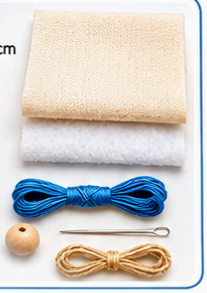
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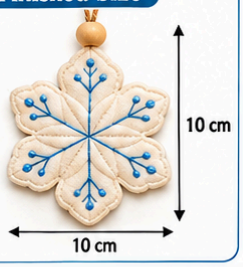
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Materials

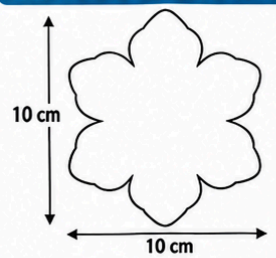
- Cotton fabric (cream or white) – 30 × 30 cm
- Fusible batting (or felt) – 30 × 30 cm
- Embroidery floss – blue
- Hand sewing needle (embroidery)
- Sewing thread – matching color
- Twine or cord – 20 cm per ornament
- Wooden bead – 1.5 cm (diameter)
- Scissors, fabric marker or chalk
- Pins and a fine stuffing (optional, for a puffier look)



Finished Size



Pattern and Measurements



Cut 2 fabric pieces and 1 fusible batting (10 cm × 10 cm) for each ornament.

Stitch Key – Embroidery (US Terms)

- **Backstitch** (for the main lines)
- **French Knot** (for the dots)
- **Straight Stitch** (for small branches)
- **Running Stitch** (optional, for quilting)

Sewing Key (US Methods)

- **Cut** – Cut the fabric accurately.
- **Pin** – Hold the layers in place.
- **Stitch** – Sew with a sewing machine (or by hand) using a straight stitch.
- **Turn** – Flip the piece right side out (if needed).
- **Press** – Use a warm iron to flatten.
- **Stuff** – Add a little fiberfill for a raised look (optional).

Step-by-Step Instructions

1 Prepare the Pieces



Cut 2 snowflake shapes from fabric and 1 from fusible batting, all measuring 10 cm × 10 cm.

2 Fuse the Batting



Fuse (or baste) the batting to the wrong side of one fabric piece following the manufacturer's instructions.

3 Mark the Quilting Lines



With a fabric marker, lightly trace the center lines and leaf divisions as shown.

4 Quilt the Snowflake



Quilt along the marked lines using a sewing machine or hand stitching (running stitch). This creates a raised, textured look.

5 Embroider the Design



Using embroidery floss (blue), sew the main lines with a backstitch and add the branch tips with straight stitches. Finish with French knots for the dots.

6 Assemble the Ornament



Place the embroidered piece right sides together with the second fabric piece. Pin around the edge.

7 Stitch and Trim



Sew around the shape with a 0.5 cm seam allowance. Trim the excess fabric close to the stitching, leaving about 0.3 cm.

8 Turn and Finish



Turn the ornament right side out (if you left a small opening). Press with a warm iron. Topstiich around the edge about 0.3 cm from the edge (optional).

9 Add the Hanger



Cut a 20 cm piece of twine. Fold it in half and thread on a 1.5 cm wooden bead.

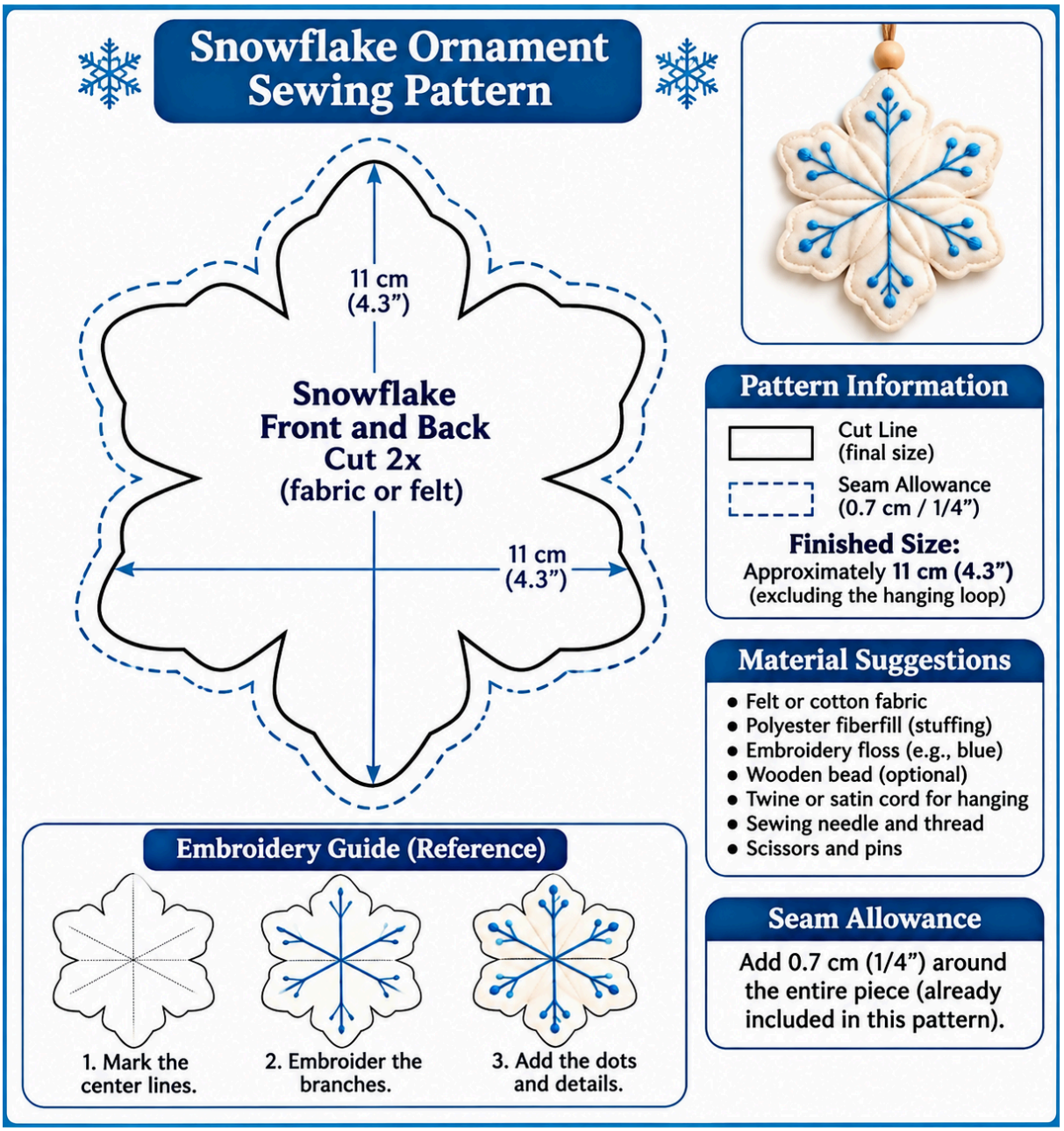
Position the loop at the top of the snowflake and hand stitch it securely with a few hidden stitches.

Your fabric snowflake ornament is ready!

Tips for Success

- Use firm cotton fabric for a clean shape.
- Fusible batting gives structure and a soft, quilted look.
- Keep your stitching even for a neat finish.
- You can make the dots with French knots or small beads.
- Customize the colors to match your holiday décor.
- Finished size: approximately 10 cm × 10 cm (4 in × 4 in).

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Fabric Snowflake Ornament Sewing Tutorial – Complete Step-by-Step Guide

Creating a Fabric Snowflake Ornament is a beautiful way to bring handmade charm to your Christmas decorations. This sewing project combines soft cotton fabric, lightweight

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batting, delicate quilting, and blue embroidery to create an elegant snowflake with a slightly raised, textured appearance.

This Fabric Snowflake Ornament Sewing Tutorial follows the illustrated pattern, including the materials, measurements, embroidery stitches, assembly techniques, and finishing details. The instructions use American sewing and embroidery terminology, with all measurements provided in centimeters (cm).

The finished ornament measures approximately 10 cm × 10 cm (4 × 4 inches). It features six rounded snowflake points, decorative blue branches, French knot accents, a wooden bead, and a natural twine hanging loop.

This project is suitable for beginners who have basic hand-sewing skills, as well as experienced crafters who enjoy making handmade Christmas ornaments. With careful cutting, consistent stitches, and a little patience, you can create a lovely decoration for a Christmas tree, holiday wreath, or seasonal gift.

Step 1: Gather Your Materials and Prepare the Snowflake Pattern ✂️

Before beginning your fabric snowflake sewing project, organize all your materials on a clean, well-lit work surface. Having everything ready will make the cutting, quilting, and embroidery stages easier.

Materials Needed

For one snowflake ornament, you will need:

Material	Quantity or Size

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Cream or white cotton fabric	30 × 30 cm
Fusible batting or felt	30 × 30 cm
Blue embroidery floss	Small amount
Embroidery needle	1
Matching sewing thread	As needed
Natural twine or cord	20 cm
Wooden bead	1, approximately 1.5 cm diameter
Fabric scissors	1 pair
Fabric marker or tailor's chalk	1
Sewing pins or clips	As needed

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Polyester fiberfill	**Optional**
Iron and ironing surface	**1 set**
Sewing machine	**Optional**

Choose a firm, medium-weight cotton fabric that holds its shape without becoming too stiff. Cream-colored fabric gives the ornament a traditional winter appearance, while white cotton creates a brighter snowflake.

Understanding the Pattern

The illustrated snowflake has six symmetrical points arranged around a central point. Each point resembles a rounded leaf or petal, with gentle curves that connect to the neighboring points.

The completed snowflake should measure approximately:

- **Width: 10 cm**
- **Height: 10 cm**
- **Number of points: 6**
- **Standard seam allowance: 0.5 cm**

The illustration shows a 10 × 10 cm outline and a 0.5 cm seam allowance. For a finished ornament measuring approximately 10 cm, use the 10 cm outline as the intended finished shape and add 0.5 cm outside it when cutting. If your printable template already includes the seam allowance, do not add it again.

Prepare the Fabric Pieces

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Place your cotton fabric on a flat surface and press it with a warm iron to remove wrinkles.

Position your snowflake template on the fabric and trace the outline with a removable fabric marker. Cut two identical snowflake pieces, one for the front and one for the back.

Next, cut one matching piece from fusible batting or felt. The batting creates the soft, dimensional appearance shown in the tutorial.

You should now have three main pieces:

1. **One cotton snowflake for the front.**
2. **One cotton snowflake for the back.**
3. **One batting or felt snowflake for the interior.**

Keep all six points aligned when cutting. Accurate cutting is especially important because uneven curves can make the finished ornament look asymmetrical.

Beginner's tip: Fold a paper template in half along each of its three symmetry axes to check that the six points are evenly shaped before transferring it to fabric.

Step 2: Fuse the Batting and Mark the Quilting Lines 🧵

The next stage prepares the front of the ornament for quilting and embroidery. This is where the snowflake begins to develop its distinctive raised texture.

Attach the Batting

Place the front fabric piece on your ironing surface with its wrong side facing upward.

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Position the fusible batting against the wrong side of the cotton fabric. Make sure the batting covers the entire snowflake shape and that the edges are properly aligned.

Follow the manufacturer's instructions to fuse the batting using an iron. Use a pressing cloth if recommended, and avoid sliding the iron across the fabric because this can shift the layers.

If you are using regular felt or nonfusible batting, secure it with temporary basting stitches instead.

Once attached, allow the fabric to cool completely before moving it.

Mark the Snowflake's Center

Turn the front piece right side up and identify its exact center.

Using a removable fabric marker, draw three straight lines passing through the center. Space them evenly so that they create six directions radiating outward.

These lines form the foundation of the snowflake design.

Each line should extend from one snowflake point to the opposite point, following the orientation shown in the reference illustration.

Mark the Decorative Quilting Lines

Inside each rounded snowflake point, draw a soft, elongated leaf-shaped quilting design.

The quilting should follow the natural contours of the fabric, creating a slightly raised area in the center of each point.

Keep the lines symmetrical and avoid drawing too close to the outer edge.

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The reference ornament uses subtle cream-colored quilting stitches that blend into the fabric, allowing the blue embroidery to become the main decorative feature.

Quilt the Snowflake

Thread your sewing machine with matching cream or white thread.

Using a straight stitch, carefully sew along the marked quilting lines. A stitch length of approximately 2.0–2.5 mm works well for this small project.

Alternatively, use a hand-sewn running stitch with evenly spaced stitches.

Begin near the center and work outward, following each leaf-shaped section. Avoid pulling the thread too tightly, as this can distort the batting.

Repeat the quilting process across all six points.

When finished, the snowflake should have a soft, slightly padded appearance, with subtle stitched details visible across the fabric.

Helpful tip: If you are quilting by hand, use small stitches of approximately 0.2–0.3 cm to maintain a delicate finish.

Step 3: Embroider the Blue Snowflake Design ❄️

The embroidery is the most recognizable feature of this Fabric Snowflake Ornament Sewing Tutorial.

The blue thread creates six decorative branches that extend from the center toward the outer points, while tiny French knots imitate frozen droplets.

Prepare the Embroidery Thread

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Cut a manageable length of blue embroidery floss, approximately 35–40 cm.

Separate the strands according to your desired thickness. For a delicate ornament, two or three strands of standard six-strand embroidery floss usually provide a good balance between visibility and neatness.

Thread an embroidery needle and secure the thread on the back of the fabric.

Try to keep knots and loose thread ends small so they do not create visible bumps in the finished ornament.

Embroider the Main Lines Using Backstitch

Begin at the center of the snowflake.

Follow one of the three straight guidelines toward the tip of a snowflake point.

Use backstitch, a traditional American hand-embroidery stitch that produces a continuous line.

To make a backstitch:

1. Bring the needle up through the fabric.
2. Insert it a short distance backward along the marked line.
3. Bring the needle up again one stitch length ahead.
4. Insert it into the end of the previous stitch.
5. Repeat to create a smooth, continuous line.

Keep your stitches approximately 0.2–0.3 cm long.

Continue until you reach the end of the first branch. Repeat this process for all six branches, ensuring that they meet neatly at the center.

The finished design should resemble a six-pointed blue star.

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Add the Small Branches Using Straight Stitch

At the outer end of each main branch, embroider two small diagonal branches.

These branches should angle outward symmetrically, creating the familiar appearance of a snowflake.

Use straight stitch for these smaller details.

Bring the needle up at the beginning of a branch, insert it at the endpoint, and pull the thread gently through.

Repeat on the opposite side of the main line.

Depending on the space available, add another small pair of branches closer to the outer tip to match the illustrated design.

Keep the branches balanced and avoid placing stitches too close to the seam allowance.

Create the French Knot Details

The small blue dots at the ends of the branches are made using French knots.

To create a French knot:

1. Bring the needle up through the fabric at the desired location.
2. Hold the embroidery floss gently with your free hand.
3. Wrap the floss around the needle twice.
4. Insert the needle back into the fabric very close to the original entry point.
5. Hold the wraps in place while carefully pulling the needle through.

The thread will form a small, rounded knot on the surface.

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Add French knots to the branch tips, following the arrangement shown in the illustration.

For a balanced appearance, use the same number of knots on each of the six points.

Embroidery Stitch Key – US Terms

Stitch	Purpose
Backstitch	Main blue snowflake lines
Straight stitch	Small decorative branches
French knot	Rounded blue dots
Running stitch	Optional hand quilting
Hidden stitch	Attaching and finishing details

Check the Embroidery

Once all six branches are complete, inspect the design.

Make sure the central lines meet correctly and that the French knots are firmly secured.

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Remove any visible fabric-marker lines according to the marker manufacturer's instructions.

Do not pull or stretch the fabric while removing the markings.

Your snowflake front should now resemble the embroidered example in the reference graphic, with delicate cream quilting and bright blue decorative details.

Step 4: Assemble, Sew, Turn, and Finish the Ornament 🪡

With the quilting and embroidery complete, you can assemble the snowflake and transform it into a finished Christmas ornament.

Position the Fabric Layers

Place the embroidered front piece on your work surface with the right side facing upward.

Position the second cotton snowflake on top, with its right side facing downward.

The two fabric pieces should now have their right sides together, with the embroidery facing inward.

The batting should remain attached to the wrong side of the embroidered front piece.

Align all six snowflake points and the curved sections between them.

Use sewing pins or clips to hold the layers securely in place.

Sew Around the Snowflake

Using matching sewing thread, sew around the entire snowflake shape with a 0.5 cm seam allowance.

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You may use a sewing machine or hand-sew with a small backstitch.

Follow the curves slowly and carefully.

When approaching a pointed section, reduce your sewing speed and pivot the fabric as needed.

Leave a small opening of approximately 2.5–3 cm along a relatively straight section of one outer edge. This opening will allow you to turn the ornament right side out.

Backstitch at the beginning and end of the seam to prevent unraveling.

Trim the Seam Allowance

After sewing, trim the excess seam allowance to approximately 0.3 cm, as shown in the tutorial.

Be careful not to cut through the stitching.

Make small clips into the inward curves between the snowflake points, stopping just before the seam.

This allows the fabric to spread naturally when turned.

For the outward points, carefully reduce any bulky seam allowance without cutting too close to the stitching.

These small adjustments help the ornament maintain its six-pointed shape.

Turn the Ornament Right Side Out

Gently pull the ornament through the opening.

Work slowly to avoid stretching the seams or damaging the embroidery.

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Use a blunt turning tool, such as a chopstick or a specialized point turner, to push out the six snowflake points.

Do not use sharp scissors or pointed metal tools because they can puncture the fabric.

Once all points are properly shaped, smooth the edges with your fingers.

Add Optional Stuffing

The illustrated ornament has a soft, quilted appearance that can be achieved using fusible batting alone.

However, if you prefer a fuller, more dimensional snowflake, insert a very small amount of polyester fiberfill through the opening.

Distribute the stuffing evenly, especially near the six points.

Avoid overstuffing, since too much fiberfill can distort the embroidered design and make the snowflake appear rounded rather than flat.

Close the Opening

Fold the raw edges of the turning opening inward by approximately 0.5 cm.

Thread a hand-sewing needle with matching thread.

Use a ladder stitch, also called an invisible stitch, to close the opening.

Take small alternating stitches through the folded edges of the front and back fabric.

Pull the thread gently until the opening closes neatly.

Secure the thread with a small hidden knot.

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Press and Topstitch

If necessary, gently press the ornament using a warm iron and a pressing cloth.

Avoid pressing directly over the French knots because this can flatten them.

For additional definition, sew a line of topstitching approximately 0.3 cm from the outer edge.

Use matching cream thread and maintain a consistent distance from the edge.

This step is optional, but it gives the ornament a clean, professional appearance.

Add the Twine Hanger

Cut a piece of natural twine measuring 20 cm.

Fold it in half to create a hanging loop.

Thread both loose ends through a wooden bead measuring approximately 1.5 cm in diameter. If the bead hole is narrow, use a large-eye needle or a small wire threader.

Position the bead above the uppermost snowflake point.

Bring the loose ends of the twine together and secure them to the back of the top point using several small, strong hand stitches.

You may tie a small knot in the twine before stitching it in place for extra security.

Make sure the loop is centered so that the snowflake hangs straight.

Final Inspection

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Before displaying your handmade ornament, check that:

- **All six snowflake points are evenly shaped.**
- **The blue embroidery is symmetrical and securely fastened.**
- **The French knots are firm and evenly spaced.**
- **The outer seams are closed and neat.**
- **The optional topstitching follows the edge consistently.**
- **The wooden bead and twine hanger are firmly attached.**

Your Fabric Snowflake Ornament is now complete!

Tips for a Beautiful, Professional Finish

Choose high-quality cotton fabric. Firm cotton is easier to cut, embroider, and sew than slippery or loosely woven materials.

Use lightweight fusible batting. It provides structure and a soft quilted appearance without making the small ornament excessively bulky.

Maintain consistent embroidery tension. Tight stitches can pull the fabric inward, while loose stitches may become uneven.

Keep the snowflake symmetrical. Check the six points and the central embroidery regularly as you work.

Use small, precise stitches. The ornament measures only 10 cm, so stitch consistency makes a noticeable difference.

Experiment with decorative colors. Although the illustrated version uses cream fabric and blue embroidery, you can create additional ornaments using white and silver, red and gold, green and cream, or pale blue and white.

Create matching ornament sets. Use the same pattern to make several snowflakes with coordinating embroidery colors and wooden beads.

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Is this Fabric Snowflake Ornament suitable for beginners?

Yes. The project uses basic sewing techniques, including cutting, pinning, straight stitching, turning fabric, and simple embroidery.

Beginners may want to practice backstitch and French knots on scrap fabric before working on the ornament.

Can I make the ornament without a sewing machine?

Absolutely. The entire project can be completed by hand.

Use small backstitches for the main seams and a running stitch for the quilting. Hand sewing may take longer, but it gives you excellent control around the curved edges.

What is the best fabric for a snowflake ornament?

Medium-weight cotton is an excellent choice because it is stable, easy to embroider, and available in many colors.

Cotton-linen blends can also work well, although their texture may make detailed embroidery slightly more challenging.

Can I use felt instead of fusible batting?

Yes. Thin craft felt or wool-blend felt can replace the fusible batting.

Since felt is usually not fusible, secure it with basting stitches before quilting and embroidery.

How can I make the snowflake look puffier?

Add a small amount of polyester fiberfill before closing the turning opening.

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Distribute the filling evenly and avoid overstuffing the center.

What embroidery stitches are used in this pattern?

The main decorative stitches are backstitch, straight stitch, and French knots.

Running stitch is used for optional hand quilting, while ladder stitch can be used to close the turning opening invisibly.

Can I make larger snowflake ornaments?

Yes. You can enlarge the paper template to create ornaments measuring 12 cm, 15 cm, or even 20 cm.

Maintain the same six-pointed proportions and adjust the embroidery branches to suit the larger surface.

For larger ornaments, consider using slightly thicker batting to maintain structure.

How do I clean a handmade fabric snowflake ornament?

Gently spot-clean the ornament with a damp cloth and mild soap when necessary.

Avoid machine washing if the ornament contains a wooden bead, delicate embroidery, or loosely attached decorative elements.

Allow it to air-dry completely before storing.

Can I use these ornaments as Christmas gifts?

Yes. Handmade fabric snowflakes make thoughtful holiday gifts, gift-wrap decorations, stocking accents, and Christmas tree ornaments.

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You can also personalize them by embroidering initials or using fabric colors that match the recipient's holiday decorations.

Conclusion

This Fabric Snowflake Ornament Sewing Tutorial demonstrates how simple sewing materials can be transformed into a delicate handmade Christmas decoration.

By following the illustrated pattern and completing each stage carefully—from cutting the six-pointed fabric pieces to adding batting, quilting, blue embroidery, and a wooden-bead hanger—you can create an ornament that closely matches the original design.

The combination of cream cotton, soft quilted texture, symmetrical blue branches, and tiny French knots gives the finished snowflake an elegant winter appearance.

Once you have completed your first ornament, you can reuse the same pattern to create an entire collection of handmade snowflakes in different colors and sizes.

Whether you hang them on a Christmas tree, decorate holiday gifts, or give them to friends and family, these handmade fabric snowflake ornaments bring warmth, creativity, and a personal touch to the holiday season.