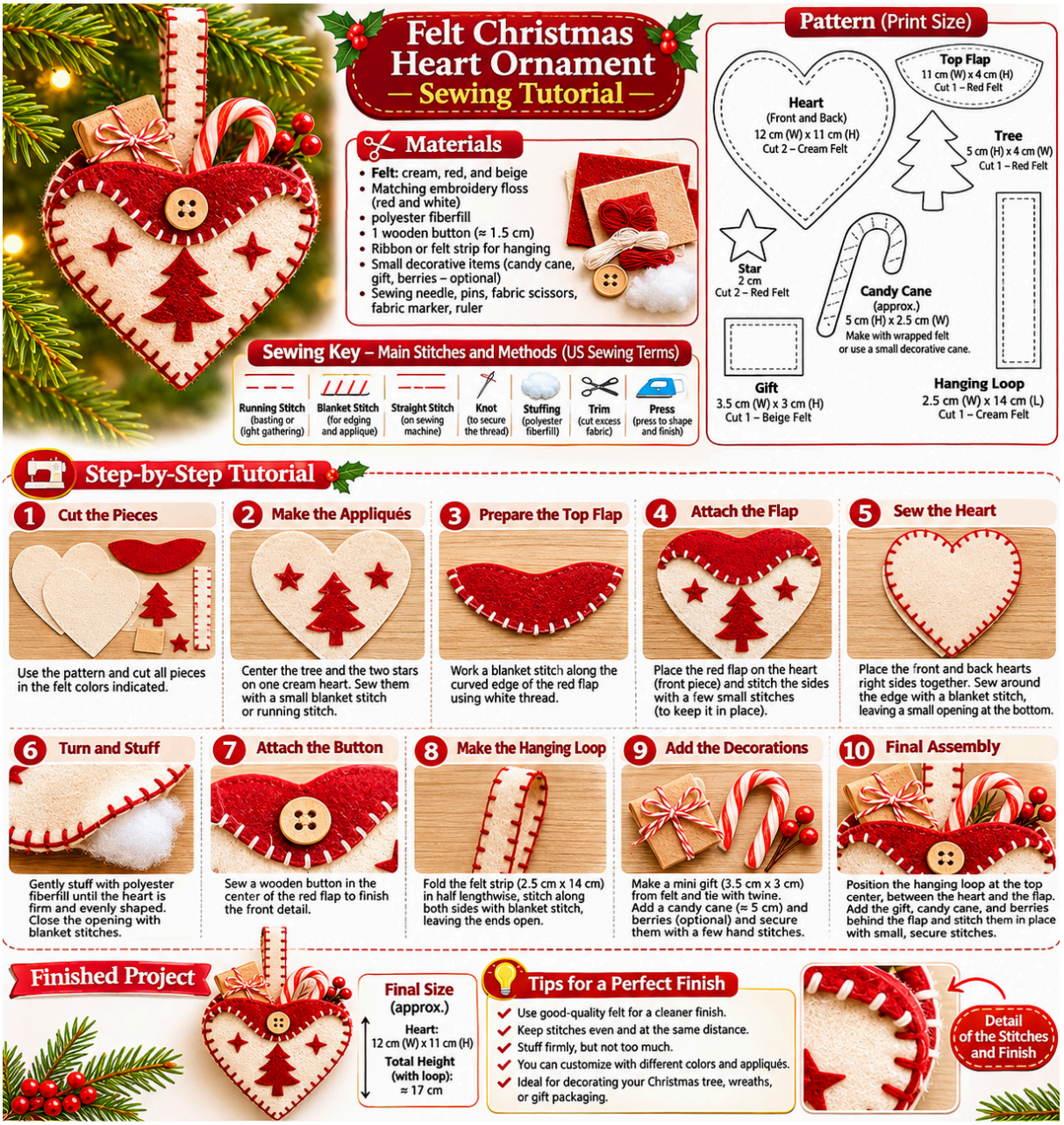
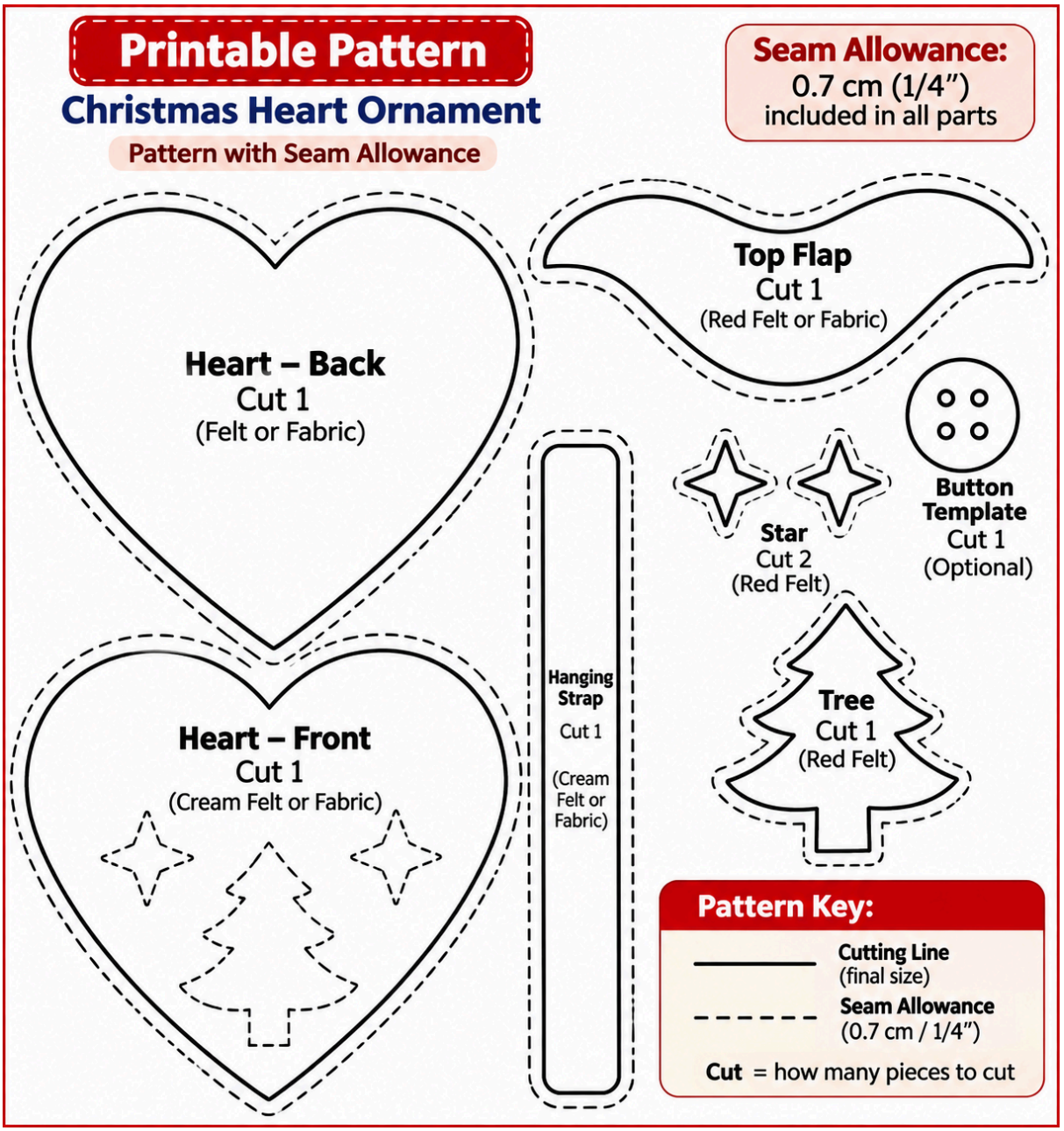
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Felt Christmas Heart Ornament – Complete Sewing Tutorial 🎄

Create a beautiful Felt Christmas Heart Ornament featuring a cream-colored heart, a red decorative flap, a miniature Christmas tree, two stars, a wooden button, and charming seasonal embellishments. This handmade ornament is perfect

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for decorating Christmas trees, holiday wreaths, festive garlands, and Christmas gift packages.

This tutorial follows the original illustrated pattern, using traditional American sewing methods, simple hand embroidery stitches, and measurements in centimeters (CM). The project is suitable for beginners and experienced sewing enthusiasts.

Step 1 – Gather the Materials and Sewing Supplies

Prepare all your materials before beginning the project. Choose good-quality felt that holds its shape and does not fray when cut.

Materials needed:

- Cream-colored felt for the heart and hanging loop.
- Red felt for the top flap, Christmas tree, and stars.
- Beige felt for the miniature Christmas gift.
- Red embroidery floss.
- White or cream embroidery floss.
- Polyester fiberfill.
- One wooden button approximately 1.5 cm in diameter.
- Red and white decorative twine.
- One miniature decorative candy cane.
- Small artificial red Christmas berries.
- Hand sewing needle.
- Sewing pins or fabric clips.
- Sharp fabric scissors.
- Fabric marking pen.
- Measuring ruler.
- Paper for tracing the pattern.
- Optional fabric glue for positioning small embellishments.

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Felt approximately 1–2 mm thick is a practical choice for this project because it is easy to cut, embroider, and assemble by hand.

Step 2 – Prepare the Pattern and Measurements

Use the pattern pieces illustrated in the original sewing tutorial. Transfer each shape onto paper before cutting the felt.

Pattern piece	Measurements	Quantity	Felt color
Heart	12 × 11 cm	2	Cream
Top flap	11 × 4 cm	1	Red
Christmas tree	4 × 5 cm	1	Red
Stars	2 cm	2	Red
Miniature gift	3.5 × 3 cm	1	Beige
Candy cane	2.5 × 5 cm	1	Red and white
Hanging loop	2.5 × 14 cm	1	Cream

Finished ornament dimensions:

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- Heart width: approximately 12 cm.
- Heart height: approximately 11 cm.
- Total height with hanging loop: approximately 17 cm.

The felt pieces are designed for exposed-edge sewing. A large additional seam allowance is unnecessary. As a practical recommendation, position the blanket stitches approximately 0.3 cm inside the cut edges.

Step 3 – Learn the Main Sewing Stitches and Techniques

The following sewing methods are used throughout the project.

Running Stitch

A series of small, evenly spaced stitches used for attaching appliqués, temporary basting, and light gathering.

Blanket Stitch

A decorative looped stitch used to join felt layers, finish exposed edges, and secure appliqué pieces.

Straight Stitch

A basic sewing technique used to secure fabric pieces and create simple seams by hand or sewing machine.

Knot

Used to secure embroidery floss at the beginning and end of each seam.

Stuffing

Filling the heart with polyester fiberfill to create a soft, three-dimensional ornament.

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Trim

Carefully cutting away excess felt and loose embroidery threads.

Press

Gently flattening felt pieces when necessary, using a pressing cloth and a temperature appropriate for the felt material.

For decorative blanket stitching, use two or three strands of embroidery floss, depending on the thickness and appearance you prefer.

Step 4 – Cut All the Felt Pieces ✂️

Place the paper heart template over the cream-colored felt. Trace around the template using a fabric marking pen.

Cut two identical hearts measuring approximately 12 cm wide and 11 cm high. One heart will form the decorated front, and the other will become the back of the ornament.

Transfer the curved top flap template onto red felt and cut one piece measuring 11 × 4 cm.

Next, cut the miniature Christmas tree from red felt. The tree should measure approximately 5 cm high and 4 cm wide, including its small trunk.

Cut two red felt stars measuring approximately 2 cm each.

Prepare the beige gift rectangle measuring 3.5 × 3 cm and the cream hanging strip measuring 2.5 × 14 cm.

Keep all the pieces organized and check that their edges are smooth before beginning the sewing process.

Step 5 – Position and Sew the Christmas Tree Appliqué

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Place the Christmas tree in the lower central area of the front heart, with one star on each side above the tree.

Leave enough space around the tree for the outer blanket stitching and the decorative red flap.

Temporarily secure the tree using sewing pins or a tiny amount of fabric glue.

Thread your needle with red embroidery floss and tie a small knot at the end.

Bring the needle through the back of the cream felt and begin sewing around the edges of the tree using a small running stitch or blanket stitch.

Follow each branch carefully, making shorter stitches around the pointed corners.

Continue until the entire Christmas tree is securely attached. Finish with a small knot on the back of the cream felt.

Step 6 – Attach the Two Decorative Stars

Position one red felt star on the left side of the Christmas tree and the second star on the right side.

Check that both stars are evenly positioned and leave sufficient room for the top flap.

Using red embroidery floss, sew around each star with small running stitches or miniature blanket stitches.

Work slowly around the points to preserve their shape.

Avoid pulling the embroidery floss too tightly, as this can distort the small felt pieces.

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Secure the thread on the reverse side of the front heart and trim the excess.

Step 7 – Prepare the Red Decorative Top Flap

Decorate the curved lower edge of the red felt flap with contrasting white blanket stitches.

Thread your needle with white or cream embroidery floss.

Insert the needle from the back of the flap approximately 0.3 cm from the curved edge.

Bring the needle around the edge and through the loop of embroidery floss to form the first blanket stitch.

Continue working along the curved edge, keeping the stitches approximately 0.3–0.4 cm apart.

Maintain consistent tension so the white stitches remain neat and evenly spaced.

Once you reach the opposite end, secure the thread with a knot on the back of the flap.

This contrasting embroidery creates the traditional Christmas appearance shown in the original tutorial.

Step 8 – Attach the Flap to the Front Heart

Place the red flap over the upper section of the decorated cream heart.

Center it carefully so that the curved embroidered edge sits above the Christmas tree and stars.

Use red embroidery floss to attach the flap at its outer sides with small, secure hand stitches.

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Leave the upper central section accessible so the miniature gift, candy cane, and decorative berries can be positioned behind the flap during final assembly.

Check that the flap remains flat and that the white blanket stitching is clearly visible.

Do not sew the entire flap closed, since the decorative items will need to sit behind it.

Step 9 – Assemble and Sew the Heart

Join the front and back hearts with red blanket stitches, leaving a small opening near the bottom for stuffing.

Place the decorated front heart and the plain back heart together, aligning all the edges.

For the exposed blanket-stitched finish shown in the photograph, position the wrong sides together with the decorated side facing outward.

Secure the layers using sewing pins or fabric clips.

Thread your needle with red embroidery floss and hide the starting knot between the two felt layers.

Begin sewing around the perimeter using the blanket stitch technique.

Work carefully around the rounded upper sections, the central indentation, and the pointed bottom of the heart.

Leave an opening approximately 3–4 cm long near the lower edge for inserting the polyester fiberfill.

Important sewing clarification: The original graphic mentions placing the right sides together and turning the heart. However, sewing with the wrong sides together is more

consistent with the visible decorative blanket stitches in the finished ornament and eliminates the need for turning.

Step 10 – Stuff the Heart with Polyester Fiberfill

Take a small amount of polyester fiberfill and gently insert it through the opening.

Begin by filling the rounded upper sections of the heart.

Use your fingers or a blunt stuffing tool to distribute the fiberfill evenly into the curves and pointed bottom.

Continue adding small amounts until the heart develops a soft, slightly rounded appearance.

Avoid overstuffing because excessive filling can stretch the blanket stitches and distort the shape.

Once you are satisfied with the fullness, align the remaining open edges.

Close the opening using the same red blanket stitch, maintaining the original stitch spacing.

Secure the embroidery floss and carefully hide the thread tail between the felt layers.

Step 11 – Attach the Wooden Button

Position the wooden button in the center of the red decorative flap.

The button should measure approximately 1.5 cm in diameter.

Thread your needle with matching embroidery floss and bring it through the flap and one of the buttonholes.

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Pass the needle through the opposite hole and repeat several times until the button is firmly attached.

For a four-hole button, you can create a traditional crossed-thread design or two parallel lines of stitching.

Secure the thread behind the flap without pulling the felt excessively.

The wooden button provides a charming rustic detail that complements the traditional Christmas colors.

Step 12 – Create the Felt Hanging Loop

Use the cream felt strip measuring 2.5 × 14 cm to create a decorative hanging loop with red blanket stitching.

Fold the felt strip in half lengthwise, aligning its long edges.

Using red embroidery floss, work blanket stitches along the long open edge.

You may also add decorative blanket stitching along the opposite folded edge to reproduce the appearance shown in the original photograph.

Leave the short ends open and unstitched.

Bend the finished strip into a hanging loop, bringing the two short ends together.

Adjust the loop so approximately 6 cm extends above the heart after attachment.

Set the prepared hanging loop aside until final assembly.

Step 13 – Make the Miniature Christmas Gift 🎁

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Create a small beige felt gift measuring approximately 3.5 cm wide and 3 cm high.

Take the beige felt rectangle prepared earlier.

Wrap a piece of red and white decorative twine vertically around the rectangle.

Bring the twine around horizontally to create a traditional gift-wrapping design.

Tie the twine into a small decorative bow at the front.

Adjust the bow loops and trim the ends evenly.

Secure the twine to the felt with a few small hand stitches if necessary.

For an optional three-dimensional variation, you can use two matching beige felt rectangles sewn together with a tiny amount of fiberfill between them. The original pattern uses one rectangle.

Step 14 – Prepare the Decorative Candy Cane

Prepare a miniature red and white candy cane approximately 5 cm high and 2.5 cm wide.

You can use a ready-made miniature decorative candy cane or create one using felt.

For the handmade version, trace the candy cane shape onto cream or white felt.

Cut the shape carefully and decorate it with narrow diagonal red felt strips to imitate traditional candy cane stripes.

Secure the red strips with small running stitches or fabric glue.

Trim any excess felt extending beyond the curved edges.

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Make sure the candy cane is lightweight so it does not pull the ornament forward when hanging.

Step 15 – Prepare the Decorative Christmas Berries

Select a small cluster of artificial red Christmas berries.

Three small berries with short decorative stems will reproduce the festive arrangement shown in the original design.

Trim the stems if necessary, ensuring there are no sharp exposed ends.

Arrange the berries together and secure their stems with a few wraps of thread.

The berries are optional, but they provide an attractive seasonal accent and complement the red felt appliqués.

Step 16 – Complete the Final Assembly

Final decoration placement

Position the hanging loop at the top center, the miniature gift on the left, the candy cane on the right, and the berries beside the candy cane.

Insert the ends of the hanging loop behind the red flap at the upper center of the heart.

Use strong hand stitches to secure both ends to the felt heart. Make sure the loop is firmly attached because it will support the entire ornament.

Position the miniature beige gift behind the left side of the red flap, leaving its decorative bow visible.

Place the candy cane behind the right side of the flap, with its curved upper section extending above the heart.

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Arrange the red Christmas berries beside the candy cane.

Secure each decoration individually using small, discreet hand stitches.

Make sure all the embellishments are firmly attached and that the ornament hangs in a balanced position.

Step 17 – Finish and Inspect the Ornament

Examine the entire ornament carefully before displaying it.

Check that the outer red blanket stitches are evenly spaced and that the stuffing opening is completely closed.

Make sure the Christmas tree and stars are securely attached without loose corners.

Inspect the white embroidery along the red flap and trim any loose thread ends.

Check the wooden button, miniature gift, candy cane, and decorative berries.

Gently pull on the hanging loop to confirm that it is securely sewn to the heart.

Finally, reshape the ornament with your fingers to distribute the polyester fiberfill evenly.

Tips for a Perfect Sewing Finish

- Choose high-quality felt for smooth edges and a professional appearance.
- Use sharp fabric scissors when cutting small appliqué pieces.
- Keep blanket stitches evenly spaced approximately 0.3–0.4 cm apart.

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- Maintain consistent embroidery floss tension.
- Use matching thread for invisible attachment stitches.
- Avoid adding too much polyester fiberfill.
- Hide knots and thread ends between the felt layers whenever possible.
- Experiment with different Christmas colors and appliqué designs.
- Keep ornaments containing small buttons and berries away from young children and pets.

Creative Color and Decoration Variations

Style	Heart color	Flap and appliqués	Embroidery
Traditional Christmas	Cream	Red	Red and white
Woodland Christmas	Beige	Forest green	Brown and cream
Elegant Christmas	White	Burgundy	Gold
Winter Wonderland	White	Light blue	Silver
Rustic Farmhouse	Natural beige	Dark red	Cream
Vintage Christmas	Antique cream	Olive green	Red

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You can also replace the Christmas tree appliqué with a snowflake, gingerbread man, reindeer, angel, or miniature holly leaves while maintaining the same heart construction.

How to Display Your Finished Christmas Heart Ornament

Your handmade Felt Christmas Heart Ornament can be used to decorate Christmas trees, festive wreaths, fireplace garlands, Christmas stockings, decorative baskets, and holiday gift packages.

You can also create several matching hearts in different colors to assemble a coordinated collection of handmade Christmas decorations.

To preserve the ornament, store it in a dry container after the holiday season. Avoid machine washing because the decorative embellishments and felt may become damaged.

Finished Project – Felt Christmas Heart Ornament 🎄

Finished heart width

12 cm

Finished heart height

11 cm

Total hanging height

≈ 17 cm

Estimated crafting time

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60–90 min

Skill level

Beginner friendly

Sewing method

Hand sewing

The crafting time is an estimate, and the suggested stitch spacing is an additional practical recommendation for beginners.

Congratulations! Your Felt Christmas Heart Ornament is complete. With its traditional blanket stitching, festive Christmas tree appliqué, miniature gift, candy cane, and rustic wooden button, this beautiful handmade decoration brings warmth and personality to any holiday celebration.

Enjoy creating your own collection of festive felt ornaments and sharing the joy of handmade Christmas sewing projects with family and friends. 🧵❤️🎄