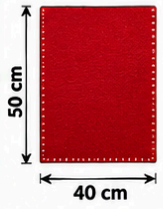
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Santa Chair-Back Cover Sewing Tutorial

Finished Size



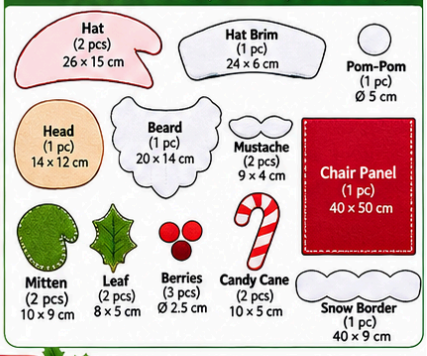
Fits standard chairs (about 40 cm wide × 50 cm high)

Materials



- Felt or craft fabric:
  - Red: 60 cm × 55 cm
  - White: 40 cm × 30 cm
  - Green: 20 cm × 20 cm
  - Beige (skin): 15 cm × 15 cm
- Small red felt: 10 cm × 10 cm
- Polyester fiberfill
- 2 buttons (about 2.5 cm Ø)
- Matching thread (red, white, green, beige, black)
- Fabric marker or tailors chalk
- Scissors, pins, hand-sewing needle

Pattern Pieces (Cut 1 each, unless noted)



Step by Step – How to Sew

1 Cut the Pieces



Trace the patterns on the fabrics and cut all the pieces according to the measurements.

2 Make the Face



Sew or glue the eyes on the face. Stuff the nose lightly and stitch it to the center of the face.

3 Assemble Beard and Mustache



Attach the mustache (2 pcs) with small stitches. Then stitch the beard under the mustache.

4 Make the Hat



Sew the hat pieces together, add the brim, and attach the pom-pom.

5 Add Details to the Hat



Sew the holly leaves and berries on the side of the hat.

6 Make the Mittens



Sew the white cuffs on the green mittens and add decorative blanket stitches around the edges.

7 Prepare the Chair Panel



Fold the side edges 1 cm to the wrong side and topstitch, or use blanket stitch around the sides.

8 Attach the Santa Head



Position the head at the top center of the panel and hand stitch (or machine stitch) securely.

9 Add the Mittens



Stitch the mittens on both sides of the beard.

10 Add the Buttons



Sew two buttons at the center of the panel.

11 Add the Snow Border and Appliqués



Sew the snow border at the bottom. Add the holly leaves, berries, and candy cane with hand stitches.

12 Final Result



Your Santa Chair-Back Cover is ready! Place it over the back of a chair and enjoy your Christmas décor!

Sewing Methods – Legend

- **Running Stitch** – a basic stitch used to join pieces.
- **Backstitch** – a strong and durable stitch for secure seams.
- **Topstitch** – a visible stitch to finish edges and keep them flat.
- **Blanket Stitch** – a decorative stitch used around felt edges.
- **Embroidery Stitch** – used to add small details (stars, snowflakes, etc.).

Assembly Diagram – Layers



Chair Cover Dimensions

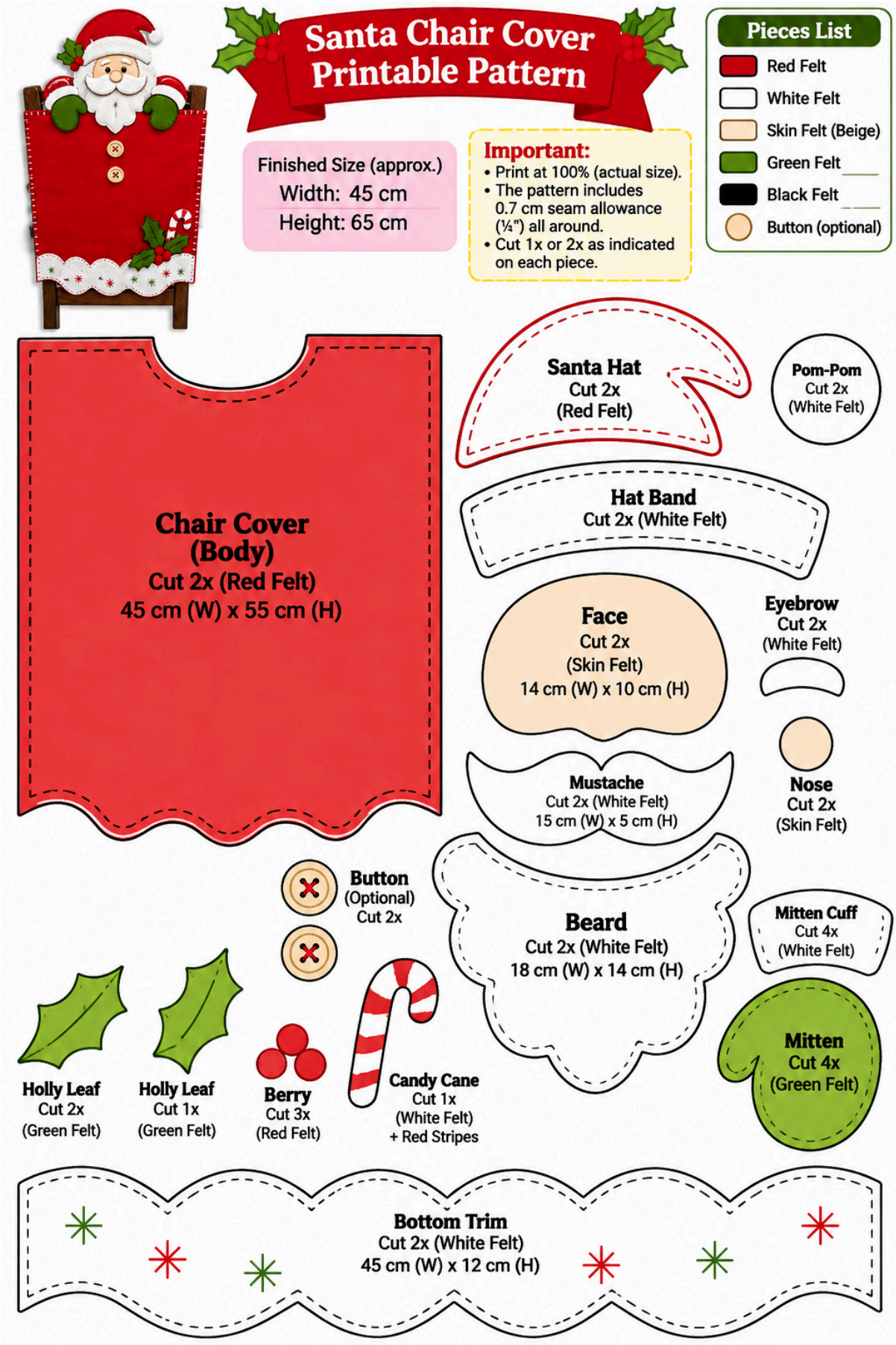


Helpful Tips



- Use felt or firm craft fabric for a neat and durable finish.
- All measurements are in centimeters (CM).
- You can sew by hand (blanket stitch) or with a sewing machine.
- Stuff the nose and hat tip lightly with fiberfill. for a 3D effect.
- Adjust the panel size if your chair is wider or taller.
- Personalize with other appliqués, like stars, snowflakes, or a gift box.

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Santa Chair-Back Cover Sewing Tutorial – Complete Step-by-Step Christmas Felt Pattern 🎅🎄

Create a charming Santa Chair-Back Cover that transforms an ordinary dining chair into a festive Christmas decoration! This beginner-friendly Christmas felt sewing tutorial explains how to make the cheerful Santa design shown in the reference image, complete with a red hat, fluffy white beard, green mittens, decorative buttons, holly leaves, candy cane, and snowy border.

This project combines simple fabric cutting, hand stitching, appliqué, and decorative embroidery. You can sew the entire decoration by hand or use a sewing machine for the straight seams. The tutorial follows the original illustrated pattern, including its measurements, construction sequence, and decorative elements.

The finished decorative panel measures approximately 40 cm wide × 50 cm high, designed for a standard chair back of similar dimensions. All measurements below are in centimeters (CM), and the sewing instructions use terminology familiar to crafters in the United States.

Step 1: Gather Your Materials and Prepare the Pattern

Before beginning your Santa Chair-Back Cover Sewing Tutorial, organize your fabrics, sewing tools, and decorative supplies. Having everything ready will make assembling the different layers easier.

Materials and supplies

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Material	Quantity or size
Red felt or craft fabric	60 × 55 cm
White felt	40 × 30 cm
Green felt	20 × 20 cm
Beige or skin-tone felt	15 × 15 cm
Small red felt piece	10 × 10 cm
Polyester fiberfill	Small amount
Decorative buttons	2, approximately 2.5 cm diameter
Matching thread	Red, white, green, beige, and black
Fabric marker or tailor's chalk	1

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Sewing needle and pins	As needed
Fabric scissors	1 pair
Measuring tape or ruler	1
Black beads or embroidery floss	For the eyes

You may also use fabric glue for small decorative details, although sewing produces a more durable finish.

Pattern pieces and measurements

Cut the following shapes using the dimensions shown in the illustrated tutorial.

Pattern piece	Quantity	Dimensions
Chair panel	1	40 × 50 cm
Santa hat	2	26 × 15 cm
Hat brim	1	24 × 6 cm

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Pom-pom	1	5 cm diameter
Santa face	1	14 × 12 cm
Beard	1	20 × 14 cm
Mustache	2	9 × 4 cm each
Green mittens	2	10 × 9 cm each
Holly leaves	2	8 × 5 cm each
Red berries	3	2.5 cm diameter
Candy cane pieces	2	10 × 5 cm each
Snow border	1	40 × 9 cm

Important: These are the approximate overall dimensions of the illustrated pattern shapes, not necessarily their rectangular

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cutting dimensions. Trace the curved outlines from the reference design.

The infographic specifies a 1 cm fold along the panel edges but does not establish a separate seam allowance for every decorative piece. For felt appliqués, the shapes can generally be cut to their finished outlines because felt does not fray easily.

Preparing the fabric

Lay your felt on a clean, flat cutting surface. Smooth any wrinkles and check that each piece is large enough for the required shape.

Trace the patterns onto the appropriate felt colors using a washable fabric marker or tailor's chalk.

For symmetrical shapes, fold the felt in half and trace half the pattern along the fold. This method works especially well for the Santa face, beard, and snow border.

Cut carefully along the traced lines, keeping the edges smooth and avoiding jagged curves.

Arrange all the pieces on your work surface before sewing. This helps you understand how the layers fit together and prevents accidentally attaching a decoration in the wrong position.

Step 2: Make Santa's Face, Beard, and Christmas Hat

Santa's face is the main focal point of this Christmas sewing project. Working carefully on the facial details will give the finished chair cover a friendly, handmade appearance.

Create Santa's face

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Weihnachtsmann-Gesicht in bastelfilz und Filzstoff zu montieren

1. Cut the beige felt face approximately 14 × 12 cm, shaping it into a gently rounded oval.
2. Mark the positions of the two eyes near the upper-middle section of the face.
3. Sew two small black beads securely in place, or embroider the eyes using black embroidery floss.
4. Cut a small circular piece of beige felt for the nose, approximately 3 cm in diameter.
5. Place a tiny amount of polyester fiberfill behind the nose to create a soft, raised appearance.
6. Position the nose between and slightly below the eyes, then secure it with small stitches around the edge.

For additional personality, embroider two small curved eyebrows above the eyes using white thread.

Assemble the beard and mustache

Cut the white beard using the 20 × 14 cm pattern. The illustrated beard has rounded, scalloped edges that resemble soft locks of hair.

Position the beard beneath the face, allowing the lower portion to extend below Santa's chin.

Use small running stitches or appliqué stitches to attach the upper part of the beard to the face.

Next, cut two matching white mustache pieces, each approximately 9 × 4 cm.

Arrange the mustache pieces directly beneath the nose. Their inner ends should meet in the center, while the outer ends curve slightly upward.

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Stitch the mustache pieces in place, overlapping the upper beard slightly. Keep the stitches small and neat so the facial features remain clearly defined.

For a fuller appearance, add a second thin layer of white felt behind selected sections of the beard. This is optional and does not change the basic pattern.

Sew Santa's hat

Cut two matching hat pieces from red felt, each fitting within the 26 × 15 cm pattern dimensions.

Place the two red hat pieces together with their edges aligned. Sew along the curved upper edges using a running stitch or backstitch, leaving the lower edge open.

Turn the hat right side out if the seam was sewn inside. When working with thick felt, you can instead sew the edges decoratively from the outside.

Cut the white hat brim measuring approximately 24 × 6 cm. Shape it into a gently curved band.

Position the white brim across the bottom of the hat and stitch it securely. You may use white blanket stitches for a decorative finish.

Create the pom-pom using the 5 cm white felt circle. Place a little fiberfill in the center, gather the edges inward, and secure the resulting ball with thread.

Attach the pom-pom to the curved tip of the red hat.

Decorate the hat with holly

Cut two green holly leaves, approximately 8 × 5 cm each, following the pointed leaf shapes shown in the diagram.

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Embroider a central vein and a few smaller veins using light green thread.

Arrange the leaves near one side of the white hat brim.

Cut three small red berries, each approximately 2.5 cm in diameter, and place them together at the base of the leaves.

Secure the leaves and berries with small stitches. The berries may be lightly stuffed for a rounded, dimensional effect.

Finally, position the completed hat on Santa's head and stitch it securely to the face and upper beard assembly.

Step 3: Sew the Green Mittens and Prepare the Chair Panel

The green mittens make Santa appear to be holding the top of the chair cover. Their placement is important because they visually connect the Santa decoration to the red panel.

Make the green felt mittens

Cut two mitten shapes from green felt, each approximately 10 × 9 cm.

The mittens should have a rounded hand section and a small thumb extending toward the center of the chair cover.

Cut two white felt cuffs sized to fit across the tops of the mittens.

Place a white cuff over the upper edge of each green mitten and secure it using small white stitches.

Next, work a decorative blanket stitch around the exposed green edges.

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To make a blanket stitch, bring the needle through the felt near the edge, pass the working thread beneath the needle before pulling it through, and gently tighten to create a loop along the edge. Repeat at regular intervals.

Use white thread to create the contrasting stitched outline shown in the original design.

Repeat the process on the second mitten, keeping both pieces similar in size and shape.

Prepare the red chair panel

Cut the red panel to the illustrated 40 × 50 cm size.

Lay the fabric flat with the front side facing downward.

The graphic instructs you to fold the side edges inward by approximately 1 cm and secure them with topstitching or blanket stitches.

If you are using felt, you may also finish the edges directly with blanket stitches because felt normally does not unravel.

Use red or white thread depending on the decorative appearance you prefer.

Fitting note: The reference image illustrates a decorative panel, but it does not show the complete rear attachment. To turn the panel into a functional slip-on chair-back cover, add a matching red backing panel. Measure your chair first, allow sufficient ease for its thickness, and sew the two panels together along the sides and top, leaving the bottom open. If your panel is cut to exactly 40 × 50 cm, folding or sewing its edges will reduce its usable dimensions.

Attach Santa's head

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Place the red chair panel on a flat surface with its front facing upward.

Position the completed Santa head assembly at the upper center of the panel.

Allow the beard to extend over the red fabric while the hat rises above the panel's upper edge.

Pin the head in position and check that it is centered.

Secure the head using small hand stitches through the hidden sections of the beard and face.

Use a backstitch in areas requiring extra strength, particularly where the head overlaps the top edge of the chair panel.

Attach the mittens

Position one green mitten on each side of Santa's beard.

The mittens should overlap the upper corners of the red panel, creating the appearance that Santa is holding the fabric.

Adjust their placement until both sides look balanced.

Stitch the mittens securely along their inner edges and at the points where they touch the panel.

Keep the decorative blanket stitching visible.

If the chair cover will be used frequently, reinforce the attachment points with additional hidden stitches.

Step 4: Add Buttons, Snow Border, Holly, and Candy Cane Decorations

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The final stage transforms the simple red panel into a cheerful Christmas decoration. Follow the placement shown in the reference tutorial for the most consistent result.

Sew the decorative buttons

Choose two decorative buttons approximately 2.5 cm in diameter.

Measure the center line of the red panel and mark two button positions beneath Santa's beard.

Space the buttons evenly, leaving enough room for the snow border at the bottom.

Thread a hand-sewing needle with strong matching thread.

Sew the first button through the felt panel, passing the needle through the buttonholes several times to secure it.

Repeat with the second button.

The buttons are decorative rather than functional, so they do not require buttonholes.

For a traditional Christmas appearance, wooden buttons with red stitching work especially well.

Make the scalloped snow border

Cut the white snow border approximately 40 × 9 cm.

The upper edge can remain relatively straight, while the lower edge should have a series of soft, rounded scallops resembling small snowdrifts.

Place the border across the bottom of the red panel.

Adjust the position so the scalloped edge creates the same snowy finish shown in the illustration.

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Pin the white felt in place and sew along its upper edge using a running stitch.

Add small decorative stitches around the scalloped lower edge if desired.

For extra Christmas detail, embroider small snowflakes using red and green embroidery floss.

A simple snowflake can be made with several straight stitches crossing at one central point.

Repeat the embroidered snowflakes across the border, varying their positions slightly for a natural handmade appearance.

Create the holly decoration

Cut two green holly leaves using the same approximate 8 × 5 cm dimensions listed in the pattern.

Embroider leaf veins with lighter green thread.

Arrange the leaves diagonally near the lower-right corner of the chair panel.

Stitch them securely in place, keeping the pointed ends visible.

Add three small red felt berries at the center of the holly arrangement. If you prefer a raised look, stuff them lightly before attaching.

The finished holly decoration should overlap the red panel and sit just above the snow border.

Make the candy cane appliqué

Cut the two candy cane pieces using the approximate 10 × 5 cm pattern dimensions.

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The candy cane should have a curved hook at the top and a straight lower section.

Use white felt for the main candy cane shape and red felt for the decorative stripes.

Cut several narrow red strips and arrange them diagonally across the white candy cane.

Trim the strips to match the outer edges of the cane.

Sew the red strips in place using small stitches.

Position the completed candy cane beside the lower holly leaves, with the hook facing inward toward the center of the panel.

Stitch the candy cane to the red fabric, taking care not to distort its curved shape.

Final assembly and finishing

Once all the decorations are attached, lay the chair cover flat and inspect the entire project.

Check the following finishing details:

- **The Santa head is centered and securely stitched.**
- **The red hat, white brim, and pom-pom are firmly attached.**
- **Both green mittens sit evenly along the top of the panel.**
- **The two decorative buttons align vertically.**
- **The snow border lies flat across the bottom.**
- **The holly leaves, berries, and candy cane are securely sewn.**
- **Loose threads have been trimmed and hidden.**

If you added a backing panel, slide the finished cover over the chair back and check the fit.

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Make any necessary adjustments before displaying the decoration.

Sewing Methods and Stitch Legend

The original tutorial includes five important sewing methods. Understanding them will help you reproduce the finished decoration accurately.

Stitch	Purpose
Running stitch	A basic stitch for joining felt pieces and attaching appliqués.
Backstitch	A stronger stitch used to reinforce seams and secure Santa's head.
Topstitch	Visible stitching used to finish the panel edges and keep the fabric flat.
Blanket stitch	Decorative edge stitching used around the mittens and felt pieces.
Embroidery stitch	Small decorative stitches used for eyebrows, leaf veins, and snowflakes.

For beginners, a running stitch is the easiest starting point. A backstitch provides extra durability, while a blanket stitch creates the characteristic handcrafted appearance of felt Christmas decorations.

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Helpful Tips for a Beautiful Santa Chair-Back Cover

Choose felt with enough body to maintain the shape of Santa's hat, beard, and mittens. Thin felt can be reinforced with a second layer when necessary.

Use small, evenly spaced stitches throughout the project. Consistent stitching will make the appliqué details look cleaner and more professional.

Avoid overstuffing Santa's nose or the berries. A small amount of polyester fiberfill is enough to create gentle dimension without making the pieces difficult to sew.

If you prefer to work by machine, use a straight stitch for the chair panel seams and hand-sew the small decorative pieces. This combination can save time while preserving the traditional handmade appearance.

Before permanently attaching Santa's head and mittens, arrange all the major components on the red panel and take a photograph. The photograph can help you remember the correct positions as you sew.

For a larger or smaller chair, measure the actual chair back and adjust the panel dimensions. The original 40 × 50 cm design serves as a useful starting point, but the finished cover should fit comfortably without stretching or bunching.

Finally, remember that small beads and buttons can become choking hazards if they detach. Keep the decoration away from young children who might pull on these pieces, or use securely embroidered details instead.

Final Result: Your Handmade Santa Christmas Chair Cover 🎄

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Your Santa Chair-Back Cover is now complete!

The finished project features a cheerful Santa Claus with a red Christmas hat, fluffy white beard, green mittens, two decorative buttons, embroidered snow border, and festive holly and candy cane appliqués.

Place the cover over the back of a dining chair to create a welcoming Christmas atmosphere. You can make matching covers for several chairs, coordinate the colors with your holiday table decorations, or personalize each one with embroidered initials.

This DIY Christmas felt chair cover is also a lovely handmade gift and a rewarding seasonal sewing project for beginners and experienced crafters alike. With basic sewing supplies, a little patience, and the step-by-step instructions above, you can recreate the festive design from beginning to end.