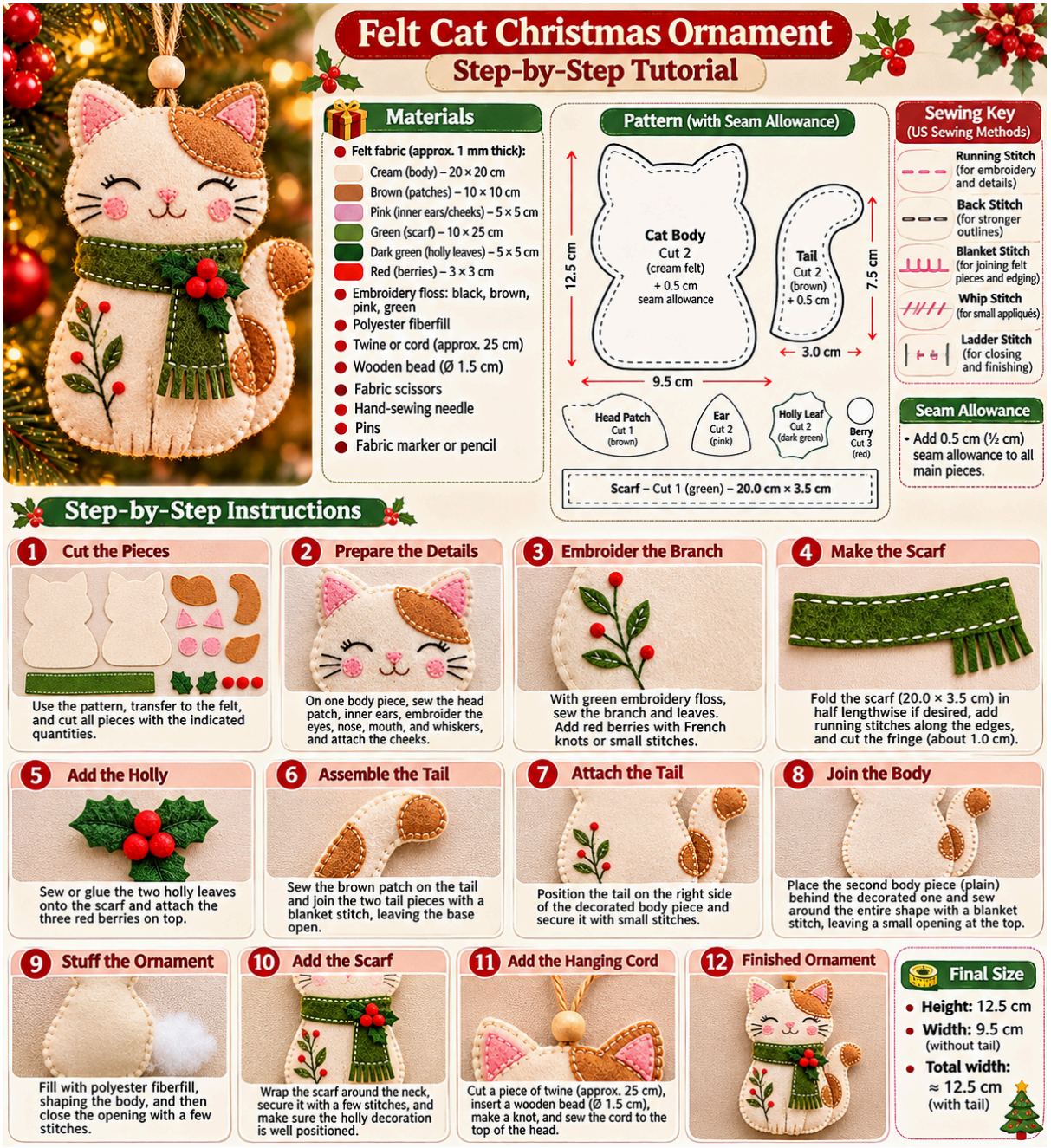
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Step-by-Step Instructions

1 Cut the Pieces

Use the pattern, transfer to the felt, and cut all pieces with the indicated quantities.

2 Prepare the Details

On one body piece, sew the head patch, inner ears, embroider the eyes, nose, mouth, and whiskers, and attach the cheeks.

3 Embroider the Branch

With green embroidery floss, sew the branch and leaves. Add red berries with French knots or small stitches.

4 Make the Scarf

Fold the scarf (20.0 × 3.5 cm) in half lengthwise if desired, add running stitches along the edges, and cut the fringe (about 1.0 cm).

5 Add the Holly

Sew or glue the two holly leaves onto the scarf and attach the three red berries on top.

6 Assemble the Tail

Sew the brown patch on the tail and join the two tail pieces with a blanket stitch, leaving the base open.

7 Attach the Tail

Position the tail on the right side of the decorated body piece and secure it with small stitches.

8 Join the Body

Place the second body piece (plain) behind the decorated one and sew around the entire shape with a blanket stitch, leaving a small opening at the top.

9 Stuff the Ornament

Fill with polyester fiberfill, shaping the body, and then close the opening with a few stitches.

10 Add the Scarf

Wrap the scarf around the neck, secure it with a few stitches, and make sure the holly decoration is well positioned.

11 Add the Hanging Cord

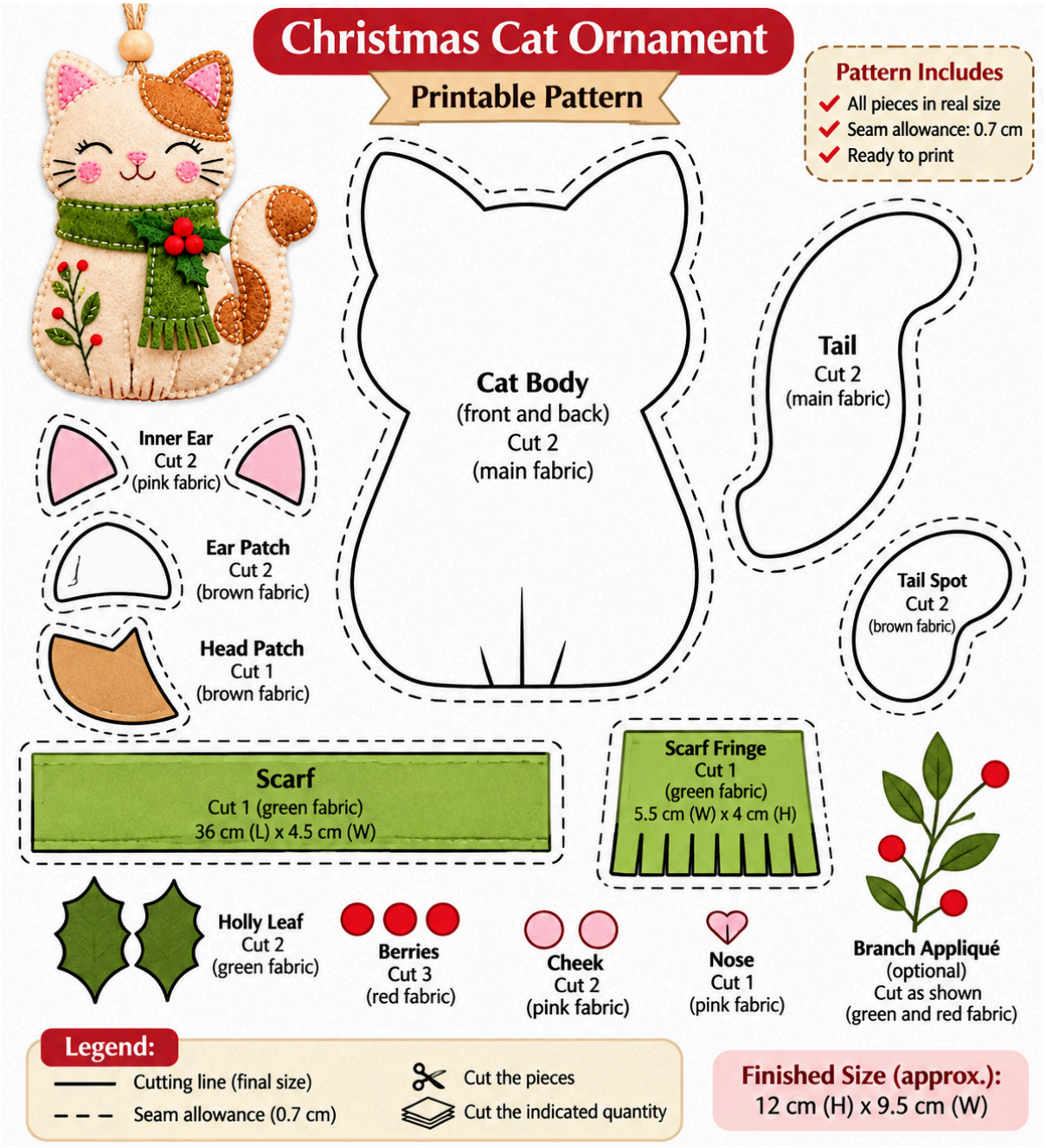
Cut a piece of twine (approx. 25 cm), insert a wooden bead (Ø 1.5 cm), make a knot, and sew the cord to the top of the head.

12 Finished Ornament

Final Size

- **Height:** 12.5 cm
- **Width:** 9.5 cm (without tail)
- **Total width:** ≈ 12.5 cm (with tail)

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Felt Cat Christmas Ornament – Complete Step-by-Step Sewing Tutorial 🎄🐱

Create an adorable handmade Christmas decoration with this Felt Cat Christmas Ornament Pattern, a beginner-friendly sewing project featuring a cream-colored kitten, pink ears, a brown tail, a green winter scarf, and beautiful embroidered

details. This charming felt ornament is perfect for decorating your Christmas tree, giving as a handmade holiday gift, or adding a cozy touch to your seasonal decorations.

This tutorial follows the illustrated pattern and explains every step using US hand-sewing methods, including the running stitch, backstitch, blanket stitch, whip stitch, and ladder stitch. All fabric measurements are provided in centimeters (cm), making it easy to prepare your materials and assemble the ornament accurately.

The finished cat measures approximately 12.5 cm tall and 9.5 cm wide, excluding its tail. With the tail attached, the total width is approximately 12.5 cm. The project combines simple felt cutting, decorative embroidery, appliqué techniques, and light stuffing to create a soft, dimensional Christmas ornament.

Step 1: Gather Your Materials and Sewing Supplies 🧵

Before beginning your felt Christmas cat ornament, prepare all the materials listed in the illustrated tutorial. Using felt approximately 1 mm thick will make cutting, embroidery, and hand-sewing easier.

Materials Needed

Material	Quantity or measurement
Cream felt	20 × 20 cm
Brown felt	10 × 10 cm

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Pink felt	**5 × 5 cm**
Green felt	**10 × 25 cm**
Dark green felt	**5 × 5 cm**
Red felt	**3 × 3 cm**
Embroidery floss	**Black, brown, pink, and green**
Polyester fiberfill	**Small amount**
Twine or decorative cord	**Approximately 25 cm**
Wooden bead	**1 bead, approximately 1.5 cm**
Hand-sewing needle	**1**
Fabric scissors	**1 pair**

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Fabric marker or pencil	1
Sewing pins	As needed

You may also use cream, white, or brown embroidery floss for the decorative blanket stitches around the cat's body and tail.

Optional supplies include fabric glue, an embroidery hoop, a needle threader, and a small stuffing tool. These are not required but can make the project easier, especially for beginners.

Important: The pattern includes a 0.5 cm seam allowance for the main felt pieces. Keep this allowance consistent when cutting and assembling the ornament.

Step 2: Understand the Pattern and Prepare the Templates

The illustrated pattern contains the main body, curved tail, head patch, inner ears, holly leaves, berries, and scarf.

The main cat body is approximately 12.5 cm tall and 9.5 cm wide, including its ears. The tail template is approximately 7.5 cm tall and 3 cm wide.

The decorative scarf is cut from a green felt rectangle measuring 20 × 3.5 cm.

Pattern Cutting Guide

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Pattern piece	Felt color	Quantity
Cat body	Cream	2
Curved tail	Brown	2
Head patch	Brown	1
Inner ear inserts	Pink	2
Cheek circles	Pink	2
Holly leaves	Dark green	2
Holly berries	Red	3
Scarf	Green	1
Tail accent patch	Brown	1, optional

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The illustrated pattern shows a brown accent on the tail. You can create this detail by cutting a small rounded piece of brown felt in a slightly different shade.

To prepare the templates, print the pattern at its intended size. Check the body measurements before cutting. If tracing the pattern from a screen, use the stated dimensions as your reference rather than assuming the displayed image is to scale.

Transfer each shape onto the appropriate felt using a removable fabric marker.

For symmetrical pieces, fold the felt in half or trace the same template twice, ensuring that the pieces align correctly.

Use sharp scissors to cut smooth edges. Avoid pulling or stretching the felt while cutting.

Keep the small decorations in a separate container so they do not get lost during assembly.

Step 3: Cut All the Felt Pieces ✂️

Begin with the two cream-colored cat body pieces.

Place the body template on the cream felt and trace around its outer cutting line. Cut the first piece carefully, following the curves of the ears, head, and rounded body.

Repeat to create the second body piece. Both pieces should have identical dimensions.

Next, cut two curved tail pieces from brown felt. The tail has a narrow curved section and a rounded tip.

Cut the brown head patch, which will sit diagonally across the upper part of the cat's face and cover part of one ear.

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Cut two small triangular pink pieces for the inner ears and two small pink circles for the cheeks.

Finally, cut the green scarf rectangle, two dark green holly leaves, and three small red berries.

Before sewing, arrange all the pieces on a flat surface to check their proportions against the reference image.

Beginner tip: Felt does not fray easily, so you do not need to finish its raw edges before assembling this ornament.

Step 4: Prepare the Cat's Face and Decorative Details 🐱

The face is one of the most important features of this ornament. Take your time to position the details before sewing.

Place one cream body piece on your work surface with its front side facing upward. This will become the decorated front of the cat.

Position the brown head patch over the upper-right portion of the head, as shown in the illustration. Its curved edge should extend diagonally across the forehead.

Secure the patch with small pins or a tiny amount of fabric glue. Use a running stitch around its edge with brown or cream embroidery floss.

Next, place the pink inner-ear pieces inside the two pointed ears. Leave a narrow cream or brown border visible around each pink triangle.

Attach the ear inserts using small running stitches or a whip stitch.

Embroider the Eyes

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Using black embroidery floss, draw two gently curved closed eyes on the face.

Work along each curved line using a backstitch. Add three short eyelashes to the outside of each eye.

Keep the eyes approximately symmetrical and positioned slightly above the center of the face.

Embroider the Nose and Mouth

Use pink embroidery floss to create a small triangular nose between the eyes.

Fill the nose with several closely spaced satin stitches, or use short straight stitches for a simpler finish.

Using brown embroidery floss, sew a short vertical line downward from the nose.

Create two small curved lines extending outward to form the cat's smiling mouth.

Add the Whiskers

Thread your needle with black embroidery floss.

Embroider three short whiskers on each side of the face using straight stitches or backstitches.

The whiskers should extend outward from the cheeks without reaching the outer edges of the head.

Attach the Pink Cheeks

Position one pink felt circle below each eye.

Secure the circles with small running stitches around their edges.

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For extra detail, add tiny pink embroidery stitches or a few decorative dots inside each cheek.

When finished, the cat should have a cheerful expression similar to the reference illustration.

Step 5: Embroider the Decorative Branch and Berries 🌿

The lower-left section of the cat's body features a delicate embroidered branch with green leaves and red berries.

This decorative element should be completed before assembling and stuffing the ornament.

Place the decorated front body piece flat on your work surface.

Using a removable fabric marker, lightly draw a curved branch beginning near the lower-left edge and extending upward toward the middle of the body.

Thread your needle with green embroidery floss.

Sew the Main Branch

Use a backstitch or stem stitch to follow the drawn branch.

Keep the stitches small and even to create a smooth, continuous line.

Add two or three shorter branches extending outward from the main stem.

Create the Leaves

Use dark green embroidery floss to create several pointed leaves along the branches.

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You can make each leaf with a series of straight stitches arranged diagonally from the center vein toward the outer edge.

Alternatively, use a fishbone stitch to create fuller embroidered leaves.

Vary the leaf sizes slightly for a natural appearance.

Add the Red Berries

Thread your needle with red embroidery floss.

Create three small berries positioned along the branches.

Use French knots for raised berries. Wrap the floss around the needle two or three times before inserting the needle close to its starting point.

If French knots are difficult, use several small satin stitches to create each berry.

Check that the embroidery remains within the body outline and does not extend into the seam allowance.

Step 6: Make the Green Felt Scarf 🧣

The scarf gives the ornament its festive winter appearance.

Cut one green felt rectangle measuring 20 × 3.5 cm.

Fold the rectangle lengthwise so that the long edges meet. This creates a scarf approximately 1.75 cm wide.

You may secure the folded layers with a few small stitches if needed.

Using cream or white embroidery floss, sew decorative running stitches along the scarf's long edges.

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Keep the stitches approximately 0.3–0.5 cm apart for a neat, handmade appearance.

Create the Fringe

At one short end of the scarf, mark a fringe section approximately 1 cm deep.

Using sharp scissors, make several parallel cuts to create narrow strips.

Leave the upper portion of the scarf intact so the fringe remains securely attached.

The scarf should have a soft, flexible appearance, allowing it to wrap naturally around the cat's neck.

Set the scarf aside until the ornament has been assembled and stuffed.

Step 7: Make the Holly Leaves and Red Berries

The small holly decoration will be attached to the scarf after it is wrapped around the cat.

Cut two holly leaves from dark green felt. Each leaf should have slightly pointed, irregular edges resembling traditional Christmas holly.

Use green embroidery floss to sew a central vein along each leaf.

Add two or three smaller diagonal stitches to suggest the side veins.

Cut three small circular berries from red felt.

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You can leave the berries flat or make them slightly dimensional by adding a few red stitches through their centers.

Arrange the two leaves so that they overlap near their bases.

Position the three berries together over the center of the leaves.

Secure the pieces with a few small stitches, or use a tiny amount of fabric glue.

Keep the completed holly embellishment aside until the scarf is attached.

Helpful tip: Because these pieces are small, use a fine needle and short stitches to prevent the felt from becoming distorted.

Step 8: Assemble the Curved Felt Tail

The cat's tail is made from two curved brown felt pieces.

Place the two tail pieces together, aligning their edges.

If you are adding a decorative brown patch, sew it onto the front tail piece before joining the two layers.

Use a blanket stitch around the curved outer edge of the tail.

How to Make a Blanket Stitch

1. **Thread your needle with embroidery floss and knot the end.**
2. **Insert the needle between the two felt layers to hide the knot.**
3. **Bring the needle through the felt near the edge.**
4. **Pass the needle through the loop of thread before tightening.**
5. **Repeat at regular intervals around the outline.**

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Keep your stitches approximately 0.3–0.4 cm apart.

Leave the base of the tail open.

If you want a slightly padded tail, insert a very small amount of polyester fiberfill through the opening.

Avoid overstuffing, especially around the narrow curved section.

The tail should remain flexible and maintain its curved shape.

Step 9: Attach the Tail to the Cat's Body

Place the decorated cat body piece on your work surface with the front facing upward.

Position the tail on the right side of the body, as shown in the illustration.

The tail should curve upward, with its rounded tip extending slightly above the middle of the cat's body.

Adjust its placement until the overall width of the ornament is approximately 12.5 cm.

Secure the base of the tail to the back of the decorated body piece using several small, strong stitches.

Make sure the tail is attached firmly enough to support its own weight.

For additional security, sew a small reinforcing stitch through the base of the tail and the body.

The tail should remain visible from the front while appearing naturally connected to the cat.

Step 10: Join the Front and Back Body Pieces

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Now it is time to assemble the main ornament.

Place the second cream body piece behind the decorated front piece.

Align the ears, head, sides, and rounded bottom.

The decorated side should face outward, and the tail should remain positioned between or behind the layers at its attachment point.

Use sewing pins to hold the layers together.

Thread your needle with cream or light brown embroidery floss.

Begin sewing along one side of the body using a blanket stitch.

Continue around the bottom, up the opposite side, and around the ears.

Take special care around the pointed ear sections, using slightly smaller stitches to maintain their shape.

Keep the stitches evenly spaced and close to the edges.

Leave an Opening for Stuffing

Do not sew the entire ornament closed immediately.

Leave a small opening approximately 3–4 cm long near the upper portion of the body.

This opening will allow you to insert the polyester fiberfill.

Before stuffing, check that the tail is securely attached and that the two body layers are properly aligned.

Step 11: Stuff the Felt Cat Ornament

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Take a small amount of polyester fiberfill and gently separate it with your fingers.

Insert the stuffing through the opening in the body.

Begin by filling the lower rounded portion of the cat.

Use the blunt end of a small stuffing tool or a capped pen to distribute the fiberfill into the corners and curves.

Gradually work upward toward the head and ears.

Add only enough stuffing to give the ornament a soft, rounded shape.

Avoid overstuffing because excessive pressure can distort the felt and stretch the decorative stitches.

The finished ornament should feel lightly padded rather than firm.

Close the Opening

Once you are satisfied with the shape, fold the opening edges into alignment.

Use a ladder stitch to close the opening neatly, or continue the blanket stitch to match the visible stitching around the rest of the body.

If using a ladder stitch, take small alternating stitches through the two felt edges and gently pull the thread to close the gap.

Secure the thread with a small knot hidden between the felt layers.

Check that no stuffing is visible.

Step 12: Attach and Arrange the Green Scarf

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Take the prepared green felt scarf and wrap it around the cat's neck, directly below the embroidered face.

Position the scarf so that one section lies horizontally across the neck and the fringed end hangs vertically down the front of the body.

Adjust the fabric until it resembles the arrangement in the illustrated tutorial.

Because felt is slightly flexible, you can shape the scarf gently with your fingers.

Use a few small stitches to secure the scarf at the back and where the layers overlap.

Avoid sewing through the face embroidery.

The vertical scarf end should extend downward over the center-right portion of the body without completely covering the embroidered branch.

Add the Holly Decoration

Place the prepared holly leaves and berries near the point where the scarf overlaps.

Position the decoration so the leaves spread outward and the three red berries remain clearly visible.

Attach the holly with several small hand stitches.

If you prefer, use a small amount of fabric glue, allowing it to dry completely before handling the ornament.

Check that the scarf lies flat and that the fringe hangs naturally.

Step 13: Add the Hanging Cord and Wooden Bead 🎄

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The final construction step is to create the hanging loop.

Cut a piece of decorative twine or cord approximately 25 cm long.

Fold the cord in half to create a loop.

Thread both loose ends through the wooden bead, if the bead's opening is large enough.

Slide the bead toward the folded loop, leaving enough space above it to hang the ornament on a Christmas tree branch.

Tie the two loose ends together in a secure knot.

Position the knotted ends at the top center of the cat's head, between the ears.

Using a strong needle and thread, sew the cord securely to the felt.

Pass the needle through the cord and the upper felt layers several times.

Make sure the loop is centered so the ornament hangs evenly.

Slide the wooden bead down toward the top of the cat's head.

The bead should sit just above the ears, creating a decorative finishing touch.

Safety note: Small beads can present a choking hazard. Keep the ornament away from young children and pets, and use a bead-free hanging loop when appropriate.

Step 14: Check the Finished Ornament and Make Final Adjustments

Your Felt Cat Christmas Ornament is almost complete!

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Place the finished ornament on a flat surface and inspect the details.

Check that the ears are symmetrical and that the head maintains its rounded shape.

Make sure the embroidered eyes, nose, mouth, and whiskers are clearly visible above the scarf.

Look closely at the decorative branch and confirm that the red berries and green leaves remain visible.

Inspect the blanket stitches around the body and tail.

If any stitches appear loose, reinforce them with a few additional hand stitches.

Check the scarf and holly decoration to ensure that they are securely attached.

Finally, hold the ornament by its hanging loop to test the balance.

If the cat tilts noticeably to one side, adjust the hanging cord slightly until the ornament hangs upright.

Step 15: Finished Measurements and Display Ideas

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Finished ornament dimensions

Approximate measurements from the illustrated pattern

Height	**12.5 cm**
Body width	**9.5 cm**

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Total width with tail	**12.5 cm**
Hanging cord	**25 cm before folding**

Your completed ornament features a cream-colored felt cat with pink cheeks, embroidered facial details, a brown curved tail, a green scarf with fringe, and festive holly berries.

You can use this handmade decoration in several ways:

- **Hang it on a Christmas tree.**
- **Attach it to a wrapped Christmas gift.**
- **Use it as a decorative accent on a holiday wreath.**
- **Create several cats in different colors for a matching ornament collection.**
- **Give it as a handmade Christmas present.**

For a coordinated collection, try making additional cats with red, blue, or burgundy scarves while keeping the same body pattern.

Step 16: Helpful Sewing Tips for Beginners

When working on this project, remember that consistent stitching is more important than sewing quickly.

Use small stitches. Short, evenly spaced stitches create a cleaner finish around the ears, body, and tail.

Avoid pulling the thread too tightly. Felt can become distorted if the embroidery floss is pulled with excessive force.

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Prepare decorative details before assembly. Embroidering the face and branch while the body is flat is much easier than working on a stuffed ornament.

Use matching thread colors. Cream thread works well for subtle body seams, while brown or white embroidery floss creates a more decorative appearance.

Stuff gradually. Add small amounts of polyester fiberfill to maintain a smooth shape without creating lumps.

Secure the hanging loop carefully. The ornament will be handled and moved during decorating, so the cord attachment should be strong.

Sewing Stitch Key – US Hand-Sewing Methods

The illustrated tutorial uses several traditional hand-sewing techniques. Here is a quick reference for each one.

Stitch	Purpose
Running stitch	Decorative outlines, scarf stitching, and attaching small felt appliqués
Backstitch	Strong embroidered lines, eyes, whiskers, and branch details
Blanket stitch	Joining felt body and tail pieces while creating a decorative edge

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Whip stitch	**Attaching small felt shapes and securing appliqués**
Ladder stitch	**Closing the stuffing opening with nearly invisible stitches**
French knot	**Creating raised red berry details**
Satin stitch	**Filling small shapes such as the pink nose**

These stitches are widely used in American felt crafting, embroidery, and handmade ornament projects.

Frequently Asked Questions About the Felt Cat Christmas Ornament

Is this felt cat ornament suitable for beginners?

Yes. The project uses basic cutting, appliqué, embroidery, and hand-sewing techniques. Beginners can complete it successfully by following each step carefully.

Do I need a sewing machine?

No. The entire ornament can be made by hand using a needle and embroidery floss. Hand-sewing is especially suitable for the small curved sections and decorative details.

What type of felt works best?

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Felt approximately 1 mm thick is recommended. Polyester craft felt is an affordable option, while wool-blend felt can provide a softer, more refined appearance.

Can I use fabric glue instead of sewing?

Fabric glue can be used for small decorations such as the holly leaves and cheeks. However, sewing is recommended for the main body, tail, and hanging cord because these areas require stronger connections.

How much stuffing should I use?

Use enough polyester fiberfill to create a lightly rounded shape. The ornament should remain soft and flexible without stretching the felt.

Can I enlarge the pattern?

Yes. You can enlarge the pattern proportionally to make a larger decoration. Remember to adjust the scarf length, decorative elements, and stuffing quantity accordingly.

How do I clean the finished ornament?

Gently remove dust with a soft brush or dry cloth. If necessary, spot-clean a small area using a slightly damp cloth. Avoid soaking the ornament because moisture may affect the stuffing and decorative elements.

How long does this project take?

Most beginners can expect to spend approximately two to four hours completing the ornament, depending on their experience with embroidery and hand-sewing.

Conclusion: Enjoy Your Handmade Felt Cat Christmas Ornament ❤️

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Congratulations! You have completed the Felt Cat Christmas Ornament Pattern, transforming simple pieces of felt into a charming handmade Christmas decoration.

By following the illustrated pattern and the detailed instructions, you have practiced essential sewing techniques, including felt appliqué, decorative embroidery, blanket stitching, stuffing, and finishing.

The combination of soft cream felt, brown accents, pink facial details, a festive green scarf, and bright red berries creates an ornament full of personality and holiday charm.

Whether you display your cat on a Christmas tree, give it as a thoughtful handmade gift, or create an entire collection of felt animals, this project is a wonderful way to celebrate the creativity and warmth of handmade Christmas decorations.

Happy sewing, and Merry Christmas! 🎄🐱