



Christmas Santa Felt Ornament Step by Step Tutorial

Materials and Tools



- Felt fabric (various colors)
- Polyester stuffing
- Embroidery thread (matching colors)
- Buttons (red)
- Black beads (for eyes)
- Jute cord (for hanging)

Pattern Pieces (with measurements in CM)



Step by Step Instructions

1 Prepare and cut the pieces



Use the pattern to cut all pieces from felt. Add a 0.3 - 0.5 cm seam allowance if desired.

2 Sew the face



Place the eyes, add blush to the cheeks and sew the nose. Use blanket stitch around the nose.

3 Make the beard



Sew the beard below the nose using blanket stitch.

4 Sew the hat



Sew the hat and add the pom-pom. Use blanket stitch around the edges.

5 Assemble the head



Attach the hat to the head and sew all parts together.

6 Sew the arms and mittens



Sew the mittens to the arms and stuff lightly.

7 Make the body



Sew the body pieces together and add the red trim at the bottom.

8 Sew the pants and boots



Sew and stuff the boots. Attach the cuffs and sew the pants.

9 Make the Christmas tree



Sew the tree layers, attach buttons and the star. Sew the trunk at the back.

10 Sew the heart



Sew the two heart pieces together and stuff lightly.

11 Assemble the Santa



Attach the head, arms, pants and boots to the body. Stuff where needed.

12 Add the tree and heart



Position and sew the Christmas tree and heart to the Santa's hand.

13 Add hanging loop



Attach a jute cord loop at the top of the hat for hanging.

14 Final details



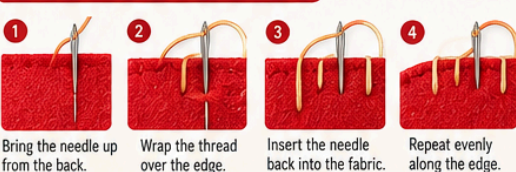
Check all stitches and add embroidery details if desired.

15 Finished ornament



Your beautiful felt Santa ornament is ready!

Main Stitch Used: Blanket Stitch

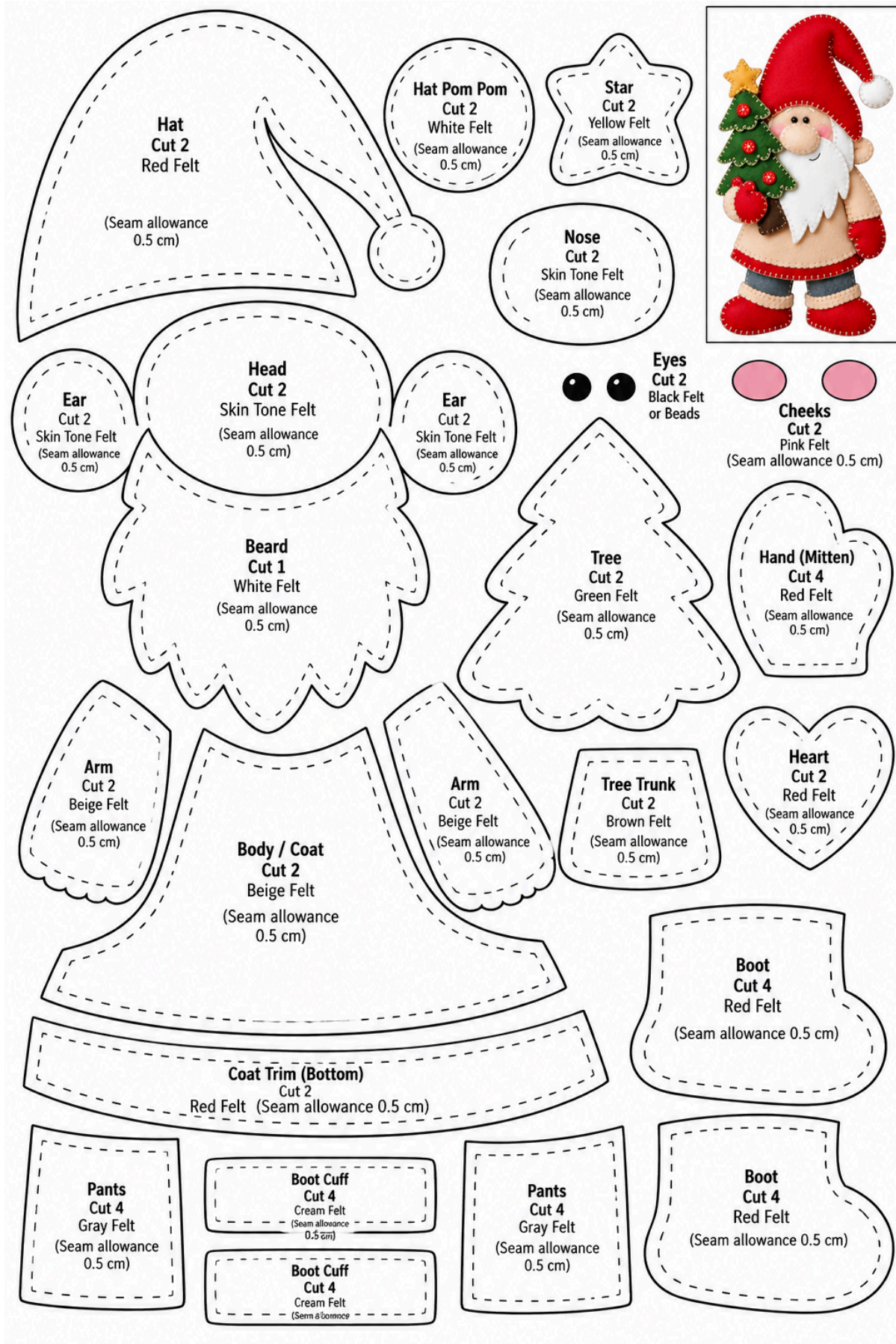


Other Useful Stitches



Finished Size





Christmas Santa Felt Ornament – Complete Step-by-Step Tutorial

This Christmas Santa Felt Ornament is a charming hand-sewn holiday decoration made from layers of colorful felt, simple embroidery, light stuffing, and a few small embellishments. Following the measurements and construction sequence shown in the tutorial chart, the finished Santa measures approximately 22 cm tall × 12 cm wide.

The project uses blanket stitch as the main decorative and construction stitch, so it is approachable even if you do not have a sewing machine. The Santa is assembled from individual felt components: the body, face, beard, hat, arms, mittens, pants, boots, Christmas tree, heart, and small decorative details.

For the closest result to the reference design, use red, cream, white, green, yellow, brown, and dark gray felt, with coordinating embroidery floss. Because several pieces are stuffed, cut matching front-and-back pieces where indicated and leave a small opening while sewing so the polyester fiberfill can be inserted.

Step 1: Gather the Materials and Cut All Felt Pieces

Before sewing, gather everything you need. You will need felt fabric in several colors, polyester fiberfill, embroidery floss or thread in matching or contrasting colors, two small black beads for the eyes, small red buttons for the Christmas tree, jute cord for hanging, hand-sewing needles, embroidery scissors, pins or clips, and a removable fabric marker.

The chart provides the following approximate pattern measurements:

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- Hat: 12 × 10 cm
- Face: 5 × 4 cm
- Nose: 3 × 2.5 cm
- Beard: 8 × 7 cm
- Body: 10 × 8 cm
- Arm: 5 × 3 cm
- Mitten: 4 × 3.5 cm — cut 2 sets
- Boot: 6 × 3.5 cm — cut 2 sets
- Boot cuff: 5 × 2 cm — cut 2
- Pants: 5 × 3 cm
- Tree top: 5 × 4.5 cm
- Tree middle: 6 × 5 cm
- Tree bottom: 7 × 5.5 cm
- Star: 3.5 × 3.5 cm
- Tree trunk: 3 × 2.5 cm
- Heart: 3 × 3 cm
- Pom-pom: approximately 4 cm diameter

Trace the pattern shapes onto the appropriate felt. For pieces that will be stuffed, you normally need two matching layers. The tree layers and other appliqué-style details can generally be made as single layers unless you want additional thickness.

The graphic recommends allowing approximately 0.3–0.5 cm around the pieces where a seam allowance is needed. Keep this consistent so that paired pieces line up neatly.

Cut the shapes carefully with sharp fabric or embroidery scissors. Felt does not fray like woven cotton, so the raw edges can remain exposed and become part of the decorative design.

Arrange all the pieces on your work surface before beginning. This is an excellent time to compare them with the finished Santa and make sure that no small component—especially the cuffs, trunk, nose, heart, or mittens—is missing.

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Step 2: Sew Santa's Face and Nose 😊

Begin with the cream-colored face piece. Position two small black beads near the upper central area to form Santa's eyes. Check the spacing before sewing because even a small change in eye placement can noticeably change his expression.

Secure each bead firmly with several passes of strong thread. If the ornament may be handled by very young children, embroidered eyes are a safer alternative to small beads.

Place the 3 × 2.5 cm nose toward the lower center of the face. The tutorial shows a rounded, dimensional nose rather than a completely flat appliqué.

Join the nose pieces with a small blanket stitch, leaving a short opening. Add a very small amount of polyester stuffing, distribute it evenly, and finish closing the opening.

Add rosy cheeks on either side of the nose. You can use a small amount of fabric-safe blush or another textile-appropriate coloring medium. Apply it gradually rather than creating a heavy mark immediately.

The finished face should have two dark eyes, a softly stuffed nose, and subtle pink cheeks. Set it aside while you prepare the beard.

Step 3: Make and Attach the White Felt Beard

Cut the beard approximately 8 × 7 cm from white felt. Its lower edge has several pointed sections that create Santa's traditional full-beard appearance.

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If your beard is made from two layers, align them carefully and sew around the outer perimeter with white embroidery floss. A single layer can also be used if your felt is sufficiently firm.

Use evenly spaced blanket stitches around the visible edges. Try to maintain approximately the same stitch depth and spacing throughout the piece.

Position the beard beneath the nose and face. The upper beard edge should frame the lower portion of Santa's face without covering his eyes or nose.

Stitch the beard securely into position. A few hidden anchoring stitches near the center can prevent the beard from lifting or twisting after the ornament is assembled.

Add the small curved mouth shown in the reference with backstitch and dark embroidery floss. Keep the expression simple.

Step 4: Sew the Red Santa Hat and Pom-Pom

Cut the hat from red felt, using the approximately 12 × 10 cm pattern. The distinctive curved tip is important because it creates the floppy Santa-hat silhouette.

Place the matching hat layers together and begin sewing around the outer edge using contrasting light-colored embroidery floss and blanket stitch.

Leave the lower opening unfinished while working on the shape. If you want the hat slightly dimensional, add a very light amount of stuffing. Do not overfill it—the hat should remain soft enough to bend naturally.

Create the white pom-pom using two small circular felt pieces approximately 4 cm in diameter. Blanket stitch around them, leaving a small opening.

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Insert polyester stuffing until the pom-pom becomes softly rounded. Close the opening and attach it securely to the curved end of the hat.

Position the completed hat over Santa's forehead and beard assembly. Stitch it to the head with small hidden stitches so it cannot move.

Step 5: Construct Santa's Arms and Red Mittens

Cut the arm pieces from the same cream or beige felt used for Santa's coat. Each arm is approximately 5 × 3 cm.

Cut the mitten components from red felt using the approximately 4 × 3.5 cm pattern. You need a mitten for each side of Santa.

Place matching mitten layers together and blanket stitch around their exposed edges. Add just enough stuffing to give them a soft padded appearance.

Join each mitten to the end of an arm. Position the mitten slightly over the arm edge so the connection is hidden naturally.

Sew around each arm using cream-colored embroidery floss. Add a small amount of fiberfill before closing if you want dimensional arms like those in the reference.

Make both arms before attaching either one to the body. This makes it easier to compare their lengths and positioning.

Step 6: Make Santa's Main Body

The main body is approximately 10 × 8 cm and has a gently flared coat shape. Cut two matching pieces from cream or beige felt.

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Place the layers together and sew around most of the perimeter using blanket stitch. Keep the stitches even and relatively small.

Leave an opening large enough to insert the stuffing. Add polyester fiberfill gradually, concentrating first on the corners and edges.

The body should feel padded but remain relatively flat. Too much stuffing can distort the silhouette and make it difficult to attach the remaining components.

Close the stuffing opening with the same blanket stitch. Massage the body gently between your fingers to distribute the fiberfill.

Add the red felt trim along the bottom as illustrated. Stitch it securely using contrasting light-colored thread to maintain the handmade decorative appearance.

Step 7: Make the Pants, Boots, and Cuffs

Cut the pants sections from dark gray felt using the approximately 5 × 3 cm measurement shown in the chart.

Santa's boots are approximately 6 × 3.5 cm. Cut matching front-and-back pieces for both boots from red felt.

Blanket stitch around each boot, leaving an opening for stuffing. Add a modest amount of fiberfill and close the opening.

Cut two approximately 5 × 2 cm boot cuffs from cream felt. Position one across the top of each red boot.

Secure the cuffs with small blanket or running stitches. In the reference, the pale cuffs provide a strong visual separation between the dark pants and red footwear.

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Sew the pants to the boots and position the completed leg assemblies beneath Santa's body. Anchor them securely from behind so the stitches are less noticeable.

Step 8: Build the Layered Felt Christmas Tree 🌲

The Christmas tree is made from three progressively larger green sections. Cut the top at approximately 5 × 4.5 cm, the middle at 6 × 5 cm, and the bottom at 7 × 5.5 cm.

Arrange the three sections vertically so that they overlap slightly. The smallest section belongs at the top and the largest at the bottom.

Use green or contrasting embroidery floss to secure the sections together. Decorative blanket or running stitches can be added along the curved lower edges.

Cut the small trunk from brown felt at approximately 3 × 2.5 cm. Position it behind the lowest tree section and sew it securely.

Add small red buttons to the front of the tree as Christmas ornaments. Sew every button firmly through the felt.

Finish the top with the 3.5 × 3.5 cm yellow star. For a dimensional star, sew two pieces together with blanket stitch and insert a tiny amount of fiberfill before closing.

Step 9: Make the Small Red Heart ❤️

Cut two matching heart pieces from red felt using the approximately 3 × 3 cm pattern.

Place them together and begin blanket stitching around the outside with white or cream embroidery floss.

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Stop before completing the seam and insert a tiny amount of polyester fiberfill.

Push the stuffing gently toward both upper curves and the bottom point so the heart maintains its recognizable shape.

Finish the blanket stitching and knot the thread securely on the back.

The heart will eventually sit near Santa's hand and the Christmas tree, creating the layered arrangement visible in the reference ornament.

Step 10: Assemble Santa's Body

Place the completed body flat on your work surface. Position the pants and boots beneath it and check the proportions before sewing.

Attach the legs from the back using strong stitches. Make sure both boots sit at approximately the same height.

Position the arms on either side of the upper body. The arm holding the Christmas tree can be angled slightly inward.

Attach the completed face, beard, and hat assembly to the upper portion of the body. Use several secure stitches through hidden areas rather than relying on one or two attachment points.

Check the ornament from the front. The head should appear centered over the body, while the hat can naturally lean toward one side.

At this stage, Santa should be completely assembled except for the tree, heart, hanging loop, and final decorative details.

Step 11: Attach the Christmas Tree and Heart

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Position the completed tree across the front-left side of Santa, following the arrangement shown in the chart.

The tree should overlap part of Santa's body and sit close to his arm, creating the appearance that he is holding it.

Use hidden stitches behind the tree to attach it to the body. Add another attachment point near the hand for extra stability.

Position the stuffed red heart near the lower section of the tree and Santa's mitten.

Stitch the heart securely without flattening its stuffing. Small hidden stitches around the back edge work particularly well.

Check that the tree, star, buttons, and heart are all firmly attached before proceeding.

Step 12: Add the Hanging Loop

Cut a piece of jute cord long enough to create a practical hanging loop. Fold it in half.

Place the two raw ends together at the top-back portion of Santa's hat.

Sew through the cord several times using strong thread. Because this loop carries the entire ornament, reinforce the attachment rather than depending on a single stitch.

If desired, sandwich the cord ends between two felt layers to conceal them.

Pull gently on the loop to test it. The attachment should remain stable without distorting the hat.

The rustic jute coordinates especially well with the handmade felt texture, although ribbon or decorative cord can be substituted.

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Step 13: Master the Blanket Stitch

The blanket stitch is the main stitch used throughout this Christmas Santa Felt Ornament.

Thread your needle and bring it from the back of the felt toward the front near the edge.

Move the thread over the raw edge and insert the needle through both felt layers a short distance from the previous stitch.

Before pulling the thread completely tight, guide the needle through the thread loop. Pull gently until the loop rests along the felt edge.

Continue at consistent intervals. Each stitch should form a small vertical bar connected by thread running neatly along the edge.

Avoid pulling excessively. Tight blanket stitches can cause felt to curl, while loose stitches may look uneven and fail to hold stuffed components securely.

Step 14: Use the Supporting Stitches and Add Final Details

Use running stitch for small decorative areas where a full blanket stitch is unnecessary. It consists of evenly spaced straight stitches passing in and out of the felt.

Use backstitch for Santa's mouth or other facial details. Backstitch creates a more continuous embroidered line and works particularly well for small curves.

For buttons, bring the thread repeatedly through the button holes and felt until each button is firmly secured. Knot the thread on the back.

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Inspect the stuffing. If any piece looks uneven, gently redistribute the fiberfill with your fingertips rather than opening the seam unnecessarily.

Trim loose threads and inspect every attachment point. Reinforce the tree, heart, arms, boots, star, buttons, and hanging loop wherever necessary.

You can also add additional embroidery details, but keep them subtle if you want the finished ornament to remain faithful to the original chart.

Step 15: Finish and Display Your Santa Ornament

Your completed Christmas Santa Felt Ornament should measure approximately 22 cm tall × 12 cm wide, although small variations are normal with handmade work.

The finished project should feature a cream-colored Santa body, red hat and boots, white beard, dimensional nose, red mittens, dark pants, layered green Christmas tree, yellow star, red heart, and contrasting blanket stitching.

Gently shape the stuffed sections with your fingers. Straighten the beard, position the hat, and adjust the arms so the tree appears naturally held against Santa's body.

Check the ornament from both front and back. Secure or hide any visible knots and trim excess embroidery floss.

Use the jute loop to hang Santa on a Christmas tree, wall hook, wreath, cabinet handle, or holiday display.

You now have a complete handmade felt Santa based closely on the supplied pattern—assembled from individual pieces and finished with traditional hand-sewing techniques for a cozy, handcrafted Christmas look.

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