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FELT CHRISTMAS GNOME ORNAMENTS

Hand-sewing tutorial • All measurements in cm • US sewing terms

Suggested dimensions inspired by the photo; diagrams are not full-size templates.

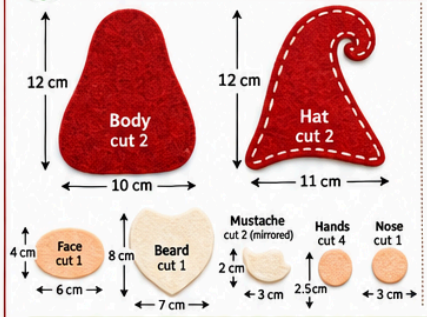
Finished size: approximately 20 cm tall × 10 cm wide, excluding hanging loop.

MATERIALS

- 1–2 mm felt: red or gray, ivory, peach, green and brown
- embroidery floss
- polyester fiberfill
- needle
- scissors
- fabric marker
- paper
- craft glue (optional)
- 20 cm twine

Use 2 strands of floss; 3 strands for bold white stitches.

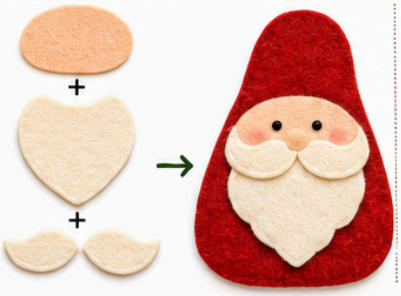
1 DRAW & CUT



- **Body:** rounded pear, 10 × 12 cm, cut 2.
- **Hat:** curled point with curved brim, 11 × 12 cm, cut 2.
- Overlap hat and body by 4 cm for a 20 cm gnome.
- **Face:** peach oval 6 × 4 cm, cut 1.
- **Beard:** ivory teardrop 7 × 8 cm, cut 1.
- **Mustache:** mirrored ivory lobes 3 × 2 cm, cut 2.
- **Hands:** peach ovals 2 × 2.5 cm, cut 4.
- **Nose:** peach circle, diameter 3 cm, cut 1.

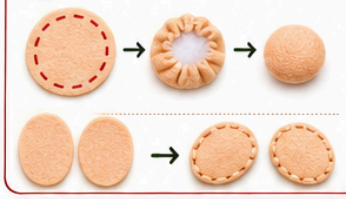
- All dimensions are maximum width × height.
- Felt does not fray: no added seam allowance; stitch 0.3 cm inside cut edges.

2 BUILD THE FACE



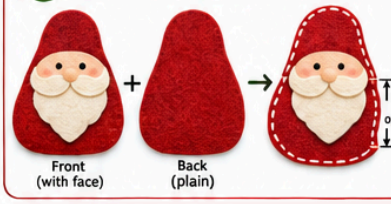
- Appliqué face to body front, top edge 1 cm below body top.
- Center beard over lower face; stitch sides and lower edge.
- Add two mustache lobes.
- Embroider black eyes with satin stitch.
- Add a little blush if desired.

3 MAKE NOSE & HANDS



- **Nose:** running stitch 0.3 cm from circle edge; add a pinch of filling, gather tightly and secure.
- Sew nose at mustache center.
- Pair hand pieces; whipstitch edges, lightly stuff and close.
- Keep hands aside.

4 CLOSE THE BODY



- Place body pieces wrong sides together.
- Blanket stitch around edges, leaving a 3 cm opening.
- Add a thin, even layer of fiberfill; close opening.
- Keep the ornament flat.

5 SEW THE CURLED HAT



- Fold 20 cm twine in half. Insert both ends 2 cm between hat layers near the upper curve; backstitch securely.
- Place hat pieces wrong sides together. Blanket stitch sides and curled tip; leave bottom brim open. Add a little filling.
- Slip hat over body with 4 cm overlap, keeping eyes visible.
- Stitch front and back brim to body with small whipstitches.
- Add bold white running stitches 0.5 cm inside hat edge and brim.

6 ADD HOLLY



- Cut 3 green holly leaves, each 2.5 × 1.5 cm.
- Backstitch dark green veins.
- For 3 berries, gather and lightly stuff red circles, diameter 1.5 cm.
- Sew leaves and berries firmly to one side of hat.

7 CHOOSE A DECORATION



- Cut 2 red circles, diameter 4 cm.
- Whipstitch together, lightly stuff, close.
- Add green cap 1 × 0.7 cm and brown stem 0.5 × 1 cm.
- Cut 2 green tree shapes, 4 × 5 cm.
- Whipstitch, lightly stuff and close.
- Add brown trunk 0.8 × 1.2 cm and 3 tiny sewn red felt berries.

- Sew decoration to lower body, then sew hands on either side.

8 FINISH & CHECK

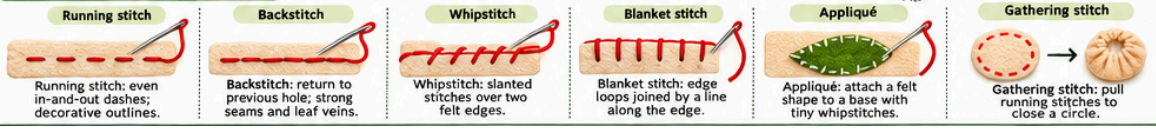


- Add white running-stitch accents to body, sleeves and mustache.
- Hide knots between layers.
- Check every decoration and tug gently on the hanging loop.
- Hang and enjoy!

⚠ Decorative item; keep small parts away from young children.

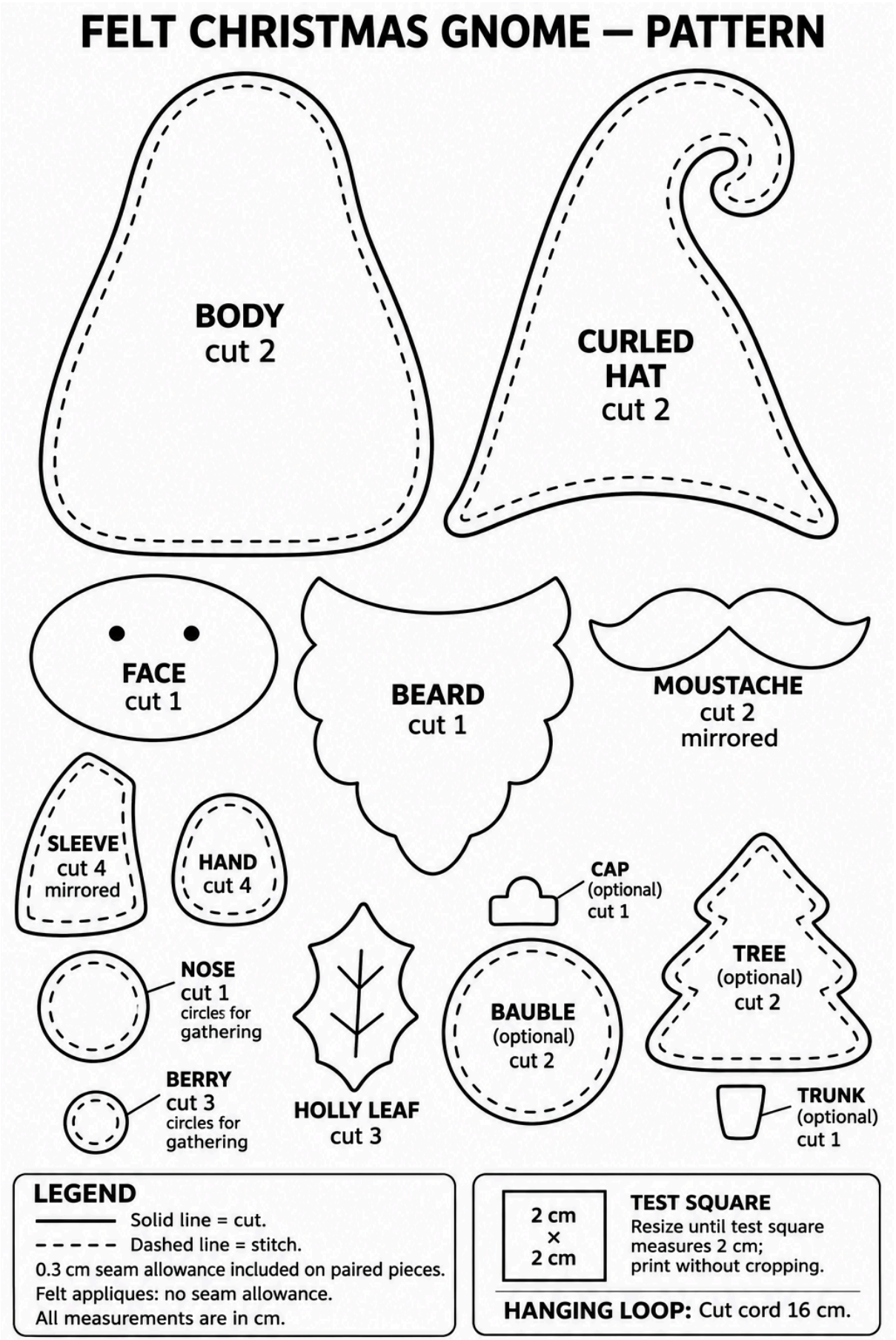
US HAND-STITCH KEY

= Cut edge (shape outline) = Stitch line (where to sew) = Light stuffing (small, even amount)



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Felt Christmas Gnome Ornaments: Complete Hand-Sewing Tutorial

Make a charming pair of felt Christmas gnome ornaments with curled hats, fluffy-looking felt beards, tiny hands, and festive decorations. This tutorial follows the supplied graphic, including its suggested measurements, construction sequence, and two decoration options: a Christmas bauble or a miniature Christmas tree.

All measurements are in centimeters, and the instructions use US sewing terms. Each finished ornament measures approximately 20 cm tall × 10 cm wide, excluding the hanging loop. The finished size depends on how you draw the shapes and position the overlapping pieces.

The shapes in the graphic are guides, not full-size printable templates. Draw your paper patterns using the measurements below before cutting your felt. Felt does not fray, so no additional seam allowance is needed. Unless otherwise stated, sew approximately 0.3 cm inside the cut edges.

Step 1: Gather Your Materials

Prepare the following supplies:

- **1–2 mm felt in red or gray for the body and hat.**
- **Ivory felt for the beard and mustache.**
- **Peach felt for the face, nose, and hands.**
- **Green felt for holly leaves, a bauble cap, or a Christmas tree.**
- **Brown felt for the bauble stem or tree trunk.**
- **Red felt for berries and the bauble.**
- **Embroidery floss in coordinating colors, plus white, black, and dark green.**

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- Polyester fiberfill.
- A hand-sewing needle suitable for felt and embroidery floss.
- Sharp scissors.
- Paper and a pencil for templates.
- A fabric marker.
- 20 cm of twine per ornament.
- Optional craft glue.
- Optional blush for the cheeks.

Use two strands of embroidery floss for most sewing. Use three strands of white floss for the bold decorative stitches shown on the finished ornaments.

Keep the stuffing light throughout the project. These ornaments should remain relatively flat rather than becoming rounded, firmly stuffed dolls.

Step 2: Draw the Paper Patterns

Draw all the pattern pieces on paper first. The measurements represent the maximum width × maximum height of each shape.

Pattern piece	Measurements	Quantity per ornament
Rounded pear-shaped body	10 × 12 cm	Cut 2
Curled hat with curved brim	11 × 12 cm	Cut 2
Oval face	6 × 4 cm	Cut 1

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Teardrop-shaped beard	7 × 8 cm	Cut 1
Mustache lobes	3 × 2 cm each	Cut 2, mirrored
Oval hands	2 × 2.5 cm each	Cut 4
Circular nose	3 cm diameter	Cut 1

For the body, draw a rounded pear shape with a broad lower section and a narrower, rounded top. Avoid a sharply pointed upper end.

For the hat, draw a tall shape with a wide, gently curved brim and a tip that curls toward one side. Keep the curled section wide enough to accommodate stitching.

Draw the beard with a broad, softly rounded upper section and a tapered lower point. The mustache consists of two small mirrored lobes that meet beneath the nose.

Cut out the paper pieces and arrange them together before cutting felt. Check that the hat, face, beard, and body resemble the proportions shown in the graphic.

Step 3: Cut the Felt Pieces

Trace the templates onto the felt using a fabric marker. Place markings on the side that will face inward whenever possible.

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Cut two matching body pieces and two matching hat pieces in your chosen main color. For the pair shown in the graphic, make one ornament in red and the other in gray.

Cut the face, nose, and four hand pieces from peach felt. Cut the beard and two mustache lobes from ivory felt.

To create mirrored mustache pieces, trace the template once, turn it over, and trace it again.

Keep the body front separate from the plain body back. All face details must be attached to the front piece only before the body is sewn closed.

Step 4: Appliqué the Face onto the Body Front

Place the peach face oval near the upper portion of the body front. Position its top edge approximately 1 cm below the top edge of the body.

Center the oval horizontally. The hat will overlap the upper face area later, so leave room for the brim without placing the face too low.

Attach the face with small appliqué stitches. Bring the needle through the body close to the face edge, catch a small amount of peach felt, and return through the body.

Work around the oval with even stitches. Keep the felt smooth and avoid pulling the thread tightly enough to create puckers.

Secure the thread on the reverse side of the body front.

Step 5: Attach the Beard and Mustache

Position the ivory beard over the lower portion of the face. Its broad upper section should overlap the lower face area, while the pointed end extends down the body.

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Center it carefully, then stitch along its sides and lower edge as shown in the graphic.

Place the two mustache lobes across the upper beard. Their inner ends should meet at the center, leaving space for the rounded nose to sit over the join.

Attach each mustache lobe with small stitches. Keep the pieces balanced, with their outer ends extending toward the cheeks.

Before fastening off, check that there is enough visible peach felt above the mustache for the eyes.

Step 6: Embroider the Eyes and Add Optional Cheeks

Mark two small, evenly spaced eye positions above the mustache.

Use black embroidery floss to make each eye with satin stitch. Place short stitches closely beside one another until you have a small, filled oval.

Work through the body front only. Keep the thread tension gentle so the face remains flat.

If desired, apply a small amount of blush to the cheeks. Start lightly and build the color gradually.

The nose will cover the center of the mustache in the next step, completing the face.

Step 7: Make and Attach the Rounded Nose

Take the 3 cm peach felt circle.

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Using matching floss, sew a running stitch around the circle approximately 0.3 cm from the edge. Leave a thread tail that you can pull to gather the circle.

Place a small pinch of polyester fiberfill in the center. Pull the thread gradually so the edge gathers around the stuffing.

Adjust the filling until the nose forms a small rounded shape. Pull the opening closed and secure it with several stitches.

Place the gathered side against the center of the mustache. Sew the nose securely to the body front, catching the hidden underside of the nose so the attachment stitches remain discreet.

Step 8: Sew the Two Hands

Divide the four peach hand pieces into two matching pairs.

Place each pair wrong sides together, with the outward-facing surfaces visible. Align the edges.

Use whipstitch to join the pieces, leaving a small opening. Add a tiny amount of fiberfill, then finish stitching the opening closed.

Each hand should have a softly padded appearance without becoming bulky.

Secure the threads and set both hands aside. They will be attached after the lower-body decoration is in place.

Step 9: Sew and Lightly Stuff the Body

Place the decorated body front and plain body back wrong sides together. Match the outer edges.

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Sew around the body using blanket stitch, working approximately 0.3 cm inside the cut edge. Leave an opening about 3 cm long along one side.

Insert a thin, even layer of polyester fiberfill through the opening. Distribute it gently into the lower body and side curves.

Keep the ornament flat. Too much stuffing can distort the face and make the hat difficult to position.

Close the opening with blanket stitch. Secure the thread and hide the end between the felt layers.

Step 10: Secure the Hanging Loop inside the Hat

Cut a 20 cm length of twine and fold it in half.

Position the two loose ends against the inward-facing side of one hat piece near the upper curve. Insert approximately 2 cm of each end between the hat layers, leaving the folded section outside as the hanging loop.

Backstitch the twine ends securely to the felt. Make several firm stitches across and around them so the loop cannot slide out easily.

Place the second hat piece over the first with wrong sides together.

Check that the loop emerges neatly near the upper curve and that both hat pieces align.

Step 11: Sew the Curled Hat

Blanket stitch around the sides and curled tip of the hat. Leave the bottom brim open so it can fit over the body.

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Take small stitches around the curl to preserve its shape. Avoid pulling too tightly, which can make the narrow tip twist.

Add a little fiberfill through the open brim. Use only enough to give the hat a soft, lightly padded appearance.

Keep the lower hat section flexible so it can slide over the upper body.

Secure the stitching before fitting the hat onto the gnome.

Step 12: Fit the Hat onto the Body

Slide the open hat brim over the upper body with approximately 4 cm of overlap, as indicated in the graphic.

Adjust the brim so the eyes remain visible. The center of the brim should sit above the eyes while its sides frame the face.

Check that the hat is centered and the hanging loop sits above the ornament.

Use small whipstitches to attach the front and back brim edges to the corresponding body layers. Keep these attachment stitches discreet.

Add bold white running stitches approximately 0.5 cm inside the hat edges and brim, following the outline shown in the graphic. These are decorative stitches, separate from the construction seam.

Step 13: Make the Holly Leaves

Cut three green holly leaves, each approximately 2.5 × 1.5 cm.

Give each leaf pointed tips and small pointed lobes along its sides.

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Using dark green floss, backstitch a central vein along each leaf. Add short branching veins on either side.

Keep the stitches small enough to suit the leaf size. Secure the thread on the reverse side.

Arrange the leaves in a small overlapping cluster on one side of the hat.

Step 14: Make the Holly Berries and Attach the Cluster

Cut three red felt circles, each 1.5 cm in diameter.

Make each berry using the same gathering method used for the nose: sew running stitches near the edge, add a tiny pinch of stuffing, gather, and secure.

These measurements describe the circles before gathering. The finished berries will be smaller.

Sew the holly leaves firmly to one side of the hat. Attach the three berries over their meeting point.

Use several small anchoring stitches for each berry. Optional craft glue can help position the pieces, but sew them securely as shown in the graphic.

Step 15: Choose and Make the Bauble Decoration

For the bauble version, cut:

- Two red circles, each 4 cm in diameter.
- One green cap measuring approximately 1 × 0.7 cm.
- One brown stem measuring approximately 0.5 × 1 cm.

Place the red circles wrong sides together. Whipstitch around the edge, leaving a small opening.

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Add a little fiberfill, then close the opening. Keep the bauble lightly padded.

Add the white running-stitch outline shown in the graphic. Attach the green cap and brown stem at the top.

Position the finished bauble on the lower body beneath the beard. Sew it securely in place.

Step 16: Make the Christmas Tree Decoration Instead

For the tree version, cut:

- Two green tree shapes, each approximately 4 × 5 cm.
- One brown trunk measuring approximately 0.8 × 1.2 cm.
- Three tiny red felt berries.

Draw a simple tree silhouette with a pointed top and stepped branches.

Place the green pieces wrong sides together. Position the brown trunk between them at the lower edge, leaving part of it visible.

Whipstitch around the tree, leaving a small opening. Add a little fiberfill and close the opening.

Add white decorative running stitches as shown, then sew three tiny red felt berries to the tree front.

Attach the finished tree to the lower body beneath the beard.

Step 17: Attach the Hands

Place one finished hand on each side of the chosen decoration.

Angle the hands slightly inward so the gnome appears to hold the bauble or tree.

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Check that both hands sit at a similar height. Sew them securely to the body with small stitches along their hidden inner edges.

Keep the stitches discreet and avoid flattening the lightly stuffed hands.

The decoration and hands should now form one balanced arrangement across the lower body.

Step 18: Add the Final White Stitching

Use three strands of white embroidery floss for the bold finishing accents.

Following the graphic, add running-stitch details to the body outline, the curved sleeve areas beside the hands, and the mustache.

Keep the stitches and spaces reasonably even. Around tight curves, shorten the stitches to maintain a smooth outline.

Where practical, catch only the front felt layer when adding surface decoration.

Hide knots between layers and bury thread ends inside the ornament before trimming.

Step 19: Check the Finished Ornament

Inspect the body and hat seams for gaps or exposed stuffing.

Check that the nose, hands, holly, berries, and lower-body decoration are firmly attached.

Gently tug the hanging loop to confirm that its anchoring stitches hold. Check that the ornament hangs upright.

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Smooth the felt and redistribute any uneven stuffing with your fingers. Trim loose threads carefully.

This is a decorative item. Keep small parts away from young children.

US Hand-Stitch Key

Running stitch: Pass the needle in and out of the felt to create a line of short dashes. Use it for decorative outlines and gathering.

Backstitch: Bring the needle up ahead of the previous stitch, then insert it back into the end of that stitch. Use it for strong anchoring stitches and embroidered leaf veins.

Whipstitch: Pass the needle around aligned felt edges repeatedly, creating slanted stitches that join the layers.

Blanket stitch: Bring the needle through near the edge and catch the working thread beneath the needle before tightening. This creates a linked line along the cut edge.

Appliqué stitch: Attach a felt shape to a base using small stitches around its edge.

Gathering stitch: Sew running stitches around a circle, then pull the thread to draw the edge inward around a little stuffing.

Satin stitch: Place straight stitches closely beside one another to fill a small shape, such as an eye.

Your finished felt Christmas gnome ornaments are ready to hang, with a curled hat, embroidered face, holly cluster, and your choice of a bauble or Christmas tree decoration.