

Felt Butterfly Tutorial

Step by Step with Pattern and Measurements (CM)



Final Size
Approximately
13 cm (width)
x 11 cm (height)

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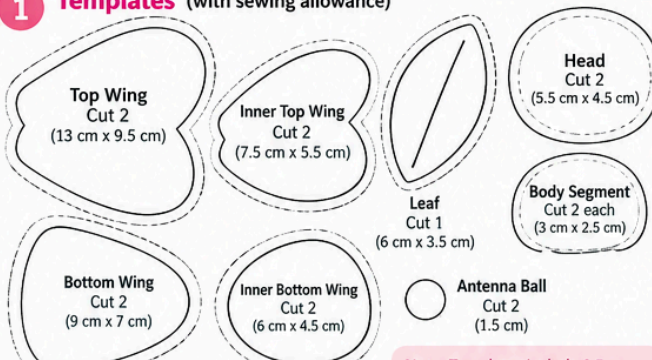
You can adjust
the size by
increasing or
decreasing
the templates
proportionally.

♥ Materials

- Felt fabric in different colors
 - Beige (face and body)
 - Pink (top wings)
 - Light pink (inner wings)
 - Purple (bottom wings)
 - Yellow (inner top wings)
 - Brown (body and antennae)
 - Green (leaf)
- Small pieces of pink (antenna balls)
- Polyester fiberfill (stuffing)
- Embroidery thread matching the felt colors
- Black embroidery thread (for face)
- Sewing needle
- Scissors
- Fabric glue (optional)
- Pins or clips



1 Templates (with sewing allowance)



--- Cut line --- Sewing allowance (0.5 cm around)

Note: Templates include 0.5 cm seam allowance for hand stitching.

2 Cut the Felt Pieces



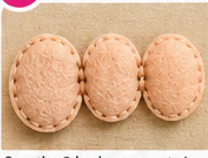
Cut all the pieces according to the templates. Use the colors indicated or your favorite combination.

3 Sew the Inner Wings



Place the inner wings on the top and bottom wings. Stitch around the edges using a running stitch.

4 Prepare the Body



Sew the 3 body segments in pairs, leaving a small opening. Stuff with fiberfill and close the opening.

5 Make the Head



Embroider the eyes and mouth with black thread. Add pink felt cheeks and sew. Stitch the two head pieces together, lightly stuffing before closing.

6 Make the Antennae



Twist two strands of brown thread or use a thin cord. Glue or sew a small pink felt ball at the top of each antenna.

7 Sew the Leaf



Fold the leaf in half (optional for a slight curve) and stitch around the edge. Embroider a vein in the center.

8 Assemble the Wings



Join the top and bottom wings using a few stitches in the center to keep them together.

9 Attach the Body



Position the head and body in the center of the wings and sew securely.

10 Add the Leaf



Place the leaf behind the head and sew it in place.

11 Final Details

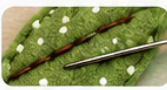


Check all stitches, adjust the shape, and your felt butterfly is ready!

♥ Main Sewing Methods (Stitches)



Running Stitch
Used to join pieces and decorate.



Back Stitch
Ideal for details like the leaf vein.



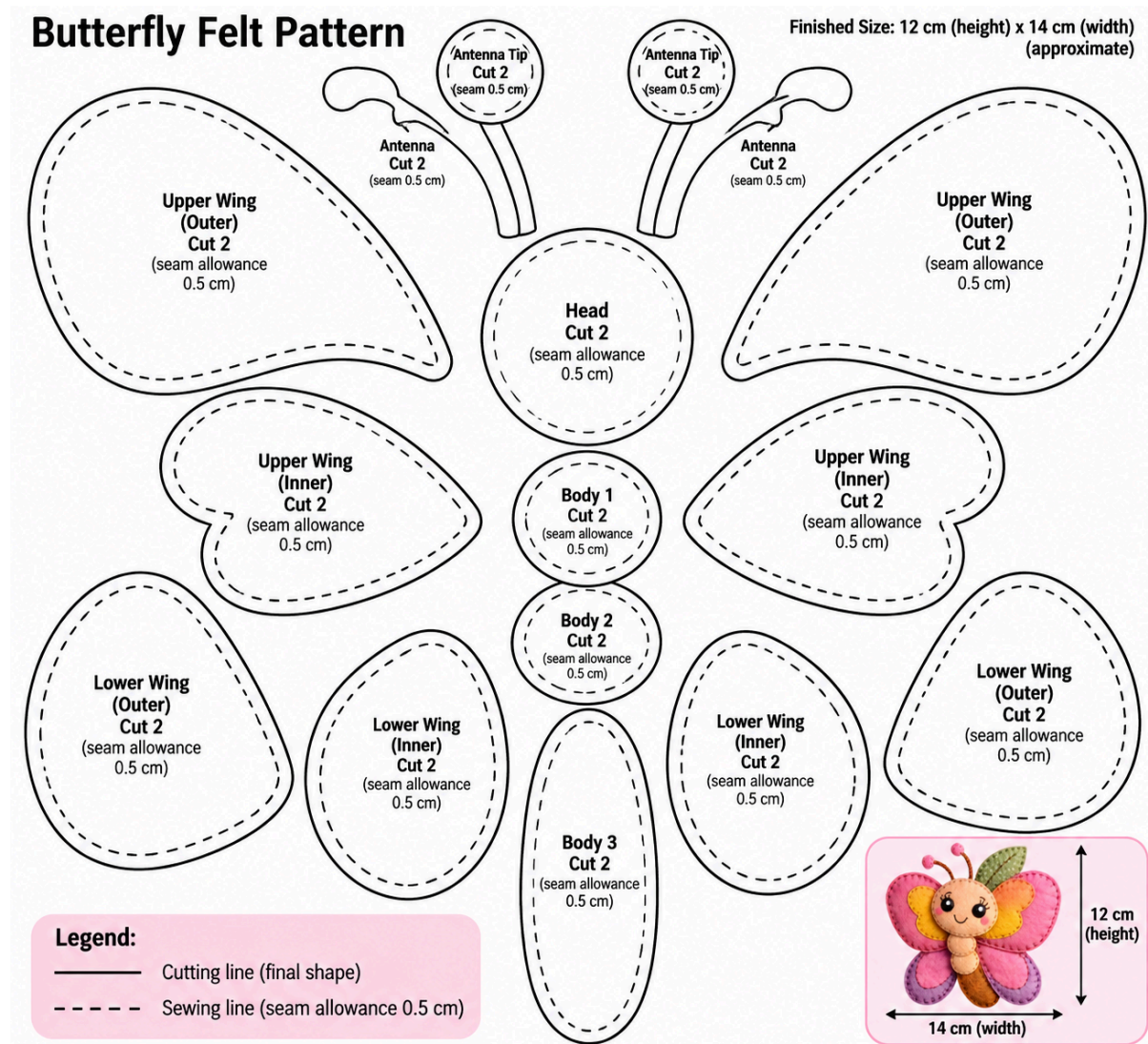
Whip Stitch
Used around the edges to close the pieces.



Embroidering the Face
Use back stitch and French knot if desired.

♥ Tips

- Use sharp scissors for clean cuts.
- Keep stitches even and not too tight.
- Stuff lightly to maintain a flat shape.
- You can make a keychain by adding a small loop.
- Try different colors and embellishments.
- This project is great for decorations, gifts or to sell.



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Creating a colorful felt butterfly is a delightful sewing project that combines simple hand-stitching techniques, soft felt fabric, and charming embroidered details. This Felt Butterfly Tutorial will guide you through every stage, from preparing the printable templates and cutting the felt pieces to sewing the wings, stuffing the body, and assembling the finished decoration.

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The butterfly featured in this tutorial has bright pink upper wings, purple lower wings, yellow and pink appliqué details, a soft beige face, brown antennae, and a decorative green leaf. Its cheerful expression and layered design make it an adorable addition to nursery decorations, handmade gifts, spring crafts, and seasonal displays.

This project is suitable for beginners who want to practice running stitch, backstitch, whip stitch, and basic embroidery. All measurements are provided in centimeters (CM), and the instructions follow commonly used American sewing terminology. By following the steps carefully, you can create a handmade butterfly approximately 13 cm wide and 11 cm tall.

Step 1: Gather Your Materials and Prepare the Butterfly Templates

Before starting your DIY felt butterfly, organize all the materials on a clean, well-lit work surface. Having your supplies ready makes the sewing process easier and helps maintain consistent stitching throughout the project.

Materials Needed

- Beige felt for the face and body segments.
- Bright pink felt for the upper wings.
- Light pink felt for the inner lower-wing decorations.
- Purple felt for the lower wings.
- Yellow felt for the inner upper-wing decorations.
- Brown felt or cord for the antennae and lower body.
- Green felt for the decorative leaf.
- Small pink felt pieces for the antenna tips and cheeks.
- Polyester fiberfill for light stuffing.
- Embroidery floss matching the felt colors.
- Black embroidery thread for facial details.
- Hand-sewing needle.

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- Sharp fabric scissors.
- Fabric glue (optional).
- Sewing pins or small fabric clips.
- Paper, pencil, and ruler for preparing the templates.

Finished Butterfly Measurements

The completed butterfly should measure approximately:

Measurement	Size
Overall width	13 cm
Overall height	11 cm
Upper wing template	13 × 9.5 cm
Lower wing template	9 × 7 cm
Head template	5.5 × 4.5 cm
Leaf template	6 × 3.5 cm

These dimensions follow the illustrated tutorial. You can enlarge or reduce the butterfly by scaling all the templates proportionally.

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Prepare the Pattern Pieces

Use the pattern shapes illustrated in the reference image. The measurements below are the approximate template dimensions shown in the chart.

Pattern piece	Quantity	Dimensions
Top Wing	2	13 × 9.5 cm
Inner Top Wing	2	7.5 × 5.5 cm
Bottom Wing	2	9 × 7 cm
Inner Bottom Wing	2	6 × 4.5 cm
Head	2	5.5 × 4.5 cm
Body Segment	2 of each segment shape	3 × 2.5 cm
Leaf	1	6 × 3.5 cm

Antenna Ball 2

**1.5 cm
diameter**

Important: The illustrated templates include a 0.5 cm seam allowance for hand stitching. Keep the same allowance when transferring the pattern to your felt. The individual wing template dimensions are not the final assembled butterfly dimensions because the pieces overlap during assembly.

For the body, the reference design shows three small beige padded segments and one longer brown lower-body piece. Prepare the shapes according to the illustrated pattern, maintaining their proportions.

Step 2: Cut All the Felt Pieces Carefully

Once your templates are ready, place them on the appropriate felt colors. Smooth the fabric with your hands to remove wrinkles before cutting.

Use small sewing pins or fabric clips to secure each paper template. If you prefer not to use pins, trace around the shapes using a washable fabric marker or tailor's chalk.

Cut two large upper wings from bright pink felt. These pieces should have rounded outer edges and a gentle inward curve near the center, creating the butterfly's characteristic upper-wing shape.

Next, cut two lower wings from purple felt. The lower wings are slightly smaller and more rounded than the upper wings. They will sit beneath the upper pair when the butterfly is assembled.

Cut two yellow inner upper-wing decorations and two light pink inner lower-wing decorations. These appliqué pieces

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should be smaller than the main wings so that a visible colored border remains around each decorative layer.

Prepare two beige head pieces, the beige body segments, and the longer brown lower-body piece. Cut one green leaf and two small pink circles for the antenna tips. Also prepare two short lengths of brown cord or twisted embroidery floss for the antenna stems.

Arrange all the cut pieces on your work surface in the same order as the finished butterfly. This allows you to check the colors, proportions, and symmetry before sewing.

Helpful tip: Fold matching pieces together temporarily to compare their outlines. Small differences can be trimmed before assembly, giving your butterfly a more balanced appearance.

Step 3: Sew the Inner Wing Decorations

The butterfly's layered wings are one of its most attractive features. This step uses felt appliqué, a technique in which smaller fabric shapes are sewn onto larger background pieces.

Place one yellow inner-wing decoration onto a bright pink upper wing. Position it near the center while leaving a visible pink border around the outside.

Thread your needle with yellow embroidery floss. Make a small knot at the end and bring the needle up from the back of the felt, close to the edge of the yellow appliqué.

Use a running stitch to secure the decoration. Insert the needle down through both layers, move a short distance along the edge, and bring it back up. Continue around the entire shape, keeping the stitches approximately 0.3–0.4 cm long.

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Repeat this process with the second yellow decoration and the opposite upper wing. Keep the decorations mirrored so that they face inward toward the butterfly's body.

For the lower wings, position the light pink appliqué pieces over the purple felt. Sew around each appliqué using matching pink embroidery thread.

When finished, you should have four decorated wing pieces: two bright pink upper wings with yellow details and two purple lower wings with light pink details.

Sewing tip: Avoid pulling the embroidery floss too tightly. Felt can wrinkle when the thread is under excessive tension.

Step 4: Prepare and Sew the Butterfly Body

The butterfly's body consists of several small padded felt shapes that create a soft, dimensional appearance.

Begin by matching each beige body segment with its corresponding piece. Place the two layers together with their edges aligned.

Thread your needle with beige embroidery floss. Use a whip stitch around the outer edge. To make this stitch, pass the needle through both felt layers near the edge, bring the thread around the outside, and repeat at regular intervals.

Leave a small opening before completing the stitching. Insert a little polyester fiberfill into the segment, using the blunt end of a pencil or a stuffing tool to distribute it evenly.

The stuffing should make the segment slightly rounded without stretching the felt. Close the opening with additional whip stitches and secure the thread on the back.

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Repeat the same process for the remaining beige segments. Prepare the longer brown lower-body piece using the same general technique, creating a gently padded elongated shape.

Arrange the body pieces vertically, placing the smaller beige segments above the longer brown section. The head will eventually cover the top connection, while the smaller sections create a segmented appearance.

Important: Keep the stuffing light. The original design has a soft, relatively flat body rather than a heavily stuffed plush shape.

Step 5: Make the Butterfly's Embroidered Face 😊

The butterfly's smiling face gives the project its friendly personality. Take your time with this step because the facial details are the focal point of the finished decoration.

Place one beige head piece on a flat surface. Lightly mark the positions of the eyes, mouth, eyelashes, and cheeks using a removable fabric marker.

Thread your needle with black embroidery floss. Begin with the eyes, creating two rounded black shapes positioned symmetrically on the face.

You can fill the eyes using closely spaced satin stitches or attach small black felt circles. If using embroidery, work carefully to keep the shapes smooth and evenly filled.

Add a small white stitch or tiny white felt highlight to each eye. These highlights create the shiny, expressive appearance shown in the reference design.

Use backstitch to embroider a small curved smile beneath the eyes. To make a backstitch, bring the needle up a short

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distance ahead of the previous stitch and insert it back into the end of that stitch. Continue along the marked curve.

Add short black eyelashes above the eyes and attach two small pink felt cheeks with tiny stitches or a small amount of fabric glue.

Once the face is complete, place the second beige head piece behind the embroidered front. Stitch around the edge using beige thread, leaving a small opening.

Add a light amount of polyester fiberfill, then close the opening securely. The completed head should be softly rounded, approximately 5.5 × 4.5 cm based on the original template.

Step 6: Make the Brown Antennae with Pink Felt Tips

The butterfly has two gently curved brown antennae with small pink balls at their ends. These details add height and playful character to the design.

Cut two equal lengths of brown embroidery floss or thin cord. The exact length is not specified in the reference, so choose lengths that look proportional to the head, allowing extra material for attaching them.

If using embroidery floss, combine several strands and twist them together until they form a firmer cord. Secure the ends temporarily to prevent the strands from unraveling.

Prepare the two small pink antenna balls using the 1.5 cm circular templates. For a rounded appearance, gather a small circle of felt around a tiny amount of stuffing and secure it with thread.

Alternatively, use ready-made small pink felt balls of a similar size.

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Attach one pink ball to the top of each brown antenna. Use several small stitches to make the connection secure. A small amount of fabric glue may help hold the pieces in position while sewing.

Shape the antennae into gentle outward curves. The tips should point slightly away from each other, as shown in the finished butterfly.

Position the lower ends behind the head and secure them with stitches. For a cleaner finish, you can place the antenna ends between the two head layers before closing the head.

Safety note: If the butterfly will be used around babies or young children, avoid detachable beads, loose antenna tips, and other small components that could become choking hazards.

Step 7: Sew the Decorative Green Felt Leaf

The green leaf adds a charming botanical detail to the butterfly. In the reference image, it sits behind the head and extends upward toward one side.

Take the green felt leaf measuring approximately 6 × 3.5 cm. If your felt has a printed pattern, choose the side you want visible on the finished project.

Fold the leaf gently along its length to create a slight central curve. This step is optional, but it can give the leaf a more natural appearance.

Thread your needle with green embroidery floss and sew around the outer edge using a running stitch or small whip stitches. Keep the stitches evenly spaced.

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To create the central vein, use brown embroidery thread and a backstitch. Begin near the base of the leaf and sew a gently curved line toward the pointed tip.

If desired, add smaller diagonal veins branching outward from the central line. These details are optional; the illustrated design emphasizes one main central vein.

For a fuller leaf, cut a second matching piece and sew the two layers together. However, the original template specifies one leaf, so a single layer is sufficient.

Set the finished leaf aside until the final assembly stage.

Step 8: Assemble the Upper and Lower Butterfly Wings

Now that the decorative pieces are complete, begin joining the butterfly's four wings.

Place the two upper wings side by side, with the yellow decorations facing upward. Their narrower inner edges should meet near the center.

Arrange the two lower purple wings beneath them, allowing the upper wings to overlap the lower pair slightly.

Check the overall shape against the reference image. The upper wings should extend outward and upward, while the lower wings should curve downward.

Use a few small stitches at the center to connect the four wings. Sew through the overlapping felt layers several times to strengthen the attachment.

The central connection does not need to look decorative because the butterfly's body will cover it later.

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Make sure the wings lie flat and appear balanced. Adjust their angles before tightening the final stitches.

Helpful tip: If you want a slightly firmer decoration, add an extra backing layer of felt behind the assembled wings. This is optional and is not required for the original project.

Step 9: Attach the Head and Body to the Wings

This step brings the butterfly's main elements together.

Place the assembled wings on your work surface with the decorated side facing upward. Locate the central area where all four wings meet.

Position the longer brown body piece vertically over the center of the wings. Its lower end should extend downward between the two purple wings.

Use brown embroidery thread to attach the body securely. Make small stitches along the sides, working through the body and the underlying wing layers.

Next, arrange the beige padded body segments above the brown piece. Overlap them slightly to create the layered body appearance shown in the reference.

Attach each segment with small, discreet stitches. Keep the body aligned vertically so that the butterfly looks symmetrical.

Place the completed head above the body segments. The head should overlap the top segment and partially cover the center of the upper wings.

Check that the antennae are visible above the head. Sew the head into place with several secure stitches around its lower and side edges.

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Turn the butterfly over and inspect the back. Add reinforcement stitches wherever the head, body, or wings feel loose.

The butterfly should now have its recognizable shape, complete with colorful wings, a smiling face, and padded body sections.

Step 10: Attach the Decorative Leaf Behind the Head

The final decorative assembly step is adding the green leaf.

Position the leaf behind the butterfly's head, slightly toward the upper-right side when viewed from the front, matching the illustrated design.

Allow the pointed end of the leaf to extend above the upper wing. The base should remain partially hidden behind the head.

Adjust the angle until the leaf looks balanced with the antennae and the surrounding wings.

Thread your needle with green or brown embroidery floss and secure the base of the leaf to the back of the head or the upper-wing connection.

Use several small stitches to hold it firmly. Avoid sewing across the visible decorative vein.

Check the butterfly from the front to make sure the leaf sits naturally and does not cover the face or antennae.

If necessary, add one small stitch behind the leaf to help maintain its position.

Step 11: Final Stitching, Shaping, and Finishing Details



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Your handmade butterfly is almost complete. The last step is checking the stitching, adjusting the shape, and adding any final decorative touches.

Examine the outer edges of the wings. Make sure the running stitches are evenly spaced and that the decorative appliqué pieces are securely attached.

Inspect the padded head and body segments. If any areas look uneven, gently adjust the stuffing with your fingers to improve the shape.

Check the antennae and make sure the pink felt tips are securely attached. Adjust the brown stems so that they curve outward naturally.

Look at the butterfly from the front and compare both sides. The wings do not need to be perfectly identical, but they should appear visually balanced.

Trim any loose embroidery threads using sharp scissors. Avoid cutting too close to knots or finished stitches.

If you plan to hang the butterfly, you can attach a small loop of embroidery floss or ribbon to the back of the upper-wing center. Sew it securely so that the butterfly hangs evenly.

Your Felt Butterfly Tutorial project is now complete! The finished decoration should measure approximately 13 cm wide and 11 cm tall, depending on the thickness of the felt, stuffing, and final assembly.

Main Sewing Methods Used in This Felt Butterfly Pattern

Understanding the basic stitches will help you achieve a neat, professional-looking result.

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1. Running Stitch

A simple stitch that moves the needle in and out of the fabric at regular intervals. Use it to attach the inner-wing appliqués and create decorative outlines.

[Leaf Embroidery - New Zealand Collection - Digital PDF Sewing Pattern + Video Class - Etsy](#)

2. Backstitch

A continuous line of stitches ideal for the leaf vein, smiling mouth, and other fine embroidered details.

[Sewing the Whip Stitch : 3 Steps - Instructables](#)

3. Whip Stitch

A stitch that wraps around the edge of two felt layers. Use it to close the head and body pieces after adding stuffing.

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4. Facial Embroidery

Use black embroidery floss to create the eyes, eyelashes, and mouth. Small satin stitches, backstitches, and optional French knots can add expression.

Helpful Tips for a Beautiful Handmade Felt Butterfly

- **Use sharp scissors:** Clean edges make the butterfly look more polished.
- **Keep stitches consistent:** Even spacing creates attractive decorative outlines.
- **Avoid overstuffing:** Light stuffing maintains the soft, relatively flat appearance of the original design.

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- **Choose coordinated colors:** Pink, purple, yellow, beige, brown, and green create the cheerful combination shown in the tutorial.
- **Use small amounts of glue:** If needed, fabric glue can temporarily hold appliqué pieces before sewing.
- **Secure all knots:** Hide thread ends between felt layers whenever possible.
- **Personalize your butterfly:** Experiment with pastel shades, floral prints, contrasting embroidery floss, or a small hanging loop.

Creative Ways to Use Your Finished Felt Butterfly

A handmade felt butterfly can become much more than a simple sewing exercise. Because the design is lightweight and colorful, it works beautifully in different decorative projects.

For a spring-themed wall hanging, sew a small ribbon loop to the back and display the butterfly alongside felt flowers, leaves, and other nature-inspired decorations.

You can also attach the butterfly to a fabric wreath or use it as a decorative accent on a handmade gift package. Its padded body and embroidered face add texture and personality.

For nursery or children's room décor, display it securely out of reach of young children. The soft colors and friendly expression create a cheerful decorative accent.

If you enjoy creating coordinated handmade decorations, try making several butterflies in different color combinations. Pink and yellow, lavender and mint, or blue and peach can all work beautifully.

The same construction method can also be adapted to create felt butterfly ornaments for seasonal craft fairs, handmade gift collections, and decorative garlands.

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Frequently Asked Questions About the Felt Butterfly Pattern

Is this felt butterfly suitable for beginners?

Yes. The project uses basic hand-sewing techniques, including running stitch, whip stitch, and backstitch. Beginners can complete it by following each stage carefully.

What type of felt is best for this project?

Craft felt or wool-blend felt works well. A thickness of approximately 1–2 mm is generally suitable for the wings and decorative details.

Do I need a sewing machine?

No. The butterfly shown in the reference tutorial is assembled using hand stitching. A needle and embroidery floss are sufficient.

How much polyester fiberfill should I use?

Only a small amount is needed. The head and body segments should be softly padded without becoming excessively round or bulky.

Can I change the butterfly's size?

Yes. Enlarge or reduce all the templates proportionally. Remember to adjust the seam allowance and stuffing amount to suit the new size.

Can I use fabric glue instead of sewing?

Fabric glue can help attach small decorations, but hand stitching is recommended for the main construction because it creates stronger connections and the decorative finish shown in the reference.

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How can I clean the finished butterfly?

Gently remove dust with a soft brush or dry cloth. For small stains, spot-clean carefully with a slightly damp cloth and allow the butterfly to air-dry completely. Avoid soaking or machine washing, especially if glue or delicate embroidery has been used.

Can I make this butterfly as a gift?

Absolutely. The finished butterfly makes a charming handmade decoration, particularly when personalized with favorite colors or embroidered initials.

Conclusion

This Felt Butterfly Tutorial – Step by Step with Pattern and Measurements (CM) demonstrates how simple felt shapes can become a colorful, detailed handmade decoration. By carefully cutting the templates, sewing the appliqué wings, preparing the padded body, embroidering the face, and attaching the antennae and leaf, you can recreate the cheerful butterfly featured in the reference image.

The project is also an excellent opportunity to practice essential hand-sewing skills while exploring creative color combinations and decorative stitching. Whether you make one butterfly for your home or several as thoughtful handmade gifts, each finished piece will have its own unique personality.

With patience, careful stitching, and a little creativity, your beautiful DIY felt butterfly is ready to brighten any craft collection! 🦋💕