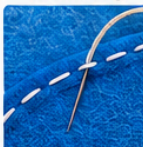




Felt Nativity Scene
Step by Step Tutorial

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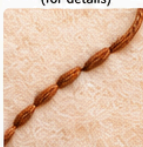
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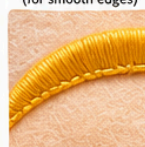
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(for edges)



Back Stitch
(for details)



Satin Stitch
(for smooth edges)



Materials (Felt - U.S. terms)

- Felt fabric (100% polyester or wool blend)
- Embroidery floss or thread
- Stuffing (optional, for layered effect)
- Fabric scissors
- Hand sewing needle
- Fabric glue (optional)
- Chalk or fabric marker
- Pins or clips
- Cardboard (for stability - optional)

Felt Colors Used

Sky Blue	Blue	Dark Blue	White
Yellow	Gold Yellow	Beige/Skin	Pink
Brown	Light Brown	Mustard Yellow	Tan

Templates / Molds (with seam allowance)

Large Background
28 x 26 cm
(outer shape)
cut 1

Angel Head
6.5 x 6 cm
cut 1

Hair
8 x 6.5 cm
cut 1

Halo
5 x 2 cm
cut 1

Wing
8 x 5.5 cm
cut 2

Angel Body
9 x 7 cm
cut 1

Arm Sleeve
4 x 5 cm
cut 2

Hand
2.5 x 2.5 cm
cut 2

Cloud (Large)
12 x 8 cm
cut 2

Cloud (Medium)
10 x 6 cm
cut 2

Cloud (Small)
7 x 5 cm
cut 2

Baby Head
4.5 x 4 cm
cut 1

Baby Hair
4.5 x 3.5 cm
cut 1

Baby Wrap
7 x 4.5 cm
cut 1

Baby Halo
4.5 x 4.5 cm
cut 1

Manger Top
12 x 2.5 cm
cut 1

Manger Straw
12 x 3.5 cm
cut 2

Manger Eage
12 x 5 cm
cut 4

Manger Leg
7 x 2 cm
cut 1

1. Cut the Felt Pieces



Use the templates to cut all pieces from felt fabric. Cut the indicated quantity for each part.

2. Make the Angel's Head



Sew or glue the hair to the head. Embroider the eyes and mouth using back stitch and add the cheeks with pink felt or blush.

3. Assemble the Angel



Sew the hands and sleeves. Attach to the body and add the head. Stitch the halo on top.

4. Add the Wings



Sew the wings behind the angel's body using whip stitch.

5. Make the Baby Jesus



Sew the hair to the head. Add the halo and wrap the body with the white felt. Stitch the wrap with running stitch.

6. Make the Manger



Layer the straw pieces and sew on the top of the manger. Add the legs in a crossed position and stitch securely.

7. Create the Clouds and Background



Cut and stitch the cloud pieces. Place the large background as the base and add the clouds in layers using whip stitch.

8. Assemble the Scene



Position and sew or glue all pieces to the background. Start with the clouds, then the angel, and finally the manger with the baby.

9. Final Details



Check all edges and add hand stitching details. Use embroidery floss for decorative stitches. Trim excess threads.

Finished Project



28 cm
26 cm

Felt Nativity Scene Patterns for Printing (with seam allowance)

Seam Allowance:
0.5 cm
(included on all pieces)

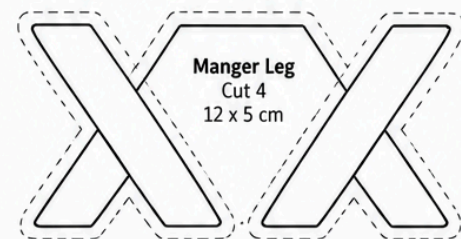
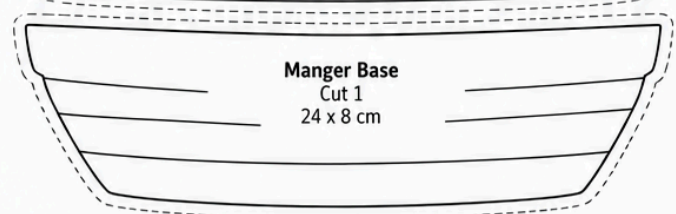
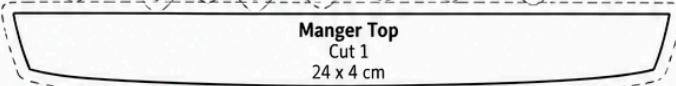
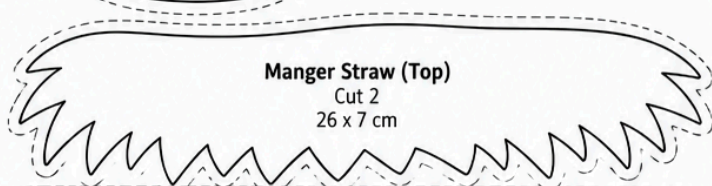
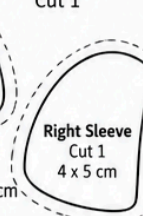
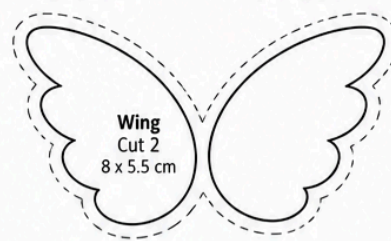
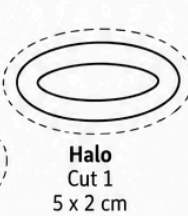


**Back Background
Cloud (Large)**
Cut 1
28 x 26 cm

**Middle
Cloud**
Cut 1
22 x 18 cm

**Front Clouds
(Large) - Cut 2**
20 x 10 cm

**Front Clouds
(Small) - Cut 2**
14 x 8 cm



Felt Nativity Scene – Complete Step-by-Step Sewing Tutorial

Create a beautiful Felt Nativity Scene featuring a sweet angel, Baby Jesus resting in a golden straw-filled manger, and a layered blue cloud background. This handmade Christmas decoration combines soft felt, colorful embroidery, and simple sewing techniques to create a charming holiday display.

This complete tutorial follows the supplied Felt Nativity Scene Step by Step Tutorial chart, using U.S. sewing terminology, measurements in centimeters (cm), and detailed instructions suitable for beginners. You will learn how to prepare the templates, cut the felt, embroider facial features, assemble the figures, build the manger, and complete the decorative background.

The finished decoration measures approximately 28 cm tall × 26 cm wide. The project can be displayed on a shelf, used as a Christmas centerpiece, or given as a thoughtful handmade holiday gift.

Step 1: Gather Your Materials and Prepare Your Workspace

Before beginning, arrange your supplies on a clean, well-lit work surface. Felt is easy to handle because it does not fray along the cut edges, making this an approachable project for anyone learning hand sewing.

Materials Required

Felt fabric in the following colors:

- Sky blue – front clouds
- Medium blue – additional cloud layers

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- Dark blue – rear background
- White – angel's body, sleeves, wings, and Baby Jesus' blanket
- Yellow – angel's hair and decorative accents
- Gold yellow – halos and manger straw
- Beige or skin tone – faces and hands
- Pink – embroidered or appliquéd cheeks
- Brown – manger and baby's hair
- Light brown – additional manger details
- Mustard yellow – straw highlights
- Tan – optional shading and decorative details

Additional sewing supplies:

- Embroidery floss in matching colors
- Hand sewing needles
- Sharp fabric scissors
- Small embroidery scissors
- Fabric marker or tailor's chalk
- Straight pins or sewing clips
- Paper for templates
- Cardboard for reinforcement (optional)
- Polyester fiberfill (optional)
- Fabric glue (optional)
- Ruler or measuring tape

For this project, use felt approximately 1–2 mm thick. Firmer craft felt works well for the background, while softer felt is ideal for the angel and baby.

Main Sewing Techniques

The tutorial uses four essential hand sewing techniques.

Running Stitch: A simple line of evenly spaced stitches used for assembling felt pieces, attaching decorative layers, and securing the baby's blanket.

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Whip Stitch: A stitch that wraps around the edge of two pieces of felt. It is useful for joining cloud layers, attaching the angel's wings, and finishing small components.

Backstitch: A strong embroidery stitch used to create the eyes, mouth, and fine facial details.

Satin Stitch: A closely packed embroidery stitch used for decorative outlines and filled details, such as small accents on the halo or hair.

For visible decorative stitching, keep most stitches approximately 2–3 mm long.

Use matching embroidery floss to create a neat, professional appearance.

Step 2: Prepare and Cut All Felt Templates

The template section of the supplied chart contains the individual shapes needed to create the Nativity scene.

Print or trace the templates before cutting your felt.

Important: The measurements below follow the reference chart. They describe the approximate template-piece dimensions, not the overall size of every finished assembled component. The illustrated patterns should be treated as guides because the graphic is not a guaranteed full-scale printable pattern.

Angel Templates

Template piece	Approximat e size	Quant ity
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Angel head	6.5 × 6 cm	1
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Angel hair	8 × 6.5 cm	1
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Angel halo	5 × 2 cm	1
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Angel body	9 × 7 cm	1
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Arm sleeve	4 × 5 cm	2
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Hands	2.5 × 2.5 cm	2
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Wings	8 × 5.5 cm	2
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The wings are mirrored shapes, with one extending to the left and the other to the right.

Baby Jesus Templates

Template piece	Approximate size	Quantity
Baby head	4.5 × 4 cm	1

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Baby hair	4.5 × 3.5 cm	1
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Baby halo	4.5 × 4.5 cm	1
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Baby wrap – upper section	7 × 4.5 cm	1
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Baby wrap – main section	7 × 4.5 cm	1
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The chart shows two different wrap shapes with similar dimensions. Keep their outlines distinct: one forms the baby's main swaddled body, while the other crosses over it as a blanket layer.

Manger Templates

Template piece	Approximat e size	Quant ity
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Manger top	12 × 2.5 cm	1
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Manger face	12 × 5 cm	1
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Manger legs	7 × 2 cm	2
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Manger 12 × 3.5 cm 2
straw

The manger face is the central brown panel, while the legs form the crossed supports beneath it.

Background and Cloud Templates

Template piece	Approximate size	Quantity
Large background	28 × 26 cm	1
Large cloud	12 × 8 cm	2
Medium cloud	10 × 6 cm	2
Small cloud	7 × 5 cm	2

The large background is a decorative rounded shape, not a plain rectangle. Its dimensions indicate the overall height and width.

How to Cut the Felt

1. Trace each paper template onto the appropriate felt color.
2. Mark the quantity needed for each piece.
3. Cut slowly around curves and rounded edges.
4. Keep mirrored pieces facing opposite directions.

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5. Organize the pieces into groups for the angel, baby, manger, and background.
6. Check all components before sewing.

Seam allowance: If your templates already include seam allowance, cut directly along their outlines. If you are creating new templates for joined pieces, add approximately 0.3 cm where needed. For exposed appliqué edges, cut to the finished outline and sew close to the edge.

If you want thicker, padded pieces, cut a matching backing shape and add a small amount of stuffing before closing the seam.

Step 3: Create the Angel's Head and Embroider the Face 🧑

The angel's gentle expression is one of the most important details in this decoration.

Begin with the 6.5 × 6 cm skin-tone felt head.

Attach the Hair

Place the yellow hair template over the upper section of the face.

Position the bangs across the forehead and arrange the side curls so they frame the cheeks.

Pin the hair temporarily.

Using matching yellow embroidery floss, sew around the visible hair edges with small running stitches.

For additional texture, add a few curved decorative stitches that follow the direction of the hair.

Embroider the Eyes

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The reference angel has two closed, curved eyes.

Use black or dark brown embroidery floss.

1. Draw two gently curved lines with a washable fabric marker.
2. Thread the needle with two strands of floss.
3. Begin at one end of the first eye.
4. Follow the marked curve using backstitch.
5. Repeat for the second eye.
6. Add tiny eyelashes near the outer corners.

Keep both eyes approximately symmetrical.

Make the Nose and Mouth

For the nose, use a small peach-colored felt circle or a few satin stitches.

The mouth should be a gentle smile.

Draw a small upward curve and embroider it with pink or dark peach thread.

Add Rosy Cheeks

Cut two small circles from pink felt, approximately 0.8–1 cm in diameter.

Place them below the eyes.

Attach each circle with tiny stitches or a small amount of fabric glue.

The cheeks should be soft and rounded, matching the sweet expression shown in the tutorial.

Finish the Head

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If you prefer a lightly padded head, cut a matching skin-tone backing, sew around the edges, and insert a thin layer of fiberfill before closing.

Avoid overstuffing because the angel's face should remain relatively flat.

Step 4: Assemble the Angel's Body, Sleeves, and Praying Hands

The angel wears a simple white robe with two flowing sleeves and hands joined in prayer.

Prepare the Body

Take the 9 × 7 cm white felt body.

Position it vertically, with the narrower portion at the top.

If you want a padded appearance, add a matching white backing and a very small amount of fiberfill.

Sew around the edges using a whip stitch.

Create the Sleeves

Cut two white sleeve pieces measuring approximately 4 × 5 cm each.

The sleeves should curve outward at the bottom, creating the appearance of loose robe cuffs.

Place one sleeve on each side of the angel's upper body.

Use white embroidery floss to attach the upper edges.

Leave the lower sleeve edges slightly overlapping the center of the robe.

Add decorative white running stitches near the cuffs.

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Prepare the Hands

Cut two skin-tone felt pieces measuring approximately 2.5 × 2.5 cm.

Arrange them vertically so that the fingers point upward.

Overlap the hands slightly at the center, forming a prayer position.

Use matching peach-colored thread to secure them.

For a more detailed finish, embroider two or three short lines to suggest fingers.

Attach the Head

Position the finished head at the top of the white body.

The chin should overlap the upper edge of the robe.

Secure it with small hidden stitches.

Check that the hands remain centered beneath the face.

The angel should now resemble the central figure shown in the reference image.

Step 5: Make and Attach the Angel's Wings and Halo

The wings give the angel its recognizable silhouette.

Prepare the Wings

Use the two white felt wing templates, each approximately 8 × 5.5 cm.

One wing should extend toward the left and the other toward the right.

If desired, cut matching backing pieces to add thickness.

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Add Decorative Stitching

Thread a needle with white embroidery floss.

Use a running stitch to follow the outer curves of the wings.

Maintain approximately 2–3 mm between stitches.

For a softer finish, add a few curved lines to suggest feather sections.

Do not overcrowd the wings with embroidery; the reference design uses a clean, simple appearance.

Attach the Wings

Turn the angel over.

Position the wings behind the upper body so their outer edges remain clearly visible.

Secure them using a whip stitch or small hidden stitches.

Make sure the wings are balanced before fastening them permanently.

Create the Halo

Cut the oval-shaped halo from gold-yellow felt using the 5 × 2 cm template.

The template shows a hollow oval.

Carefully remove the center opening with small embroidery scissors.

For extra firmness, cut a second matching halo and join the layers.

Add gold embroidery stitches along the outer edge.

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Position the halo above the angel's hair, slightly tilted as shown in the reference.

Attach it with a few hidden stitches to the hair or to the background during final assembly.

Step 6: Create Baby Jesus' Head and Facial Details

Baby Jesus is the second focal point of the Nativity scene.

The baby is shown sleeping peacefully, wrapped in a white blanket.

Prepare the Head

Cut the 4.5 × 4 cm head from skin-tone felt.

Place the brown hair piece across the top of the head.

The hair should have a short, gently curved fringe.

Secure it with matching brown thread.

Embroider the Sleeping Face

Using dark brown embroidery floss, create two small closed eyes.

Keep the lines shorter and simpler than the angel's eyes.

Add a tiny curved smile with pink or peach thread.

Use a few small stitches to create a subtle nose.

For rosy cheeks, attach tiny pink felt circles or embroider small pink areas.

Create the Baby's Halo

Cut the 4.5 × 4.5 cm halo from gold-yellow felt.

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Unlike the angel's hollow oval halo, the baby's halo is a rounded disc positioned behind the head.

Add decorative stitching along the edge.

Attach the halo behind the baby's head so the golden border remains visible.

The head and halo should form a neat layered component.

Step 7: Sew the Baby Jesus Swaddling Blanket

The baby is wrapped in white felt, with a rounded body and overlapping blanket sections.

Prepare the Main Wrap

Cut the main white felt wrap using the 7 × 4.5 cm template.

This forms the baby's swaddled body.

Position the baby's head near the upper-left portion of the wrap, matching the reclining pose in the chart.

Secure the head with hidden stitches.

Create the Blanket Layers

Take the second white wrap piece, also approximately 7 × 4.5 cm.

Place it diagonally across the baby's body.

The upper section should overlap near the shoulder, while the lower portion curves around the baby.

Use white embroidery floss to sew along the visible blanket edge.

Add Soft Dimension

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For a slightly rounded appearance, place a thin amount of fiberfill between the main wrap and a matching backing piece.

Sew around the edges using a whip stitch.

Do not add excessive stuffing, as the baby needs to sit comfortably on the manger.

Finish the Swaddling

Use a running stitch to secure the overlapping blanket layer.

Add one or two curved seam lines to suggest folds in the fabric.

Check that the baby's face remains fully visible.

The completed figure should appear peaceful and snug, as shown in the reference.

Step 8: Construct the Brown Felt Manger 🪵

The manger is the base supporting Baby Jesus and the golden straw.

The design uses brown felt pieces with decorative stitching and crossed legs.

Cut the Main Manger Pieces

Prepare the following:

- One manger face, approximately 12 × 5 cm
- One manger top, approximately 12 × 2.5 cm
- Two manger legs, approximately 7 × 2 cm each

Use medium or dark brown felt for the main structure.

Light brown felt can be added as a decorative layer.

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Assemble the Manger Face

Place the brown manger face on your work surface.

Add the upper manger section along the top edge.

Secure the pieces with brown running stitches.

For a wood-like appearance, sew several gently curved horizontal lines across the manger face.

These lines represent the wooden boards.

Make the Crossed Legs

Position the two narrow leg pieces beneath the manger face.

Cross them diagonally to form an X-shaped support.

Use the diagram as a guide for the angle.

Sew the overlapping section securely.

Attach the upper ends of the legs to the back of the manger face.

For additional strength, place a small felt reinforcement patch behind the intersection.

Add Decorative Stitching

Use light brown or tan embroidery floss.

Create visible running stitches around the edges of the manger and legs.

Keep the stitching evenly spaced.

This decorative detail helps the felt resemble handcrafted wooden furniture.

Reinforce the Structure

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If the manger needs extra stiffness, cut a cardboard insert slightly smaller than the manger face.

Sandwich it between two layers of brown felt.

Avoid exposing the cardboard at the edges.

This step is optional but helpful for a display that needs to hold its shape.

Step 9: Make the Golden Straw and Fill the Manger 🌾

The bright yellow straw adds warmth and contrast to the brown manger.

Cut the Straw Pieces

Use the 12 × 3.5 cm straw template.

Cut two straw layers from gold-yellow or mustard-yellow felt.

The reference shows long, narrow, pointed straw sections extending outward.

Cut the pointed sections carefully to maintain their shape.

Arrange the Straw

Place the first straw layer across the upper edge of the manger.

Angle the points toward the left and right.

Position the second layer over the first, slightly offset.

This creates a fuller, layered appearance.

Secure the Straw

Use matching yellow embroidery floss.

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Attach the straw layers near their central base with small running stitches.

Keep the pointed ends free so they retain a natural layered appearance.

Position Baby Jesus

Place the finished baby figure in the center of the straw.

The baby's head should sit slightly higher than the lower body.

Check that the golden halo remains visible.

Secure the baby to the straw and manger using several small hidden stitches.

For extra stability, sew through the baby's backing layer rather than the visible front.

The completed manger should now show Baby Jesus resting comfortably in the golden straw.

Step 10: Create the Layered Blue Cloud Background

The cloud background is essential to the overall design.

It creates a decorative frame behind the angel and manger.

Prepare the Large Background

Cut the main rounded background shape from blue felt using the 28 × 26 cm template.

The reference uses a combination of medium and dark blue.

For a layered appearance, create a dark blue front section and a slightly offset lighter blue backing section, following the outline in the chart.

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If you want a sturdy decoration, add a thin cardboard or firm felt reinforcement between the background layers.

Prepare the Clouds

Cut the cloud shapes using the following measurements:

- Large clouds: 12 × 8 cm
- Medium clouds: 10 × 6 cm
- Small clouds: 7 × 5 cm

Cut two of each size as indicated in the template chart.

The clouds should have rounded, scalloped edges.

Use sky blue, medium blue, and dark blue felt to create contrast.

Add Cloud Stitching

Use white or light blue embroidery floss.

Sew around the exposed edges of the cloud shapes with a whip stitch or running stitch.

The reference shows small, visible stitches that emphasize the cloud outlines.

Arrange the Layers

Place the large rounded background flat on your table.

Arrange the darker clouds toward the back.

Place medium-blue clouds over them.

Position the lighter sky-blue clouds toward the front.

Allow the clouds to overlap naturally, forming a soft frame around the figures.

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Secure the Cloud Layers

Pin the arrangement temporarily.

Sew the overlapping sections using matching embroidery floss.

Avoid stitching through the center areas where the angel and manger will be attached.

The finished cloud background should have a dimensional, layered appearance.

Step 11: Assemble the Complete Nativity Scene

Now that the individual components are finished, it is time to combine them into one decorative panel.

Position the Angel

Place the completed angel near the center of the blue background.

The wings should extend outward but remain within the background's overall silhouette.

The halo should sit near the upper portion of the panel.

Adjust the angel's position until the figure appears balanced.

Attach the Angel

Secure the angel using small hidden stitches.

Begin at the back of the body.

Add several stitches near the shoulders and lower robe.

Avoid pulling the stitches too tightly, which could distort the felt.

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Position the Manger

Place the finished manger in front of the angel, near the bottom of the cloud arrangement.

The manger should overlap the lower part of the angel's robe slightly, as shown in the reference.

Make sure Baby Jesus remains clearly visible.

Attach the Manger

Use brown embroidery floss to secure the manger's back to the blue background.

Add extra stitches behind the crossed legs.

If the manger is padded or reinforced, sew through its felt backing rather than the cardboard.

Check the Overall Composition

Before completing the final stitches, confirm that:

- **The angel is centered above the manger.**
- **Both wings are visible.**
- **The angel's halo is correctly positioned.**
- **Baby Jesus' face and halo are unobstructed.**
- **The straw extends naturally around the baby.**
- **The cloud layers frame the scene evenly.**
- **The manger's legs are aligned.**

The complete decoration should measure approximately 28 cm high and 26 cm wide, allowing for small differences caused by felt thickness and hand sewing.

Step 12: Add Final Embroidery and Decorative Details



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The finishing details give the Nativity scene its polished appearance.

Inspect the Angel

Check the hair, eyes, cheeks, mouth, sleeves, and praying hands.

Add any missing decorative stitches.

If necessary, reinforce the attachment points behind the wings.

Refine the Hair and Halo

Use yellow embroidery floss to add small curved stitches along the angel's hair.

Check that the gold halo maintains its oval shape.

If the halo bends forward, reinforce its attachment to the background.

Finish the Baby's Blanket

Inspect the white swaddling layers.

Add a few small running stitches to define the blanket folds.

Make sure no stuffing is visible.

Improve the Manger Details

Use light brown thread to emphasize the wood-like lines.

Check that the crossed legs are secure.

Adjust the straw points so they spread evenly around the baby.

Finish the Cloud Edges

Inspect all cloud outlines.

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Add missing stitches where needed.

Keep the embroidery consistent in size and spacing.

Trim and Clean the Project

Use small scissors to remove loose threads.

Gently brush away felt fibers or lint.

If fabric marker lines remain, remove them according to the marker manufacturer's instructions.

Avoid soaking the finished decoration, especially if it contains cardboard or glue.

Step 13: Display and Care for Your Finished Felt Nativity Scene

Your handmade Felt Nativity Scene is now ready to display.

The decoration can be used in several ways.

Shelf decoration: Place the finished scene on a small display stand or easel.

Christmas centerpiece: Position it among other handmade holiday decorations.

Wall hanging: Sew a small felt loop or ribbon to the back of the reinforced background.

Holiday gift: Wrap the decoration in tissue paper and place it in a sturdy gift box.

Classroom or church craft: Use the design as inspiration for a supervised sewing activity.

If the decoration will stand upright, attach a small folded cardboard easel to the back or use a separate display stand.

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For storage, place the finished piece in a dry box, away from direct sunlight and moisture.

Avoid crushing the angel's wings or the straw details.

Because the project includes small felt components, threads, and optional cardboard reinforcement, it is best treated as a decorative craft rather than a toy for young children.

Step 14: Final Project Measurements and Sewing Checklist



Finished Felt Nativity Scene

28 × 26 cm

Approximate finished dimensions, height × width

Hand-sewn felt appliqué with layered clouds, angel, baby, and manger.

Final sewing checklist

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0 of 8 complete

All felt pieces cut and organized

Angel's face, hair, and body completed

Wings and halo securely attached

Baby Jesus wrapped and embroidered

Manger and straw assembled

Blue cloud background stitched

Figures attached and centered

Loose threads trimmed and final details checked

Conclusion

The Felt Nativity Scene Step by Step Tutorial combines simple hand sewing, felt appliqué, and decorative embroidery to create a beautiful handmade Christmas project.

By following the process from cutting the templates to assembling the angel, Baby Jesus, manger, and layered clouds, you can reproduce the main elements shown in the reference chart.

The combination of blue felt clouds, white angel wings, golden hair, soft embroidered faces, and a brown manger filled with yellow straw creates a warm, charming decoration that celebrates the traditional Nativity story.

Take your time with the small details, use consistent stitches, and carefully position each component. The finished result will be a meaningful handmade decoration you can enjoy during the Christmas season for years to come.