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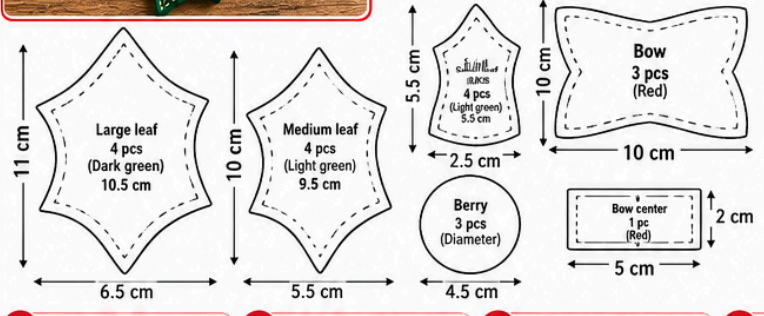
16 cm
23 cm

Materials



- Felt fabric (100% polyester felt)
- Red, dark green and light green
- Embroidery thread (yellow/gold, white, green, red)
- Small red beads (optional)
- Jute rope or cord for hanging
- Polyester fiberfill (stuffing)
- Hand sewing needle
- Fabric scissors

Templates (with seam allowance)



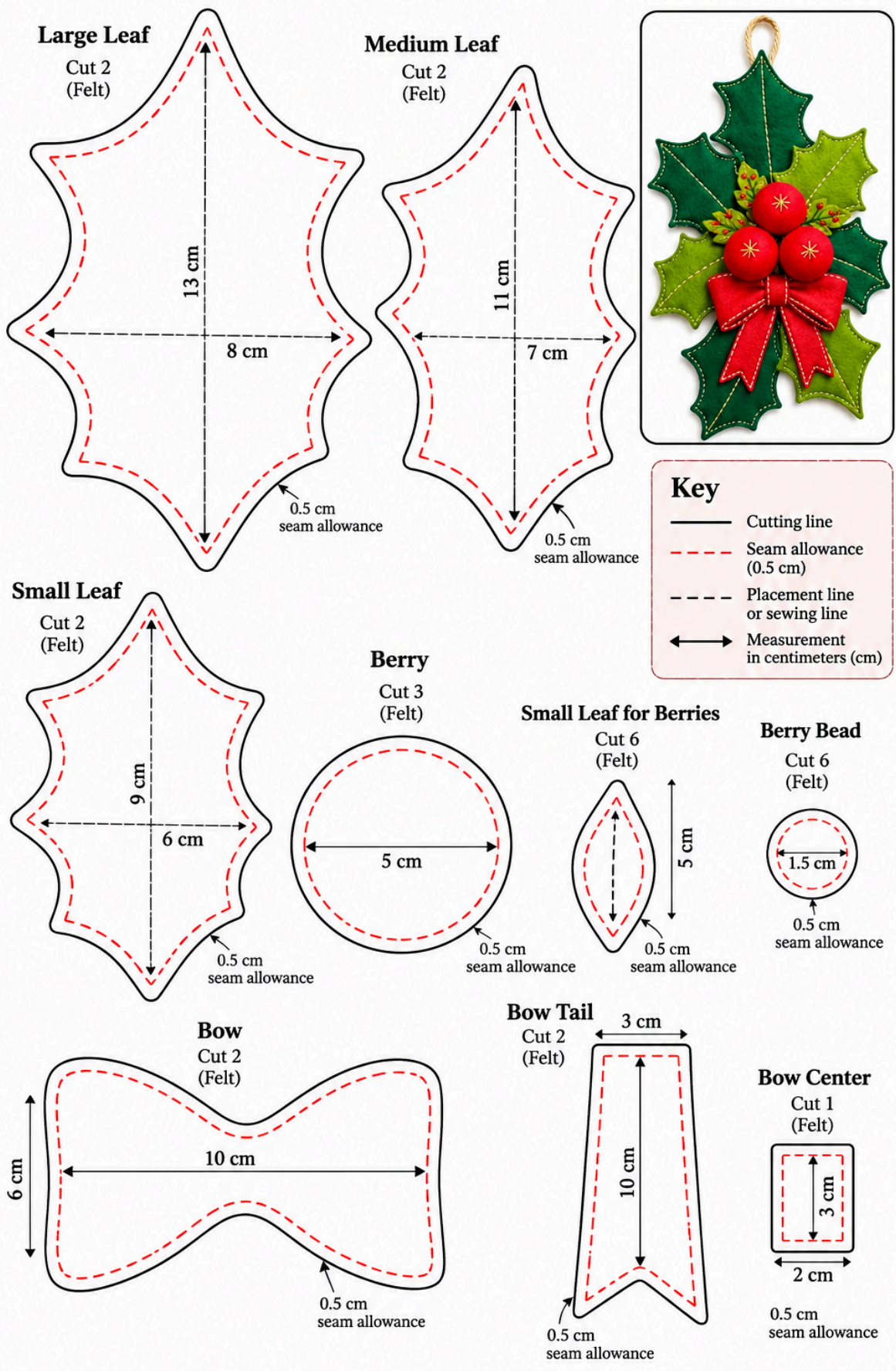
Large leaf 4 pcs (Dark green) 10.5 cm
Medium leaf 4 pcs (Light green) 9.5 cm
Berry 3 pcs (Diameter) 4.5 cm
Bow 3 pcs (Red) 10 cm
Bow center 1 pc (Red) 5 cm

Main Stitches Used in Sewing



Running Stitch, Back Stitch, Blanket Stitch, French Knot, Straight Stitch, Bead Stitch

- Cut the pieces**
Use the templates to cut all pieces in felt fabric. Cut the indicated quantity for each part.
- Sew the leaf veins**
On each leaf, sew a straight stitch in the center using yellow or gold thread.
- Sew the leaf edges**
Sew around the edge of each leaf using running stitch or back stitch. Repeat for all leaves.
- Make the berries**
Sew around the red circles using running stitch, lightly stuff with fiberfill and close. Embroider a star in the center with yellow or gold thread. Make 3 berries.
- Create the small leaves**
Sew the small leaves and embroider the veins with green thread. Add small red beads using bead stitch.
- Make the bow**
Sew the bow pieces together with running stitch. Fold and gather the center. Wrap the center band and sew in place.
- Assemble the leaves**
Arrange 4 dark green and 4 light green leaves, alternating the colors.
- Attach the berries and small leaves**
Position the small leaves behind the berries and sew them to the center of the leaf arrangement.
- Add the bow**
Place the bow below the berries and sew securely.
- Add the hanging loop**
Make a loop with jute rope (about 10 cm long) and sew it to the back at the top.
- Finish the back**
You can use a single felt piece on the back to cover the stitches and give a neat finish.
- Final result**
The completed holly leaf ornament.



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Christmas Holly Felt Ornament Pattern – Complete Step-by-Step Sewing Tutorial



Create a beautiful handmade Christmas decoration with this Christmas Holly Felt Ornament Pattern, a festive sewing project featuring layered green holly leaves, three dimensional red berries, delicate embroidery, a bright red fabric bow, and a rustic jute hanging loop.

This ornament is perfect for decorating a Christmas tree, hanging on a door, embellishing a holiday wreath, or giving as a thoughtful handmade gift. Its combination of dark green felt, light green felt, red berries, and golden stitching creates a traditional Christmas appearance that feels warm and elegant.

This complete beginner-friendly tutorial follows the supplied sewing chart, from preparing the templates and cutting the felt to embroidering the leaves, stuffing the berries, assembling the decoration, and finishing the back. All measurements are provided in centimeters (cm), and the sewing terminology follows common American crafting practices.

Beginner-friendly

Hand sewing • Christmas felt craft

23 × 16 cm

Finished size

2–3 hours

Estimated time

Handmade

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Sewing method

Step 1: Gather All Materials and Sewing Supplies

Before beginning your Christmas holly ornament, prepare the materials shown in the tutorial chart. Having everything ready will make the project easier and help you maintain consistent stitching throughout the decoration.

Materials checklist

Materials to prepare

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Dark green polyester felt

Light green polyester felt

Red polyester felt

Yellow or gold embroidery thread

White embroidery thread

Green embroidery thread

Red embroidery thread

Small red decorative beads (optional)

Jute rope or decorative cord

Polyester fiberfill stuffing

Hand sewing needle and embroidery needle

Sharp fabric scissors

Paper, pencil, ruler, and fabric marking tool

Straight pins or sewing clips

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Use 100% polyester craft felt, as indicated in the original graphic. Medium-weight felt is a good choice because it holds the shape of the holly leaves while remaining easy to cut and sew.

For the embroidery, yellow or gold thread will be used for the central leaf veins and the decorative stars on the berries. White thread provides a lovely contrast around the edges of the red bow, while green thread can be used for smaller leaf details.

The polyester fiberfill is important for giving the red berries their rounded, three-dimensional appearance. Use small amounts at a time so the berries remain soft but firm.

Step 2: Prepare the Felt Templates and Measurements



The original pattern includes templates for the holly leaves, red berries, decorative bow, and small accent leaves. Each template should be transferred onto paper before cutting the felt.

The finished ornament measures approximately 23 cm tall and 16 cm wide, including the upper hanging area as shown in the graphic.

Template cutting guide

Pattern piece	Quantity	Measurements
Large holly leaves	4	11 cm high × 6.5 cm wide

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Medium holly leaves	4	10 cm high × 5.5 cm wide
Small decorative leaves	4	5.5 cm high × 2.5 cm wide
Red berry circles	3	4.5 cm diameter
Main bow piece	3	10 cm × 10 cm template
Bow center band	1	5 cm × 2 cm
Jute hanging cord	1	About 10 cm long

The large holly leaves are cut from dark green felt, while the medium holly leaves are cut from light green felt. The smaller decorative leaves can be made from light green felt to provide contrast.

The bow uses red felt, and the three berry circles should also be cut from red felt. The original diagram indicates three bow components, with the center band as a separate fourth piece.

Understanding the seam allowance

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The chart shows solid outlines for cutting and dashed lines for stitching. Preserve the margin between these lines when transferring the templates.

For hand sewing, a margin of approximately 0.3–0.5 cm is practical for this project. This is a working recommendation rather than an exact seam allowance specified by the diagram.

Trace each shape carefully, keeping the curved and pointed edges of the holly leaves smooth. A consistent outline is especially important because the leaves are the main structural elements of the ornament.

Important: The measurements in the chart are reference dimensions. If you print the image as a pattern, check the scale with a ruler before cutting. For the bow, follow the curved shape shown in the illustration rather than cutting a plain square.

Step 3: Cut All Felt Pieces

Place the paper templates over the corresponding felt colors and secure them with sewing clips or pins.

Using sharp fabric scissors, cut four large dark green holly leaves and four medium light green holly leaves. Follow the pointed and curved edges carefully to maintain the distinctive holly shape.

Next, cut the four small decorative leaves from light green felt. These smaller pieces will eventually sit near the center of the arrangement, behind the red berries.

Cut three red circles, each measuring 4.5 cm in diameter. These will become the stuffed berries. Cut the three red bow components and the narrow center band according to the chart.

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Arrange all the pieces on your work surface before sewing. Compare them with the first illustration to make sure every part is present.

Tip: Avoid stretching the felt while cutting. Clean, smooth edges make the finished ornament look more professional.

Step 4: Embroider the Holly Leaf Veins

The next step is to add decorative stitching to the holly leaves. This detail gives the flat felt pieces a more realistic appearance.

Thread your embroidery needle with yellow or gold embroidery floss. Tie a small knot at the back of the first leaf.

Beginning near the lower center of the leaf, sew a straight stitch upward toward the pointed tip. Follow the direction of the central vein shown in the tutorial chart.

Repeat the same process on all eight large and medium holly leaves. The stitches should be visible but not so tight that they pull or wrinkle the felt.

The original decoration uses long golden stitches, which create a lovely contrast against the dark and light green surfaces.

Keep the vein embroidery relatively simple. The main goal is to emphasize the natural shape of the leaves without overcrowding them with thread.

Step 5: Sew the Edges of the Holly Leaves

Once the central veins are embroidered, add decorative stitching around the outside of every holly leaf.

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Use a running stitch or backstitch, as demonstrated in the chart. The running stitch creates a light dashed outline, while the backstitch produces a more continuous line.

Position the stitching approximately 0.3–0.5 cm from the outer edge, following the curves and points of each leaf.

To make a running stitch, pass the needle up and down through the felt at regular intervals. Keep the stitches as even as possible for a neat appearance.

For a backstitch, bring the needle up through the felt, move backward into the previous stitch point, and bring it forward again to continue the line.

Repeat this process on all eight main leaves. When finished, secure the thread on the back with a small knot and trim the excess.

Step 6: Make the Three Stuffed Red Berries

The red berries are the focal point of this Christmas ornament. Their rounded appearance adds dimension and makes the decoration stand out.

Take one of the 4.5 cm red felt circles and thread your needle with red sewing thread.

Sew a running stitch around the circumference of the circle, staying approximately 0.3–0.5 cm inside the edge.

When you have stitched around the entire circle, gently pull the thread to gather the felt into a small pouch.

Add a small amount of polyester fiberfill inside the pouch. Continue pulling the thread until the opening becomes small and the felt forms a rounded berry.

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Secure the gathered opening with several stitches and a knot. Repeat the process for the other two circles.

Add the embroidered stars

Using yellow or gold embroidery thread, create a small star-shaped decoration on the visible surface of each berry.

The original graphic shows a simple star made from intersecting straight stitches. You can create this effect using three or four short stitches crossing at the same central point.

Keep the star centered and secure the thread carefully.

When finished, you should have three rounded red berries with golden embroidered stars, ready to attach to the leaf arrangement.

Step 7: Create the Small Green Decorative Leaves

The four small leaves add texture and color around the berries. They also help fill the gaps between the larger holly leaves.

Take the small light green felt pieces and arrange them on your work surface.

Using green embroidery thread, sew a central vein along each leaf. Add short diagonal stitches branching from the central vein if you want to match the natural leaf appearance in the chart.

The original ornament includes small red beads attached to these decorative leaves.

To attach a bead, bring the needle through the felt, pass it through the bead, and return the needle to the back of the leaf. Repeat the stitch if necessary to hold the bead firmly.

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Add the beads in small groups, spacing them naturally along the decorative leaves.

Make sure all beads are securely attached. If the ornament will be accessible to small children or pets, consider replacing the beads with red embroidery knots to avoid loose small parts.

Step 8: Sew the Red Felt Christmas Bow

The bow adds a bright festive finishing touch beneath the berries.

Prepare the three red bow components and the small rectangular center band measuring 5 cm × 2 cm.

Following the original graphic, assemble the bow with its curved upper loops and hanging ribbon tails. The exact outline should follow the illustrated template.

Use white embroidery thread to sew decorative running stitches near the edges of the bow pieces.

For the main bow, bring the two outer sides toward the center and gently gather them to create the appearance of two loops.

Secure the gathered center with a few stitches. Position the ribbon tails behind the loops so they extend downward.

Wrap the narrow center band around the gathered middle and stitch it securely at the back.

Adjust the bow so that both loops are balanced and the tails hang naturally. Set it aside until the main ornament has been assembled.

Step 9: Arrange and Assemble the Eight Holly Leaves

Now it is time to build the main body of the decoration.

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Place the four dark green leaves and four light green leaves on a flat surface.

Arrange them in an overlapping, radiating pattern, alternating the two colors as shown in the tutorial chart.

The leaves should extend outward from the central area, creating a layered holly arrangement that is wider in the middle and slightly elongated vertically.

Start with the upper leaves, then position the side leaves, and finally arrange the lower leaves. Adjust their overlap until the composition resembles the finished ornament.

Use pins or a few temporary stitches to hold the arrangement in place.

Once you are satisfied with the positioning, sew the leaves together through their overlapping central sections. Use green thread so the attachment stitches remain discreet.

Make sure the arrangement is secure enough to support the berries and bow.

Step 10: Attach the Small Leaves and Red Berries

Position the four small decorative leaves around the center of the large holly arrangement.

These leaves should appear to emerge from behind the red berries, with the embroidered veins and optional red beads remaining visible.

Sew the small leaves securely to the larger leaves using green thread.

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Next, position the three stuffed red berries in a triangular arrangement, with one berry at the top and two berries slightly below it.

This triangular arrangement matches the main reference image and creates a balanced focal point.

Use a strong hand sewing needle and red thread to attach the berries through their gathered backs. Stitch each berry to the felt base several times so it remains secure.

When all three berries are attached, check that they are close together without being excessively compressed.

Step 11: Attach the Red Bow Below the Berries

Place the completed red felt bow directly beneath the cluster of berries.

The upper portion of the bow should sit slightly behind the two lower berries, while the ribbon tails extend downward over the green holly leaves.

Center the bow carefully so it follows the vertical alignment of the decoration.

Using red thread, sew through the back of the bow's center band and into the underlying felt leaves.

Make several secure stitches, then knot the thread on the back.

Gently adjust the bow loops and ribbon tails. The bow should look full and symmetrical without hiding too much of the holly leaves.

Step 12: Make and Attach the Jute Hanging Loop

The original decoration uses a rustic jute rope loop at the top.

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Cut approximately 10 cm of jute cord. Fold the cord in half to form a loop.

Position the two loose ends behind the uppermost holly leaf, making sure the loop extends above the pointed tip.

Sew the cord ends firmly to the back of the ornament using strong thread. Make several passes through the cord and felt to reinforce the attachment.

For additional stability, you can cover the cord ends with a small felt patch.

Check that the loop is centered and that the ornament hangs vertically when lifted.

If the loop is too long, adjust the cord before making the final securing stitches.

Step 13: Finish the Back of the Ornament

The back of the decoration should be neat and free from loose threads.

Turn the ornament over carefully and inspect all the stitching that holds the leaves, berries, bow, and hanging loop together.

Trim any excess thread and secure any loose stitches.

The original tutorial recommends using a single piece of felt on the back to conceal the construction stitches.

To do this, trace the assembled ornament's backing area onto dark green felt, creating a backing shape that fits behind the main leaves without extending beyond their outer edges.

Cut the backing felt and place it over the exposed stitching on the reverse side.

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Secure the backing with small hand stitches around suitable portions of the outer edge, taking care not to flatten the three-dimensional berries on the front.

The finished back should be smooth, tidy, and strong enough to support the ornament when hanging.

Step 14: Inspect and Complete Your Christmas Holly Ornament ✨

Your handmade Christmas holly felt ornament is almost finished.

Place the decoration on a flat surface and examine the overall arrangement.

Make sure the dark green and light green leaves alternate naturally and that the decorative golden stitches remain visible.

Check that the three red berries are firmly attached and that the small leaves with red beads are positioned neatly behind them.

Adjust the bow so its loops are balanced and its tails extend downward.

Finally, hold the ornament by the jute loop to confirm that it hangs correctly.

Your finished ornament should measure approximately 23 cm high and 16 cm wide, although small variations are normal when sewing by hand.

Step 15: Understand the Main Hand Sewing Stitches Used in This Project

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The tutorial chart illustrates six basic embroidery and sewing methods. Learning these stitches will help you reproduce the ornament accurately.

Stitch	Purpose in this project
Running Stitch	Gathering berries, decorating the bow, and outlining leaves
Backstitch	Creating stronger, continuous outlines on felt
Blanket Stitch	An optional decorative finish for exposed felt edges
French Knot	Creating tiny embroidered decorative dots
Straight Stitch	Embroidering the leaf veins and berry stars
Bead Stitch	Attaching the small red beads to decorative leaves

Running Stitch

A running stitch is created by passing the needle in and out of the fabric at regular intervals. It is particularly useful for gathering the berry circles into rounded shapes.

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Backstitch

Backstitch creates a strong, continuous stitched line. It is ideal for outlining the holly leaves or reinforcing areas that need extra support.

Blanket Stitch

Blanket stitch is commonly used to finish felt edges. Although the main ornament uses decorative running and backstitch outlines, blanket stitch is an alternative if you prefer a more defined border.

French Knot

A French knot is made by wrapping embroidery thread around the needle and passing it back through the fabric close to the entry point. It creates a small raised dot that can replace decorative beads.

Straight Stitch

Straight stitch is used for the golden central veins on the leaves and the small embroidered stars on the berries.

Bead Stitch

Bead stitch secures small decorative beads to the felt. Use tight, reinforced stitches to prevent beads from becoming loose.

Step 16: Decorating Ideas and Optional Variations

Once you have completed the original ornament, you can experiment with different colors and decorative details while keeping the same construction method.

For a traditional Christmas appearance, use dark green and light green felt with bright red berries and a red bow.

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For a more elegant version, replace the yellow embroidery thread with metallic gold thread and add a few small golden beads.

A rustic farmhouse variation can feature muted olive green leaves, burgundy berries, and a natural linen or burlap-style bow.

You can also create several ornaments in matching colors and use them to decorate a Christmas garland, holiday wreath, or handmade gift packages.

For a smaller ornament, reduce all the template dimensions proportionally. Remember that smaller berries and leaves will require more precise cutting and sewing.

Frequently Asked Questions About the Christmas Holly Felt Ornament Pattern

1. Is this Christmas holly felt ornament suitable for beginners?

Yes. The project uses basic hand sewing techniques, including running stitch, backstitch, and straight stitch. Beginners can complete it with patience and careful cutting.

2. Do I need a sewing machine?

No. The entire ornament can be made by hand with a needle and embroidery thread, following the original tutorial chart.

3. What type of felt works best?

Medium-weight polyester craft felt is recommended. It is easy to cut, holds its shape, and works well with embroidery.

4. Can I make the berries without polyester stuffing?

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Yes, but they will not have the same rounded appearance. You can substitute small pieces of clean felt scraps as stuffing, although polyester fiberfill usually creates a smoother result.

5. How can I make the ornament more durable?

Use strong thread to attach the berries, bow, and hanging loop. Reinforce the stitches on the back and add a felt backing piece to cover the construction.

6. Can I wash the finished ornament?

Spot cleaning is preferable. Use a slightly damp cloth to remove dust or small marks. Avoid soaking the ornament, especially if it contains jute cord, decorative beads, or metallic embroidery thread.

7. How can I store the ornament after Christmas?

Place it in a dry storage box with tissue paper around the berries and bow. Avoid placing heavy decorations on top, as they could flatten the stuffed details.

8. Can I use this pattern to make ornaments for sale?

You can use the construction techniques to make your own handmade ornaments. If you plan to sell items based on a specific published pattern, check whether its creator has stated any licensing or commercial-use restrictions.

Conclusion: A Beautiful Handmade Christmas Decoration

The Christmas Holly Felt Ornament Pattern is a lovely way to create a traditional holiday decoration using simple materials and basic hand sewing techniques.

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By following the steps in the original tutorial chart, you can transform ordinary felt into an elegant ornament with layered holly leaves, embroidered veins, three stuffed red berries, decorative greenery, and a festive red bow.

The combination of rich green felt, bright red details, golden embroidery, and rustic jute cord gives the ornament a timeless Christmas appearance.

Whether you hang it on your Christmas tree, use it to decorate your home, or give it as a handmade gift, this felt holly ornament is a wonderful project for celebrating the holiday season through sewing and creativity.