



Felt Star Ornaments

Step by Step Tutorial

Beautiful handmade stars to decorate your Christmas tree, make gifts or use as ornaments!

Materials



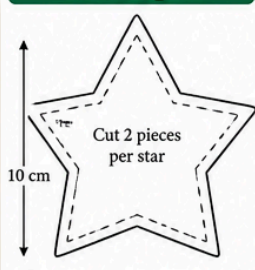
- Felt fabric (various colors)
- Embroidery floss or thread (white, gold, silver, etc.)
- Small beads or rhinestones
- Fiberfill stuffing
- Scissors
- Hand sewing needle
- Pins or clips
- Jute twine or ribbon (for hanging)

Finished Size



Each star measures 10 cm x 10 cm (approx.)

Star Template



Add 0.5 cm seam allowance (included in the template)

Step by Step Instructions

1



Print the template and cut 2 pieces of felt for each star. The template already includes 0.5 cm seam allowance.

2



Place the two pieces of felt together. Pin around the edges to keep them aligned.

3



Use a fabric marker or chalk to draw the embroidery design on the front piece.

4



Embroider the design using basic stitches. Add beads or rhinestones if desired.

5



Finish the embroidery on the front piece.

6



Place the pieces together again (right sides out). Pin and sew around the edge using a blanket stitch or backstitch, leaving a small opening for stuffing (about 2 cm).

7



Stuff the star with fiberfill through the opening. Add enough to make it firm, but not overstuffed.

8



Close the opening with small hand stitches.

9



Attach a loop of jute twine or ribbon to the top point before finishing, or sew it after the star is closed.

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Your felt star ornament is ready! Make more stars in different colors and designs.

Embroidery Design Ideas



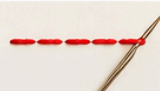


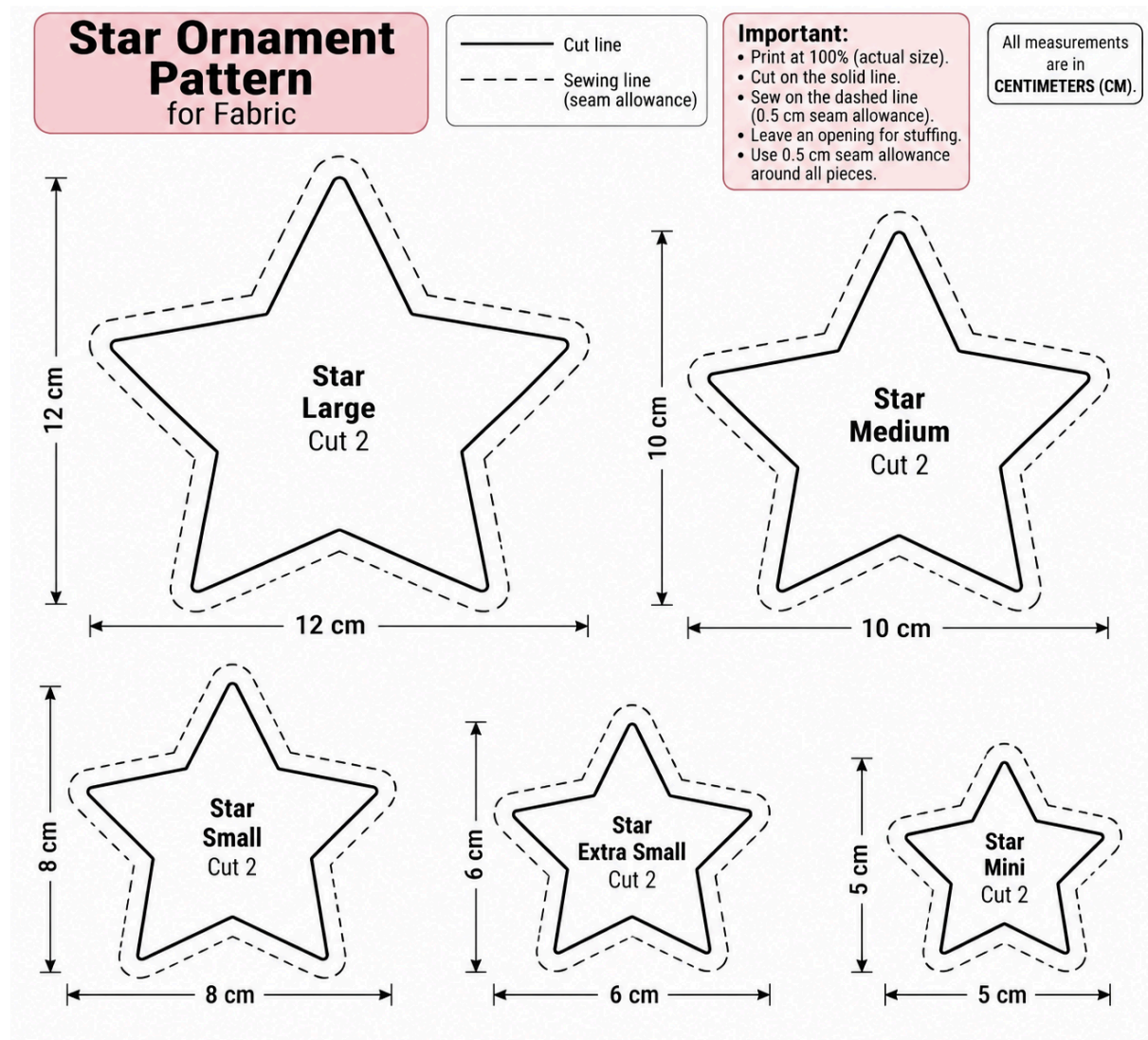

White branches with beads
Gold embroidery
Silver branches
Simple white design

More Color Variations



Legend of Main Sewing and Embroidery Stitches (US terms)

Running Stitch	Backstitch	Blanket Stitch	Lazy Daisy Stitch	French Knot	Bead Attachment
					
Used for marking or simple details.	Stronger stitch, ideal for outlining.	Used to join the pieces and create a decorative edge.	Used for leaf or petal details.	Used for small berries or decorative dots.	Sew the bead in place with a small stitch through the hole.



Felt Star Ornaments – Complete Step-by-Step Sewing and Embroidery Tutorial 🌟🎄

Create beautiful handmade Christmas decorations with this Felt Star Ornaments Tutorial, a beginner-friendly sewing project featuring colorful felt, delicate snowflake embroidery, decorative beads, and rustic hanging loops. These charming stars are perfect for decorating Christmas trees, making holiday garlands, personalizing gifts, or creating thoughtful handmade presents for friends and family.

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This tutorial follows the design shown in the reference image, including the 10 cm × 10 cm star shape, the 0.5 cm seam allowance, the embroidered snowflake pattern, and the soft fiberfill stuffing. Every step is explained using familiar American sewing and embroidery terminology, with all measurements provided in centimeters.

You can make traditional red Christmas stars, elegant green stars with gold embroidery, winter-white ornaments with silver details, or gray stars with delicate white snowflakes. Best of all, the project requires only basic hand-sewing skills and a few inexpensive materials.

Step 1: Gather Your Materials and Prepare Your Workspace

Before beginning your felt Christmas ornaments, organize your supplies on a clean, well-lit work surface. Having everything nearby makes the embroidery and sewing process much easier.

Materials Needed

- Felt fabric: Red, forest green, cream white, and gray, or any colors you prefer.
- Embroidery floss: White, gold, silver, green, or coordinating colors.
- Decorative beads or rhinestones: Small pearls, metallic beads, or sparkling embellishments.
- Fiberfill stuffing: Polyester stuffing for creating soft, three-dimensional ornaments.
- Sharp fabric scissors: For cutting the felt accurately.
- Embroidery needle: For creating the decorative snowflake design.
- Hand-sewing needle: For joining the felt pieces.
- Straight pins or sewing clips: To hold the layers together.

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- Jute twine or ribbon: For making hanging loops.
- Fabric marker or tailor's chalk: For transferring the embroidery design.
- Paper and pencil: For preparing the star template.
- Ruler: For checking the measurements.

Finished Ornament Measurements

FINISHED WIDTH

10 cm

FINISHED HEIGHT

10 cm

SEAM ALLOWANCE

0.5 cm

FELT PIECES

2 per ornament

The reference design shows a finished ornament approximately 10 cm wide and 10 cm tall. The template already includes the 0.5 cm seam allowance, so you should not add another allowance when cutting.

For the best results, choose medium-weight craft felt that holds its shape without being too stiff. Wool-blend felt is an excellent option because it has a smooth texture, clean edges, and a beautiful handmade appearance.

Step 2: Prepare the Star Template and Cut the Felt 

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The first construction step is preparing a symmetrical five-pointed star template.

1. **Print or draw the template.** Use the five-pointed star pattern shown in the reference graphic. Check that the full template measures approximately 10 cm across and 10 cm from top to bottom.
2. **Check the seam allowance.** The illustrated template includes a 0.5 cm seam allowance. Its dashed inner line indicates the approximate sewing line, while the outer line represents the cutting edge.
3. **Place the template on the felt.** Lay the paper star on a flat piece of felt and secure it with a few straight pins. Avoid stretching the material while positioning the template.
4. **Trace the star.** Use tailor's chalk or a removable fabric marker to outline the template. Make sure all five points and the spaces between them are clearly marked.
5. **Cut the first felt piece.** Carefully follow the outer cutting line with sharp scissors. Use small, controlled cuts around the corners to preserve the shape.
6. **Cut the second felt piece.** Repeat the process using the same template and felt color. Each ornament requires two matching stars, one for the decorated front and one for the back.

Once both pieces are cut, place them together to verify that their edges align correctly. Trim any small irregularities before proceeding.

Helpful tip: Cut several pairs of felt stars at once if you plan to make a collection of Christmas ornaments. This saves time and helps maintain consistent sizes.

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Step 3: Position the Felt Pieces and Plan the Embroidery Design

The next stage is preparing the star for its decorative snowflake embroidery.

Place the two felt stars together, aligning all five points. Temporarily secure them with sewing pins to check their shape, just as shown in the second panel of the reference tutorial.

After checking the alignment, separate the layers again. The embroidery should be completed on the front felt piece before the ornament is permanently assembled. This keeps the reverse side of the embroidery hidden inside the finished star.

Place the front piece flat on your work surface, with the side you want to decorate facing upward.

Using a removable fabric marker or tailor's chalk, mark the center of the star. This point will serve as the starting position for the snowflake design.

Draw a delicate branching snowflake extending outward from the center. The reference design uses a symmetrical arrangement of long, straight embroidered branches, smaller diagonal branches, and tiny decorative details.

The main embroidered lines should extend toward the star's points while remaining inside the seam line. Leave enough space around the outer edge for sewing.

For a traditional Christmas appearance, use white embroidery floss on red felt. For other variations, try gold floss on green felt, silver floss on cream felt, or white floss on gray felt.

Step 4: Embroider the Snowflake on the Front Star ❄️

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This is the most decorative part of the project. The reference ornament features a delicate snowflake embroidered with straight lines, branching stitches, and small beads.

Preparing the Embroidery Floss

Cut a manageable length of embroidery floss, approximately 35–45 cm long.

Standard embroidery floss usually contains six strands. Separate two or three strands for a delicate design, or use more strands if you prefer a thicker, more prominent snowflake.

Thread the embroidery needle and secure the floss on the reverse side of the felt with a small knot or anchoring stitches.

Stitching the Main Snowflake Branches

Begin at the center of the marked snowflake.

Use backstitch to embroider the main lines extending toward the star's points.

To make a backstitch:

1. Bring the needle up through the felt at the beginning of the marked line.
2. Insert the needle a short distance forward along the line.
3. Bring the needle up again one stitch length farther ahead.
4. Insert it backward into the end of the previous stitch.
5. Continue until the entire marked line is embroidered.

Keep the stitches approximately 0.3–0.5 cm long, adjusting their length for curves and fine details.

Backstitch creates a continuous, defined line that works beautifully for the main snowflake branches.

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Adding Smaller Branches

Once the main lines are complete, embroider smaller diagonal branches extending from them.

Use short straight stitches or backstitches to form the delicate snowflake structure.

Try to keep the branching pattern balanced, with similar details repeated around the central point.

For the red star shown in the reference image, the white embroidered branches create a striking contrast against the deep red felt.

Adding Decorative Details

Use lazy daisy stitches to create small leaf-shaped loops along selected branches if desired.

You can also add tiny French knots to represent snowflakes, winter berries, or decorative dots.

To make a French knot, bring the needle up through the felt, wrap the thread around the needle once or twice, and insert the needle back into the fabric close to the starting point while maintaining gentle tension.

Finish by securing the thread on the reverse side of the felt.

Step 5: Add Decorative Beads and Rhinestones ✨

The reference design includes small beads and sparkling embellishments positioned around the embroidered snowflake.

These details give the ornament a more elegant and festive appearance.

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Choose small pearl beads, metallic beads, or rhinestones that complement the felt and embroidery colors.

Position a slightly larger decorative bead at the center of the snowflake. Arrange smaller beads along selected branches or near the outer tips of the embroidered design.

Thread a fine hand-sewing needle with strong thread that matches the embroidery.

Bring the needle through the felt from the reverse side, pass it through the bead, and stitch back through the felt.

Repeat the stitch when necessary to ensure the bead is securely attached.

Continue adding beads until the snowflake has the desired amount of sparkle.

Avoid overcrowding the design. A few carefully positioned embellishments are usually more attractive than too many decorations.

Important: If the ornaments will be used around young children or pets, omit small detachable beads and rhinestones, which can present a choking hazard. Embroidered French knots provide a safer decorative alternative.

Step 6: Assemble the Two Felt Star Pieces

Once the embroidery and embellishments are finished, you can begin assembling the ornament.

Place the embroidered front star on your work surface with the decorative side facing outward.

Position the second felt star directly underneath it, aligning all five points and edges.

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Unlike a traditional fabric project that is sewn right sides together and turned inside out, this ornament uses exposed felt edges.

Both finished sides should face outward because the ornament will be sewn around its perimeter without turning.

Secure the two layers with straight pins or sewing clips.

Using a removable fabric marker, lightly mark a stitching line approximately 0.5 cm inside the outer edge if you need a guide.

Thread a hand-sewing needle with embroidery floss or strong sewing thread.

Choose a thread color that blends with the felt for a subtle finish, or use contrasting thread to create a decorative border.

Begin stitching along one side of the star using either a blanket stitch or a backstitch, as shown in the reference tutorial.

Leave an opening of approximately 2 cm along one of the lower sides for inserting the stuffing.

Step 7: Sew the Star Edges Using Blanket Stitch or Backstitch

The reference tutorial recommends two methods for joining the felt pieces: blanket stitch and backstitch.

Both methods are suitable for this project, although they create slightly different finishes.

Option 1: Blanket Stitch

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Blanket stitch is especially popular for handmade felt ornaments because it joins the fabric layers while creating a neat decorative edge.

To sew a blanket stitch:

- 1. Insert the needle through both felt layers near the edge.**
- 2. Bring the thread around the outer edge.**
- 3. Pass the needle through the thread loop before tightening.**
- 4. Pull gently to form a small stitch along the edge.**
- 5. Repeat with even spacing around the star.**

Keep your stitches approximately 0.3–0.5 cm apart.

Work slowly around the five pointed tips. Make small adjustments to the stitch spacing so the points remain clearly defined.

Option 2: Backstitch

Backstitch creates a continuous line of stitching approximately 0.5 cm inside the outer edge.

Insert the needle through both felt layers and sew along the marked seam line.

Keep the stitches short and even, especially when approaching the narrow corners between the star points.

Because felt does not fray easily, the raw edges can remain exposed outside the stitching line.

Leaving the Stuffing Opening

Continue sewing around most of the star, but stop before the final 2 cm opening.

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Secure the thread temporarily or leave it attached so you can close the opening after adding the fiberfill.

Do not pull the stitches too tightly, as this can distort the star's shape.

Step 8: Stuff the Felt Star with Fiberfill

The next step transforms the flat felt shape into a soft, dimensional Christmas ornament.

Take a small amount of polyester fiberfill stuffing and gently separate it with your fingers to remove compact clumps.

Insert a little stuffing through the 2 cm opening.

Use your fingertips or the blunt end of a suitable stuffing tool to guide the fiberfill toward the five star points.

Begin filling the narrow points first, then gradually distribute the stuffing toward the center.

Add small amounts at a time to maintain control over the shape.

The finished star should feel soft but firm enough to hold its five-pointed outline.

Avoid overstuffing. Too much fiberfill can stretch the stitching, create an overly rounded appearance, and make the ornament look uneven.

Before closing the opening, inspect the star from both sides and gently massage the stuffing into any areas that appear flat.

Helpful tip: If the star points are difficult to fill, use a blunt wooden chopstick to guide small pieces of stuffing into the corners without puncturing the felt.

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Step 9: Close the Stuffing Opening with Small Hand Stitches

After the star is evenly stuffed, carefully align the edges of the remaining opening.

Thread your needle if necessary, using the same thread color used for the perimeter stitching.

If you used blanket stitch around the star, continue the same stitch pattern across the opening to maintain a consistent decorative edge.

If you used backstitch, continue the line of stitching approximately 0.5 cm inside the felt edge.

Make small, even stitches to close the opening securely.

Gently press the felt edges together while sewing, making sure no fiberfill becomes trapped between the layers.

When you reach the end of the opening, secure the thread with two small anchoring stitches.

Pass the needle through the body of the ornament and bring it out a short distance away. Trim the thread close to the felt so the end disappears inside the ornament.

The star should now be completely closed, with a smooth embroidered front and a neatly finished back.

Step 10: Attach the Jute Twine or Ribbon Hanging Loop



The reference ornament features a rustic jute twine loop attached to the top point of the star.

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This simple detail makes the ornament easy to hang on a Christmas tree, wreath, decorative hook, or holiday garland.

Cut a piece of jute twine or ribbon approximately 15–20 cm long.

Fold it in half to form a loop.

Bring the two loose ends together and position them at the upper point of the star.

For the strongest attachment, the loop ends can be inserted between the felt layers and stitched securely in place before the perimeter seam is completely closed.

If the star is already finished, as shown in the final assembly sequence, attach the folded loop to the upper point with several small, strong hand stitches.

Make sure the stitching passes securely through the felt and captures the twine or ribbon.

Tie off the thread and hide the loose end inside the ornament.

Gently lift the ornament by its loop to check that the attachment is secure.

Your handmade felt Christmas star ornament is now complete!

Step 11: Explore Different Embroidery Designs and Color Variations

One of the most enjoyable features of this project is the opportunity to create a collection of stars with different colors and embroidery styles.

The reference tutorial presents four beautiful variations.

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[Hand embroidered felt star snowflake ornaments — The Ornament Boutique](#)

Red Felt with White Snowflake Embroidery

Use deep red felt, white embroidery floss, and small pearl beads. This is the classic Christmas version featured throughout the step-by-step tutorial.

[Christmas Star Ornament Embroidered on Dark Green Felt with White Thread. Elegant Holiday Decor/Gift Tag with Intricate, Iced Cookie Design. - Etsy España](#)

Green Felt with Gold Embroidery

Combine forest green felt with gold-colored embroidery floss and a decorative blue or gold bead at the center. The result is an elegant traditional Christmas ornament.

[Felt Christmas Ornaments — Shop — The Ornament Boutique](#)

Cream Felt with Silver Branches

Choose ivory or cream felt and add delicate silver or gray embroidered branches. Small turquoise or silver beads create a beautiful winter-inspired design.

[Embroidered felt snowflake ornament winter blues — The Ornament Boutique](#)

Gray Felt with White Embroidery

Use medium-gray felt and simple white snowflake embroidery. Add a few small metallic beads for a subtle Scandinavian-style holiday decoration.

You can also personalize the stars with initials, dates, tiny embroidered hearts, or different snowflake patterns.

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Keep the same 10 cm × 10 cm star template for every variation to create a coordinated collection.

Step 12: Understand the Main Sewing and Embroidery Stitches (US Terms)

The reference graphic includes a legend of six useful sewing and embroidery techniques. Learning these basic methods will help you create this project and many other handmade felt decorations.

Stitch or technique	Purpose
Running Stitch	Simple dashed stitches for marking, outlines, or light decorative details.
Backstitch	Creates strong, continuous lines for snowflake branches and joining felt pieces.
Blanket Stitch	Joins felt layers while producing a decorative finish around the outer edge.
Lazy Daisy Stitch	Forms loop-shaped petals or leaves along embroidered branches.
French Knot	Creates tiny raised decorative dots resembling berries or snowflakes.

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Bead Attachment Secures decorative beads using small, strong hand stitches.

Running Stitch

Running stitch is one of the simplest hand-sewing techniques.

Bring the needle up through the felt, move it forward a short distance, and insert it back through the fabric.

Repeat the process to create evenly spaced dashed stitches.

This method works well for simple decorative accents or temporary guidelines.

Backstitch

Backstitch is ideal for creating continuous embroidery lines.

Each new stitch connects backward to the previous stitch, creating a strong and neat outline.

Use this technique for the main snowflake branches.

Blanket Stitch

Blanket stitch creates small loops along the edge of the felt.

It is commonly used for felt ornaments, appliqué projects, and decorative hand-sewn accessories.

For this project, it provides both structure and decoration.

Lazy Daisy Stitch

Lazy daisy stitch creates small oval-shaped loops resembling leaves or flower petals.

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It is useful for adding delicate botanical details to the snowflake branches.

French Knot

French knots create tiny raised dots on the fabric surface.

They can replace decorative beads or add texture between the embroidered branches.

Bead Attachment

Bead attachment involves passing a needle and thread through a bead and securing it to the fabric.

For this project, use small beads and reinforce each attachment with additional stitches.

Step 13: Finishing Touches and Quality Checks

Before displaying your handmade ornaments, take a few minutes to inspect the finished project.

Check that the star has five clearly defined points and that the fiberfill is distributed evenly.

Examine the perimeter stitches to ensure there are no gaps or loose sections.

Look closely at the embroidery and confirm that all thread ends are securely fastened.

If you added decorative beads, gently test each one to make sure it is attached firmly.

Check the hanging loop by lifting the ornament and allowing it to hang freely.

If the star tilts noticeably, adjust the loop attachment so it is centered at the top point.

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Remove any visible chalk or fabric marker according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Finally, gently shape the ornament with your fingers to improve its appearance.

Your star is ready to display on a Christmas tree or incorporate into a handmade holiday arrangement.

Step 14: Creative Ways to Use Your Felt Christmas Stars

These felt star ornaments are versatile decorations that can be used in many holiday projects.

Christmas tree decorations: Hang several stars in coordinating colors throughout your Christmas tree. Combine red, green, cream, and gray ornaments for a balanced handmade look.

Holiday garlands: Attach multiple stars to a long piece of jute twine or ribbon. Space them evenly and hang the garland across a mantel, doorway, or decorative shelf.

Gift wrapping accents: Tie a small felt star to a wrapped Christmas gift. The recipient can keep the ornament as a reusable decoration.

Christmas wreath decorations: Attach finished stars to a greenery wreath using securely tied ribbon or craft wire.

Handmade gift sets: Create a collection of four or six stars in matching colors and package them in a decorative box.

Personalized keepsakes: Embroider a family member's initials or the year on the back of each ornament to create a memorable holiday tradition.

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Step 15: Troubleshooting Common Felt Ornament Problems

Even simple sewing projects can present small challenges. These practical solutions will help you achieve a neat, professional-looking result.

Problem: The star points look rounded.

Solution: Use smaller amounts of fiberfill and push the stuffing gently into each point before filling the center.

Problem: The felt edges do not align.

Solution: Make sure both felt pieces are cut from the same template. Pin all five points together before sewing.

Problem: The embroidery looks uneven.

Solution: Draw the snowflake design before stitching. Work slowly and maintain consistent stitch lengths.

Problem: The felt puckers around the embroidery.

Solution: Avoid pulling the embroidery floss too tightly. The thread should rest smoothly against the felt without gathering it.

Problem: The ornament looks overstuffed.

Solution: Remove a little fiberfill before closing the opening. The star should be softly padded rather than tightly packed.

Problem: The hanging loop feels loose.

Solution: Reinforce the attachment with additional hand stitches through both felt layers.

Final Project Checklist

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Use this checklist to make sure every part of the ornament is complete.

Your sewing progress

0 of 11 completed

Prepare the 10 cm star template with its included 0.5 cm seam allowance

Cut two matching felt stars

Mark the snowflake embroidery design

Embroider the main branches and decorative details

Secure any optional beads or rhinestones

Align and pin the front and back pieces

Sew around the edges, leaving a 2 cm opening

Add fiberfill stuffing evenly

Close the opening with small hand stitches

Attach and secure the hanging loop

Inspect and shape the finished ornament

Conclusion: Enjoy Your Handmade Felt Star Ornaments



Making felt Christmas star ornaments is a wonderful way to combine basic hand sewing, simple embroidery, and festive creativity. By following this complete tutorial, you can transform two small pieces of felt into a beautiful padded Christmas decoration with delicate snowflake stitching and a rustic hanging loop.

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The project is especially suitable for beginners because it uses straightforward cutting, embroidery, stuffing, and finishing techniques. The 10 cm star template and 0.5 cm seam allowance help keep the ornaments consistent, while the different thread colors and decorative details allow plenty of room for personalization.

Whether you make one special ornament or an entire collection, these handmade felt stars can become treasured Christmas decorations for years to come. They are also lovely gifts that celebrate the warmth and charm of traditional handmade crafts.

Happy sewing, happy embroidery, and Merry Christmas!

