

Christmas Utensil Holder

Grandma Design – Felt Pattern and Tutorial

Finished Size



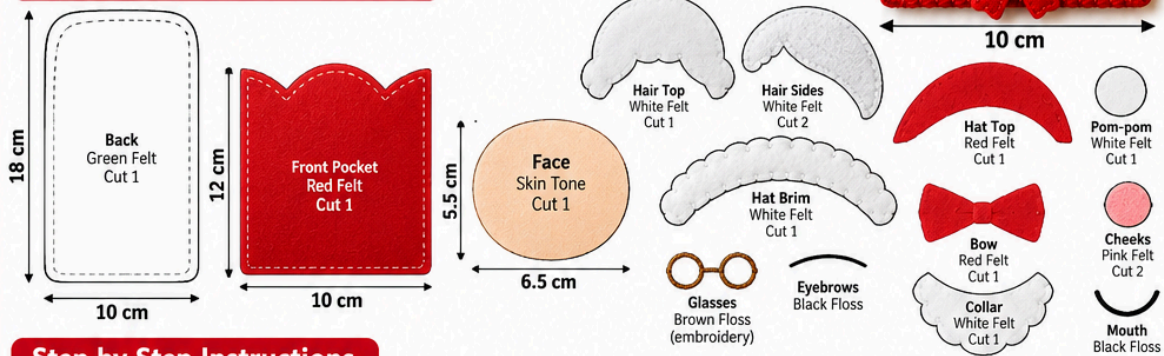
Materials



- Felt fabric (red, green, white, skin tone, pink, black)
- Matching thread
- Embroidery floss (brown, black)
- 2 pearl beads (earrings)
- Stuffing (optional, for detail)
- Scissors
- Sewing needle
- Fabric marker or chalk
- Pins



Templates (with seam allowance)



Step by Step Instructions



Main Sewing Stitches (Used in this Project)



Running Stitch
Basic stitch for details and applique.



Backstitch
Used for facial details (stronger line).



Blanket Stitch
Used to join the pieces and finish the edges.

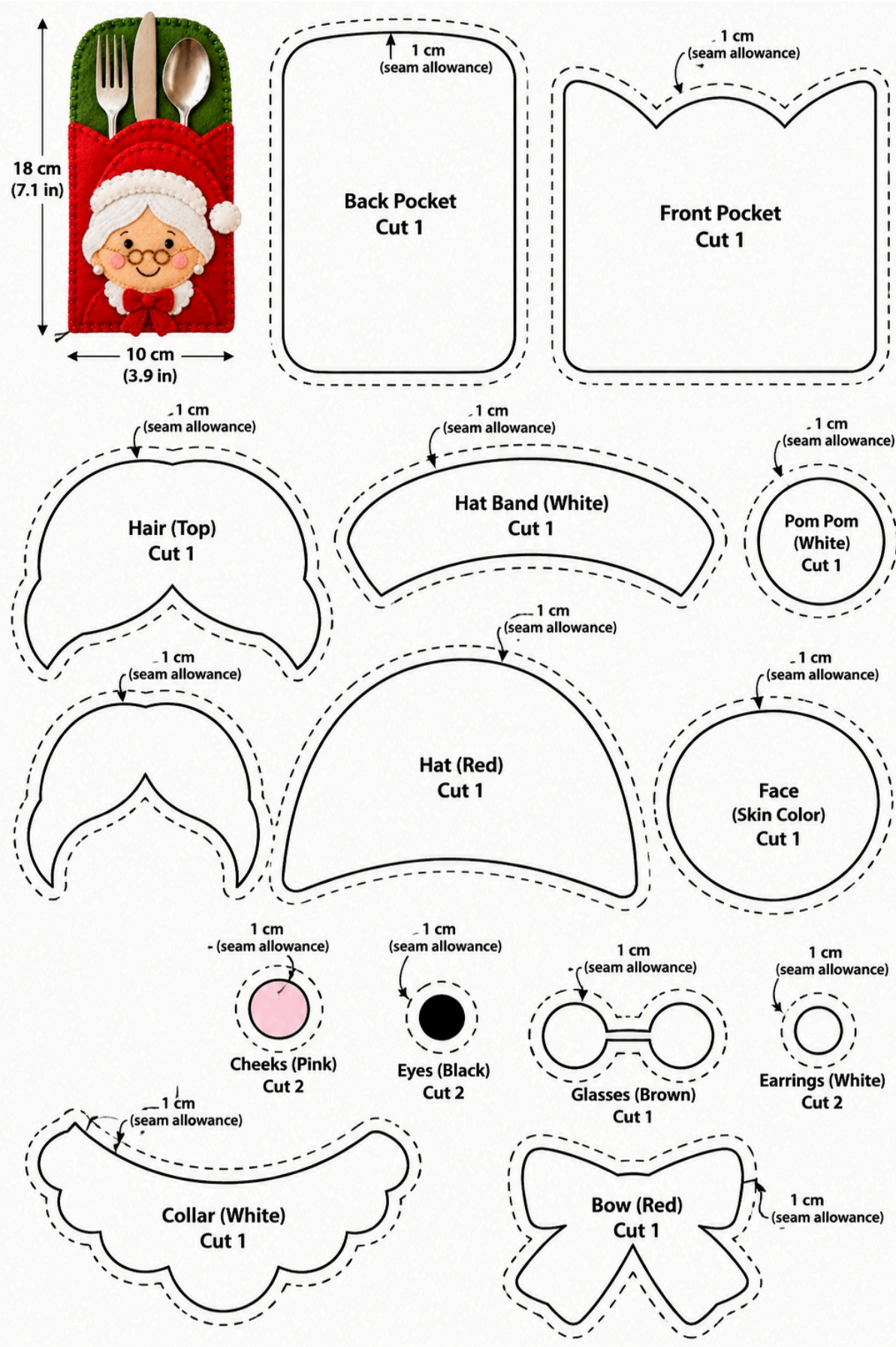


Whip Stitch
Used to sew small pieces like the bow.

Finished Size and Uses

- Finished size: 18 cm (H) x 10 cm (W)
- Holds cutlery (fork, knife and spoon)
- Great for Christmas table decorations
- Perfect for gifts and holiday crafts
- You can change the colors and details to create other characters.





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Christmas Utensil Holder – Grandma Design Felt Pattern and Complete Step-by-Step Tutorial

Create a charming Christmas Utensil Holder with a Grandma Design using colorful felt, simple hand-sewing techniques, and adorable holiday decorations. This handmade Christmas project features a smiling grandmother wearing a red Santa hat, complete with white hair, embroidered glasses, rosy cheeks, pearl earrings, and a festive red bow.

This felt Christmas utensil holder pattern is a wonderful project for holiday table decorations, Christmas dinner settings, handmade gifts, and seasonal sewing crafts. The finished holder measures approximately 18 cm tall and 10 cm wide, providing enough space for a fork, knife, and spoon.

This complete tutorial follows the design shown in the reference image, including the felt templates, measurements, materials, decorative details, and assembly techniques. All sewing terminology is explained using methods familiar to crafters in the United States, while measurements are provided in centimeters.

The project is suitable for beginners who want to practice running stitch, backstitch, blanket stitch, and whip stitch while creating a practical and festive Christmas accessory.

Step 1: Gather All Materials and Sewing Supplies

Before starting your Christmas Grandma Felt Utensil Holder, prepare your materials and organize them on a clean working surface.

Materials Required

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Material	Purpose
Green felt	Back panel
Red felt	Front pocket, Santa hat, and bow
White felt	Hair, hat brim, pom-pom, and collar
Skin-tone felt	Grandmother's face
Pink felt	Rosy cheeks
Black felt or black embroidery floss	Eyes and facial details
Brown embroidery floss	Glasses
Black embroidery floss	Eyebrows and mouth
Red embroidery floss	Decorative stitching
Green embroidery floss	Back-panel edging

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White embroidery floss White felt details

2 pearl beads Earrings

Polyester stuffing Optional raised details

Sewing needle Hand assembly

Sharp scissors Cutting felt pieces

Fabric marker or tailor's chalk Tracing templates

Straight pins or sewing clips Holding pieces in place

Choose felt that is approximately 1–2 mm thick. Firm craft felt helps the utensil holder maintain its shape, while softer felt is especially suitable for the grandmother's hair and small decorative pieces.

Use embroidery floss in colors that complement the felt. For most visible decorative stitches, two or three strands of six-strand embroidery floss work well. For thicker blanket stitching, use additional strands if necessary.

You may also use a small amount of fabric glue to temporarily position the tiny decorative pieces. However, hand stitching is

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recommended for the main construction, because it provides stronger seams and a traditional handmade appearance.

Step 2: Prepare the Felt Templates and Measurements



The reference design includes a complete set of templates for the main holder and grandmother's decorative features.

Finished Project Measurements

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FINISHED SIZE

18 cm × 10 cm

Height × Width

Front pocket: approximately 12 cm high, with a decorative curved top edge.

Cutting Guide

Pattern Piece	Felt Color	Quantity	Measurement
Back panel	Green	1	18 × 10 cm
Front pocket	Red	1	12 × 10 cm

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Face	Skin tone	1	Approx. 6.5 × 5.5 cm
Hair top	White	1	Follow template
Hair sides	White	2	Follow template
Santa hat top	Red	1	Follow template
Hat brim	White	1	Follow template
Pom-pom	White	1	Follow template
Bow	Red	1	Follow template
Collar	White	1	Follow template
Cheeks	Pink	2	Small circles

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How to Prepare the Templates

- 1. Transfer the shapes from the reference image onto paper, tracing paper, or cardstock.**
- 2. Check the back panel against a ruler to ensure it measures 18 × 10 cm.**
- 3. Cut out the paper patterns carefully.**
- 4. Place each template on its corresponding felt color.**
- 5. Trace around the paper shapes with a removable fabric marker.**
- 6. Cut each felt piece using sharp scissors.**
- 7. Keep the small decorative pieces organized until assembly.**

The back panel should have a rounded top and gently rounded lower corners. The red front pocket should have a decorative curved upper edge with three raised sections, creating the festive shape visible in the reference.

Important: The front pocket is shorter than the back panel. This allows the green felt to remain visible above the pocket and creates space for inserting utensils.

Step 3: Cut and Prepare the Green Felt Back Panel

Begin with the green felt because it provides the foundation for the entire project.

Place the back-panel template onto your green felt and trace around it. Cut the piece carefully, following the rounded upper corners and straight sides.

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Check that the panel is symmetrical. Fold it gently in half lengthwise to compare the left and right edges, without creating a permanent crease.

Using green embroidery floss, work a decorative blanket stitch around the entire outside edge of the back panel.

How to Make a Blanket Stitch

1. Thread your needle with embroidery floss and secure the thread on the back.
2. Insert the needle approximately 0.4 cm from the felt edge.
3. Bring the needle through the fabric while keeping the working thread under the needle point.
4. Pull the thread gently until a small loop forms along the edge.
5. Continue making evenly spaced stitches around the panel.
6. Secure the final stitch on the back.

Aim for stitches approximately 0.4–0.5 cm apart.

Keep the thread tension consistent. Pulling too tightly can distort the felt, especially around the rounded corners.

Once the stitching is complete, set the green back panel aside.

Step 4: Create the Red Felt Front Pocket ❤️

The red pocket is both a functional compartment and a decorative feature of the Christmas utensil holder.

Take the red felt piece measuring approximately 12 × 10 cm and cut the curved upper edge according to the reference template.

The upper edge features three rounded peaks, giving the pocket a festive, layered appearance.

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Sew the Decorative Pocket Details

Using red embroidery floss, sew a curved line of running stitches near the upper edge of the pocket.

Follow the shape of the upper curves, keeping the stitching approximately 0.4 cm from the edge.

If you want to recreate the layered effect shown in the photograph, add a second curved line of decorative stitching below the first.

These stitches should remain decorative and must not close the opening where the utensils will be inserted.

Running Stitch Instructions

- 1. Bring the needle up through the felt.**
- 2. Insert it back down a short distance away.**
- 3. Bring it up again after leaving an equal gap.**
- 4. Repeat to create a dashed line.**
- 5. Keep the stitches uniform for a neat finish.**

Set the completed red pocket aside until the grandmother decoration is ready.

Step 5: Make the Grandmother's Felt Face 🧓

The grandmother's smiling face is the main decorative element of this Christmas sewing project.

Take the skin-tone felt piece measuring approximately 6.5 cm wide and 5.5 cm high.

The face should be softly rounded, with a slightly wider lower section to create the grandmother's gentle expression.

Position the Facial Features

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Before sewing, place the following details on the face:

- **Two small black eyes.**
- **Two pink circular cheeks.**
- **A curved smiling mouth.**
- **Two delicate eyebrows.**
- **Round brown embroidered glasses.**

Position the eyes symmetrically in the upper-middle area of the face.

Place the pink cheeks below and slightly outward from the eyes. Leave enough space between the cheeks for the glasses and smile.

Make the Eyes

Use two tiny black felt circles, secured with small stitches, or embroider the eyes using black floss.

For a raised effect, work several closely placed satin stitches to form each eye.

You can add a tiny white stitch to each eye to create a cheerful expression.

Embroider the Smile

Using black embroidery floss, draw a small curved smile beneath the eyes.

Follow the drawn curve with backstitch, making short, even stitches.

Keep the smile gentle and centered.

Add the Eyebrows

Using black embroidery floss, stitch two small curved eyebrows above the eyes.

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The eyebrows should be subtle so they do not compete with the glasses.

Attach the Pink Cheeks

Cut two small circles from pink felt.

Place one circle on each side of the face and secure them with tiny whip stitches.

Alternatively, use small running stitches around each circle.

For a slightly dimensional appearance, you can place a very small amount of stuffing underneath each cheek before finishing the stitching.

Step 6: Embroider the Grandmother's Glasses 🕶️

The round glasses are one of the most recognizable details in the reference design.

Use brown embroidery floss to recreate the two circular lenses connected by a small bridge.

Instructions

1. Lightly draw two small circles around the eyes with a removable fabric marker.
2. Make sure both circles are approximately the same size.
3. Connect the circles with a short curved line across the nose area.
4. Use brown embroidery floss to sew over the marked lines.
5. Work with small backstitches for smooth, rounded shapes.
6. Add short side details if desired.

Keep the glasses positioned around the eyes rather than directly covering them.

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For a slightly raised appearance, use additional strands of embroidery floss or repeat the stitching over the original lines.

The finished glasses should appear delicate and balanced, matching the grandmother's friendly expression.

Step 7: Make and Attach the White Felt Hair

The grandmother's white hair consists of three main sections: one upper hair piece and two side pieces.

Cut the hair shapes from white felt according to the reference templates.

Attach the Side Hair

Position the two white side pieces along the left and right sides of the face.

The hair should gently frame the cheeks without covering the eyes or glasses.

Secure the pieces using white embroidery floss and small whip stitches.

Keep the stitches close to the edges so they remain discreet.

Attach the Upper Hair

Place the upper white hair piece across the forehead.

The lower edge should have gentle waves or scallops, creating the appearance of softly styled hair.

Sew around the outer edge using small white stitches.

For a more detailed finish, add a few curved embroidery lines to imitate individual strands of hair.

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Do not overfill the hair with stitching. The white felt should remain soft and slightly dimensional.

Step 8: Create the Red Santa Hat 🧑🏻

The grandmother wears a festive red Santa hat with a curved white brim and a small white pom-pom.

Cut the Hat Pieces

Prepare:

- One red felt hat top.
- One white felt hat brim.
- One small white felt pom-pom.

The hat should be wide enough to sit comfortably above the grandmother's face.

Sew the Red Hat

Position the red hat piece behind the upper hair section.

The hat curves gently across the top of the grandmother's head.

Attach it using red embroidery floss and small running stitches.

You can add a decorative stitched curve near the hat's upper edge to match the original design.

Add the White Brim

Place the white brim across the lower edge of the red hat.

The brim should have a softly scalloped outline.

Secure it with white embroidery floss, making small stitches along the curved edges.

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For the raised white trim shown in the reference, use closely spaced decorative stitches along the brim.

Make the Pom-Pom

Cut a small white felt circle.

If you want a dimensional pom-pom, place a tiny amount of polyester stuffing in the center and gather the edges with running stitches.

Close the circle gently and secure it to the tip of the red hat.

Position the pom-pom toward the right side, as shown in the original project.

Step 9: Make the White Collar and Red Christmas Bow



The white collar and red bow complete the grandmother's festive outfit.

Create the White Collar

Cut one white felt collar following the scalloped shape shown in the template.

Position the collar underneath the grandmother's face.

The collar should extend slightly beyond the lower sides of the face, creating a soft, decorative neckline.

Attach the collar with small white whip stitches.

Make the Red Bow

Cut one red felt bow using the reference template.

For additional dimension, cut a small red strip to wrap around the center of the bow.

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Pinch the middle of the bow slightly to create two rounded loops.

Wrap the small red strip around the center and secure it at the back with several stitches.

Add a few small red embroidery stitches to outline the bow's edges.

Place the finished bow at the center of the white collar.

Attach it securely using red embroidery floss.

The bow should sit just beneath the grandmother's smiling face.

Step 10: Add the Pearl Earrings and Final Facial Details

The reference design includes two pearl earrings, one on each side of the grandmother's face.

Thread a small sewing needle with strong white thread.

Position the first pearl bead near the lower edge of the left hair section.

Pass the needle through the bead and the felt several times to secure it.

Repeat on the opposite side.

Make sure the earrings are symmetrical.

Check the face carefully and adjust any details before attaching it to the red pocket.

At this stage, the grandmother decoration should include the white hair, Santa hat, pom-pom, embroidered glasses, black eyes, rosy cheeks, smiling mouth, pearl earrings, white collar, and red bow.

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For table settings used around young children, omit the detachable beads or replace them with embroidered white circles to avoid small loose parts.

Step 11: Attach the Grandmother Decoration to the Front Pocket

Place the completed grandmother decoration onto the red felt pocket.

The face should be centered horizontally and positioned so that the Santa hat remains visible near the upper curved edge.

The white collar and red bow should sit toward the bottom of the pocket.

Sewing Instructions

- 1. Lay the red pocket flat on your work surface.**
- 2. Position the grandmother decoration in the center.**
- 3. Check the spacing around the face and hat.**
- 4. Secure the decoration temporarily with sewing clips or a few small stitches.**
- 5. Sew around the outer edges of the face using matching thread.**
- 6. Attach the hair, hat, collar, and bow wherever additional reinforcement is needed.**
- 7. Remove any temporary pins or clips.**

Use small, even hand stitches to keep the applique neat.

If you want the face to look slightly raised, place a thin layer of polyester stuffing behind it before completing the final stitches.

Avoid excessive stuffing because the pocket must remain flat enough to hold utensils comfortably.

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Important: Finish the grandmother applique before attaching the pocket to the green backing. This keeps the decorative stitches from accidentally closing the utensil compartment.

Step 12: Attach the Red Pocket to the Green Back Panel

Now assemble the main structure of the Christmas Utensil Holder.

Place the green back panel on your work surface with its decorative side facing upward.

Position the red pocket over the lower portion of the green panel.

Align the bottom edges and both side edges.

The upper part of the green backing should remain visible above the red pocket.

Secure the Pieces

Pin or clip the red pocket to the green backing along the sides and bottom.

Make sure the grandmother decoration faces outward.

Using red embroidery floss, sew the pocket to the backing with a blanket stitch.

Sewing Sequence

- 1. Start at the upper-left side of the pocket.**
- 2. Stitch down the left edge.**
- 3. Continue across the bottom edge.**
- 4. Sew upward along the right edge.**
- 5. Secure the thread at the upper-right corner.**
- 6. Leave the entire curved upper pocket edge open.**

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Do not stitch across the top opening.

This opening allows the utensils to slide between the red pocket and green back panel.

Reinforce the Pocket Corners

At the upper-left and upper-right corners, add two or three extra stitches.

These points experience the most tension when utensils are inserted and removed.

Reinforcing them helps prevent the pocket from separating from the backing.

Step 13: Master the Four Main Sewing Stitches

The reference tutorial highlights four hand-sewing stitches used throughout the project.

[The Complete Guide on How to Do Running Stitch | Fun Cloth Crafts - Felt Craft Patterns](#)

1. Running Stitch

This simple stitch creates a dashed line. Use it for decorative lines on the Santa hat, front pocket, and other felt appliques.

[Backstitch Embroidery DIY — Make It Work](#)

2. Backstitch

This stitch creates a continuous line by taking each new stitch backward to meet the previous one. Use it for the mouth, eyebrows, and glasses.

[How to Blanket Stitch on Felt and Other Fabric - Cucicucicoo | Blanket stitch, Snowflakes embroidery pattern, Hand embroidery videos](#)

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3. Blanket Stitch

This decorative edge stitch forms small loops along the felt border. Use it to attach the red pocket to the green backing and finish exposed edges.

[The Easy to Follow Guide on How to Whip Stitch \[Tutorial\] | Fun Cloth Crafts - Felt Craft Patterns](#)

4. Whip Stitch

This stitch passes over the edges of small felt pieces to join them. Use it for the hair, cheeks, collar, bow, and other small decorations.

For all four methods, keep your stitches even and avoid pulling the embroidery floss too tightly.

A consistent stitch length makes the project look polished and helps prevent the felt from curling.

Step 14: Check the Finished Front and Back

After assembling the pocket, inspect both sides of the utensil holder.

Front View

The front should display the red pocket with the grandmother centered on it.

The hat, glasses, white hair, pearl earrings, rosy cheeks, and red bow should all be clearly visible.

The red decorative stitching should follow the pocket's curved upper edge.

Back View

Turn the holder over.

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The back should show the green felt panel with blanket stitching around its outer edge.

The back should remain relatively flat, without loose threads or bulky knots.

Trim any excess thread carefully.

If you notice uneven stitching, reinforce or correct it before using the holder.

Step 15: Insert the Utensils and Arrange the Christmas Table 🍴

Your Christmas Grandma Felt Utensil Holder is now ready to use.

Insert a clean fork, knife, and spoon into the opening between the red pocket and green backing.

Position the utensils so that their handles rest inside the pocket while the upper portions remain visible above the grandmother decoration.

For a traditional Christmas table arrangement, place one holder beside each dinner plate.

You can coordinate the holder with red napkins, green placemats, white dishes, and other handmade Christmas decorations.

The design is also suitable for handmade gifts, craft fairs, holiday parties, and family Christmas dinners.

Because felt is a decorative craft material, keep the holder away from open flames and hot cookware. Use clean, dry utensils, and avoid contact between the felt and food.

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Step 16: Customize Your Christmas Grandma Design

Once you understand the basic construction, you can personalize the project while keeping the same pattern.

Try changing the grandmother's hat from red to green, using gold embroidery floss for decorative stitching, or replacing the pearl earrings with tiny embroidered circles.

You can also create matching utensil holders with different faces, hairstyles, or bow colors.

For a coordinated Christmas table, make several holders using the same 18 × 10 cm back template and 12 × 10 cm pocket template.

A personalized set of handmade felt utensil holders can become a memorable holiday gift.

Frequently Asked Questions About the Christmas Felt Utensil Holder

Is this Christmas utensil holder suitable for beginners?

Yes. The project uses basic felt cutting, hand embroidery, and simple sewing stitches. Beginners can complete it by working on one decorative element at a time.

What is the finished size?

The completed holder measures approximately 18 cm high and 10 cm wide.

Can I use a sewing machine instead of hand sewing?

Yes. You can machine-sew the main pocket edges using a straight stitch or narrow zigzag stitch. However, hand stitching

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is recommended for the grandmother's small decorative features.

Do I need to add seam allowance to the templates?

The reference graphic labels its templates as including seam allowance. Therefore, use the provided cutting dimensions without adding extra allowance. If you redraw the templates, preserve the original proportions.

Can I wash the finished utensil holder?

Gentle spot cleaning is recommended. Avoid machine washing, especially if the project includes pearl beads, stuffing, or glued decorations. Allow it to air-dry completely before storing.

How long does the project take?

Most crafters can expect approximately 2–4 hours, depending on their sewing experience and the amount of embroidery detail.

Can I make the holder larger?

Yes. Increase the back and pocket dimensions proportionally. Make sure the pocket remains deep enough to support the utensils and that the opening is wide enough for the intended cutlery.

Can I sell finished utensil holders?

You can make original handmade versions for personal use or sale, subject to any applicable rights or restrictions associated with the reference pattern or artwork.

Conclusion 🎄

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The Christmas Utensil Holder – Grandma Design Felt Pattern combines traditional hand sewing, colorful felt appliques, and festive embroidery into one charming holiday project.

By following the cutting measurements, preparing the grandmother's decorative features, sewing the red pocket, and attaching it securely to the green backing, you can create a beautiful and practical accessory for your Christmas table.

The finished piece measures 18 × 10 cm and features the cheerful grandmother design shown in the original tutorial, complete with her Santa hat, white hair, round glasses, pearl earrings, and red bow.

Whether you make one for your own Christmas dinner or prepare a matching set for family and friends, this handmade felt project adds a warm, personal touch to the holiday season.

Happy sewing, and enjoy creating your handmade Christmas decorations! ❤️ 🧵