer upper edge of each eye.

A backstitch works well for the curved upper eyelid.

For individual eyelashes, use small straight stitches.

Keep both sides as symmetrical as possible.

Step 8: Attach the Pink Cheeks, Nose, and White Mustache

Now add the details that give the Nutcracker its classic Christmas appearance.

Sewing the Pink Cheeks

Place the two pink felt circles on the lower half of the face.

Each cheek should measure approximately 2.5 cm in diameter.

Position them symmetrically on either side of the nose.

Use matching pink embroidery floss and small appliqué stitches to secure the circles.

A contrasting pink running stitch around each circle also creates an attractive decorative border.

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Creating the Rounded Nose

Take the beige nose circle measuring approximately 2.5 cm in diameter.

To make the nose three-dimensional:

- 1. Sew a small running stitch around the edge of the circle.**
- 2. Gently pull the thread to gather the felt.**
- 3. Add a tiny amount of polyester fiberfill.**
- 4. Continue gathering until the circle forms a rounded dome.**
- 5. Secure the gathered edge with several small stitches.**

Position the nose in the center of the face.

Attach it securely with small hidden stitches.

If you prefer a flat decoration, simply sew the beige circle directly onto the face.

Sewing the White Mustache

Arrange the two white mustache pieces directly below the nose.

The inner ends should meet in the center, while the outer ends curve toward the cheeks.

Use white embroidery floss and small appliqué stitches to attach the mustache.

Sew around the outer edges carefully to preserve the rounded shape.

For additional dimension, you can attach only the upper edge of each mustache piece, leaving the lower edges slightly raised.

This creates a soft, layered effect similar to the photograph.

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Step 9: Attach the White Hair to Both Sides

The white side hair is an essential feature of the traditional Nutcracker design.

Take the two white felt hair pieces prepared earlier.

Position one piece behind each side of the beige face.

The scalloped edges should extend outward, creating three rounded sections on each side.

Securing the Hair

1. Turn the face over carefully.
2. Slide the straight edge of one white hair piece behind the left side of the face.
3. Adjust its position so the rounded lobes are visible.
4. Secure the overlapping section with small whip stitches.
5. Repeat on the right side.
6. Check that both sides are balanced.

The hair should frame the face without covering the eyes or cheeks.

If desired, add a decorative running stitch around the exposed white edges.

Use white embroidery floss for a subtle finish.

Avoid pulling the stitches too tightly because white craft felt can become distorted.

Once the hair is attached, place the face on your work surface and check the overall symmetry.

Step 10: Join the Hat and Face

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This step brings the two main sections of the decoration together.

Place the completed red hat behind the upper portion of the Nutcracker face.

The green band should appear directly above the eyebrows.

Adjust the position until the hat looks centered.

The lower edge of the hat should overlap the upper edge of the face enough to create a secure attachment.

Sewing the Two Sections Together

Use strong embroidery floss in a color that blends with the adjoining felt.

Hold the hat and face together with fabric clips.

Starting near one side, sew through the overlapping felt layers using small whip stitches or blanket stitches.

Continue along the joining area.

Keep the stitches neat and evenly spaced.

For additional strength, reinforce the corners where the hat meets the face.

Make sure the hat remains straight while sewing.

When finished, lift the decoration and check that the face hangs evenly beneath the hat.

The overall silhouette should now resemble the Nutcracker shown in the supplied tutorial.

Step 11: Add the Hanging Cord or Ribbon

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The hanging loop allows you to display the Nutcracker on a wall, door, hook, or Christmas decoration stand.

Cut a piece of twisted cord or decorative ribbon approximately 25–30 cm long.

Fold it into a loop.

Position the two ends on the back of the hat, close to the upper corners.

Attaching the Hanging Loop

1. Turn the decoration face down.
2. Place one end of the cord behind the upper left section of the hat.
3. Secure it with several strong stitches.
4. Attach the other end near the upper right section.
5. Check that the cord forms a balanced loop.
6. Reinforce both attachment points with additional stitches.

For extra security, sew a small rectangle of red felt over each cord end on the back.

This hides the attachment points and helps distribute the weight.

Avoid relying only on fabric glue to hold the hanging cord.

Because the wall hanging will be suspended, stitching provides a more reliable attachment.

Step 12: Add the Final Decorative Details ✨

Your Nutcracker is almost complete!

Examine the decoration carefully and look for any loose threads, uneven edges, or misplaced details.

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Final Finishing Checklist

Project quality checklist

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The red hat is evenly stitched and centered.

The green hatband and yellow buttons are secure.

The golden star is positioned correctly.

Both eyes and eyebrows are symmetrical.

The pink cheeks and nose are firmly attached.

The white mustache and side hair are neatly stitched.

The hanging cord is reinforced and balanced.

All loose threads are trimmed.

If you want the nose to appear more rounded, gently adjust the stuffing and secure any loose stitches.

You can also add a few extra decorative stitches around the hatband or star to emphasize the handmade finish.

Finished Measurements

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APPROXIMATE FINISHED SIZE

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20 × 24 cm

Width × height, excluding hanging cord

Construction: Hand-sewn felt appliqué

Skill level: Beginner-friendly

Step 13: Helpful Tips for a Professional-Looking Finish

Working with felt is enjoyable because the edges do not fray, so you do not need to fold or hem most pieces.

However, a few simple techniques will improve the finished decoration.

Use sharp scissors. Felt can stretch or become fuzzy when cut with dull scissors. Small embroidery scissors are particularly useful for the curved mustache and hair pieces.

Maintain consistent stitching. Evenly spaced stitches make the decoration look polished. Try to keep most visible stitches approximately 3–4 mm apart.

Use matching thread colors. Matching embroidery floss creates subtle outlines, while contrasting thread makes decorative stitching more visible.

Avoid excessive glue. Fabric glue is helpful for positioning small pieces, but too much can stiffen the felt and make sewing difficult.

Keep the decoration lightweight. The original design is primarily flat, with optional stuffing in the nose. Too much stuffing can make the wall hanging bulky.

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Check symmetry frequently. Arrange both sides of the face before attaching individual details. This is especially important for the eyes, eyebrows, cheeks, and hair.

Keep safety in mind. This project is intended as a decorative craft, not a toy. If children are helping, supervise the use of needles and scissors, and secure all small decorative parts.

Step 14: Creative Ways to Customize Your Nutcracker

Although the traditional design uses a red hat and green band, you can experiment with other Christmas color combinations.

A navy blue hat with gold details creates an elegant, classic look.

A pastel pink hat with white and silver decorations gives the Nutcracker a softer appearance.

You can also replace the yellow star with a felt snowflake, heart, or Christmas tree.

For a coordinated holiday display, make several Nutcracker wall hangings using different hat colors.

Another option is to embroider a name or year onto the back, turning the decoration into a personalized Christmas keepsake.

The same template can be resized to create smaller tree ornaments or larger holiday wall decorations. When resizing, scale every pattern piece by the same percentage to maintain the original proportions.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Is this Felt Nutcracker Face Wall Hanging Tutorial suitable for beginners?

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Yes. The project uses basic hand-sewing techniques such as running stitch, blanket stitch, whip stitch, and appliqué stitch. Beginners can complete it by working slowly and following each assembly step.

Do I need a sewing machine?

No. The entire decoration can be made by hand using a needle and embroidery floss.

What type of felt is best for this project?

Craft felt approximately 1–2 mm thick is a good choice. Wool-blend felt is another option if you prefer a softer, more refined finish.

Can I use hot glue instead of sewing?

You can use fabric glue to attach small decorative pieces, but sewing is recommended for stronger connections, particularly the hat, face, and hanging cord.

How much stuffing should I use?

Only a small amount is necessary for the nose. The original wall hanging is mostly flat, so additional stuffing is optional.

Can I wash the finished Nutcracker?

Spot cleaning with a slightly damp cloth is the safest approach. Avoid machine washing, especially if you used glue, stuffing, or decorative embellishments.

How long does the project take?

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

Can I make this project larger?

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Yes. Enlarge all templates proportionally. For example, increasing every measurement by 50% creates a decoration approximately 30 cm wide and 36 cm tall.

Can I sell handmade Nutcracker decorations?

You can generally sell original handmade decorations, but check the licensing terms of any third-party templates or artwork you use.

Conclusion: Enjoy Your Handmade Felt Nutcracker Christmas Decoration 🎄

The Felt Nutcracker Face Wall Hanging Tutorial is a delightful way to create a festive decoration using simple materials and traditional hand-sewing techniques.

By following the supplied pattern measurements and assembly order, you can recreate the cheerful Nutcracker with its red hat, green band, golden star, expressive eyes, rosy cheeks, white mustache, and fluffy side hair.

The combination of felt appliqué, blanket stitching, decorative embroidery, and small three-dimensional details gives this project its distinctive handmade charm.

Once completed, your Nutcracker can brighten a Christmas wall display, decorate an interior door, or become a thoughtful handmade gift.

Most importantly, enjoy the process of cutting, arranging, and stitching each piece. Every small detail contributes to a unique Christmas decoration that you can proudly display year after year.