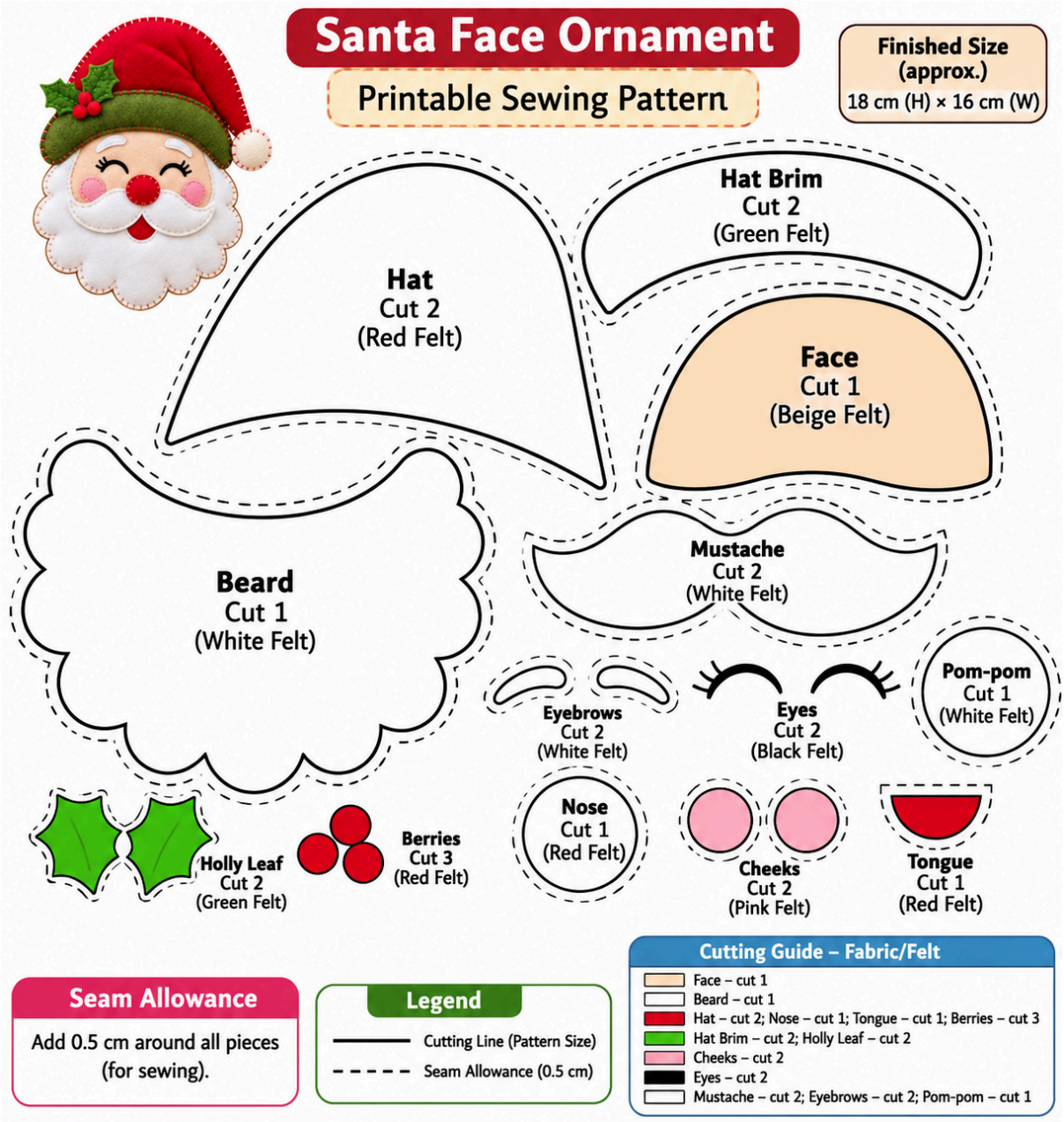
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Felt Santa Face Sewing Tutorial – Complete Step-by-Step Christmas Decoration Pattern 🎅🎄

Creating a Felt Santa Face Christmas Decoration is a delightful sewing project that combines colorful felt, simple embroidery stitches, and traditional holiday details. This handmade Santa ornament features a cheerful face, fluffy white beard, curved

mustache, bright red hat, green hat brim, holly leaves, and a soft white pompom.

This complete Felt Santa Face Sewing Tutorial follows the illustrated pattern, using measurements in centimeters (CM) and sewing terminology commonly used in the United States. Whether you are a beginner learning basic hand-sewing techniques or an experienced crafter looking for a festive project, these instructions will guide you through every stage.

The finished decoration measures approximately 28 cm high and 24 cm wide. It can be displayed on a Christmas tree, hung on a wall or door, incorporated into a holiday wreath, or given as a handmade Christmas gift.

1. Materials and Supplies for the Felt Santa Face 🎨

Before starting your Santa Claus felt sewing project, gather all the materials and prepare a comfortable workspace with good lighting.

Felt Fabric

Choose good-quality craft felt or wool-blend felt. Wool-blend felt is especially useful because it holds its shape, provides a soft finish, and is generally durable.

You will need:

Material	Measurement
Red felt	30 × 30 cm
Green felt	20 × 30 cm

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White felt	30 × 30 cm
Beige or skin-tone felt	20 × 20 cm
Pink felt	10 × 10 cm
Black embroidery floss	Approximately 5 m
White embroidery floss	As needed
Red embroidery floss	As needed
Green embroidery floss	As needed
Polyester fiberfill	Small amount

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Hanging cord	**Approximately 40 cm**

Additional Sewing Tools

- **Hand-sewing needles suitable for felt.**
- **Straight pins or sewing clips.**
- **Sharp fabric scissors.**
- **Small embroidery scissors.**
- **Fabric marking pencil or washable fabric marker.**
- **Measuring tape or ruler.**
- **Paper and pencil for preparing the pattern.**
- **Hot glue gun (optional).**
- **Matching sewing thread.**
- **Embroidery needle.**
- **Optional sewing machine for selected seams.**

Important: The illustrated pattern uses embroidery stitches for decorative outlines and assembly. Hand sewing is recommended for achieving the traditional handcrafted appearance.

Understanding the Sewing Methods

This project uses five basic sewing techniques.

Running Stitch: A simple stitch made by passing the needle in and out of the fabric at regular intervals. It is useful for guidelines, decorative details, and lightweight sewing.

Whipstitch: A stitch that wraps around the edges of two pieces of fabric. It is particularly useful when joining felt pieces without creating bulky seams.

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Blanket Stitch: A decorative stitch that creates a neat, looped finish along felt edges. This is one of the main stitches used throughout the Santa ornament.

Backstitch: A strong embroidery stitch used to create continuous lines. It is ideal for Santa's eyes, eyelashes, and other facial details.

Appliqué: A sewing technique in which smaller fabric shapes are attached to a larger fabric surface. The holly leaves, cheeks, eyebrows, and hat brim are examples of appliqué details.

For the neatest finish, keep most decorative stitches approximately 0.4–0.5 cm apart, adjusting the spacing for smaller curves.

2. Prepare the Felt Pattern Pieces and Measurements ✂️

The illustrated design contains several individual shapes that are assembled in layers to create Santa's face.

You can trace the pattern shapes from the reference illustration, using the following measurements as guides.

Complete Pattern Measurements

Pattern piece	Color	Measurement	Quantity
Santa hat	Red	24 × 16 cm	1

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Hat brim	Green	22 × 6 cm	1
Santa beard	White	24 × 16 cm	1
Santa face	Beige	18 × 12 cm	1
Mustache	White	16 × 6 cm	1
Eyebrows	White	5 × 1.5 cm	2
Pompom	White	5 cm diameter	1
Cheeks	Pink	4 cm diameter	2
Nose	Red	4.5 cm diameter	1
Holly leaves	Green	6 × 3 cm	2

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Holly berries	Red	2 cm diameter	3

Pattern note: These are the approximate dimensions shown in the illustration, not exact printable cutting outlines. The design uses one main shape of each piece unless otherwise specified. Additional matching backing pieces are optional for a more finished, stuffed ornament.

Step 1 – Draw the Santa Hat

Begin with the red felt.

Draw a large, curved Santa hat measuring approximately 24 cm wide and 16 cm high.

The hat should have a rounded upper section and a slightly curved lower edge.

One side should extend downward toward the pompom, creating the familiar folded Santa hat silhouette.

Carefully cut along the outline using sharp fabric scissors.

If you plan to create a lightly padded hat, cut a second matching piece from red felt.

Step 2 – Cut the Green Hat Brim

Using green felt, draw a curved strip measuring approximately 22 × 6 cm.

The strip should be wider in the middle and gently rounded at both ends.

Its upper edge should follow the curved lower edge of the red hat.

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Cut carefully and set aside.

This green brim will eventually overlap the bottom of the red hat and sit just above Santa's eyebrows.

Step 3 – Cut the White Beard

The beard is one of the most recognizable features of the decoration.

On white felt, draw a large, rounded beard measuring approximately 24 × 16 cm.

Create several soft, scalloped curves around the sides and bottom.

The top should be wide enough to sit behind Santa's face, while the lower section should form a fluffy, rounded shape.

Avoid making the scallops too narrow, as small curves can be difficult to sew neatly.

Cut out the beard carefully.

Step 4 – Prepare the Face

Draw a rounded oval on beige felt measuring approximately 18 × 12 cm.

The upper portion should be smooth, while the lower portion can be slightly rounded.

This piece forms the main surface for Santa's eyes, eyebrows, cheeks, nose, and mustache.

Cut it out and keep it flat until the embroidery is complete.

Step 5 – Cut the Mustache

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On white felt, draw a curved mustache shape approximately 16 × 6 cm.

The design consists of two rounded sections that meet at the center and curve outward into gently pointed tips.

For the slightly padded mustache shown in the tutorial, cut two matching full mustache shapes.

These will be sewn together around the edges.

Step 6 – Cut the Small Facial Details

Prepare the remaining pieces:

- **Two white eyebrows, each approximately 5 × 1.5 cm.**
- **Two pink cheeks, each approximately 4 cm in diameter.**
- **One red nose, approximately 4.5 cm in diameter.**
- **One white pompom circle, approximately 5 cm in diameter.**

For the small mouth visible beneath the mustache, cut an additional small red felt oval or teardrop. Its exact size is not specified in the graphic; approximately 3 × 3.5 cm is a practical starting point.

Step 7 – Prepare the Holly Decoration

Draw two holly leaves on green felt.

Each leaf should measure approximately 6 × 3 cm, with pointed tips and gently notched edges.

Cut three small red circles measuring approximately 2 cm in diameter for the berries.

Set these pieces aside until the hat is assembled.

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3. Embroider Santa's Face and Prepare the Mustache 🪡

The facial details give the ornament its cheerful personality. Work slowly during this stage to achieve a balanced and expressive design.

Step 8 – Position the Eyebrows

Place the beige face piece on a flat surface.

Arrange the two white felt eyebrows near the upper portion of the face.

Leave enough space below them for the embroidered eyes.

The eyebrows should curve slightly upward toward the center.

Secure them with small pins or a tiny amount of fabric glue.

Using white embroidery floss, sew around each eyebrow with small whipstitches or blanket stitches.

Keep the stitches evenly spaced.

Step 9 – Embroider the Closed Eyes

Thread an embroidery needle with black embroidery floss.

Draw two gently curved lines beneath the eyebrows.

The eyes should look like happy, closed eyelids.

Use backstitch to embroider each curved line.

For the eyelashes, add three or four short black stitches extending outward from the ends of each eyelid.

Repeat the same process on the opposite side.

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Try to keep both eyes symmetrical, but remember that small variations add charm to handmade decorations.

Step 10 – Attach the Pink Cheeks

Position one pink felt circle beneath each eye.

The cheeks should sit toward the lower outer edges of the face.

Secure each circle with a pin.

Using pink or white embroidery floss, sew around the circles with a whipstitch.

Small, even stitches create the delicate decorative finish shown in the illustration.

Remove the pins after sewing.

Step 11 – Create the Mustache

Place the two white mustache pieces together, aligning their edges.

Thread the needle with white embroidery floss.

Begin sewing around the outer edge using a blanket stitch.

Leave a small opening before completing the seam.

Insert a very small amount of polyester fiberfill into the mustache.

Distribute the stuffing evenly across both sides.

Avoid overstuffing, as the mustache should remain gently rounded rather than bulky.

Close the opening with additional blanket stitches.

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The finished mustache should have two softly raised sections and neatly defined edges.

Step 12 – Position the Mouth and Mustache

Place the small red mouth piece near the lower center of the beige face.

It should extend slightly below the mustache, creating the appearance of Santa smiling.

Secure the mouth with a few small stitches or fabric glue.

Next, position the white mustache across the lower part of the face.

The two rounded sections should meet at the center, just above the mouth.

Sew the mustache into place with small, discreet stitches.

For a more dimensional finish, attach it mainly along the upper edge and center, allowing the lower sections to remain slightly raised.

Step 13 – Attach Santa's Red Nose

Place the red nose circle at the center of the mustache, just above the red mouth.

The nose should overlap the point where the two mustache sections meet.

For a flat nose, simply sew the circle in place with a whipstitch.

For a softly padded nose, cut a second matching circle, sew the edges together, add a little fiberfill, and close the seam.

Attach the finished nose securely to the face.

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At this stage, Santa's face should feature curved black eyes, white eyebrows, pink cheeks, a fluffy mustache, a red mouth, and a bright red nose.

4. Assemble the Beard and Santa Hat 🎅

Once the facial embroidery is complete, you can begin joining the larger felt pieces.

Step 14 – Attach the Face to the Beard

Place the white beard on your work surface.

Position the beige face over the upper central portion of the beard.

The beard should extend around both sides of the face and continue downward beneath the mustache.

Adjust the placement until the face appears centered.

Secure the layers with sewing pins.

Thread the needle with white or beige embroidery floss.

Use a blanket stitch or small whipstitches to attach the face to the beard along the visible joining edges.

Keep the stitches neat and avoid sewing over the embroidered facial features.

The mustache should overlap the upper part of the beard, creating a natural transition between the face and the fluffy white section.

Step 15 – Finish the Beard Edges

To create the decorative appearance shown in the graphic, stitch around the outer scalloped edge of the beard.

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Use white embroidery floss for a subtle finish or a contrasting warm color for more visible stitches.

Work slowly around each rounded section.

If you want the beard to have more volume, cut a second matching beard shape.

Place the two beard pieces together, sew around the outer edge, leave a small opening, add a light layer of fiberfill, and close the opening.

Tip: Light stuffing is important. Too much fiberfill may distort the scalloped shape.

Step 16 – Sew the Red Hat

Take the red felt hat piece.

If you are using two matching hat pieces, place them together with their edges aligned.

Begin sewing around the curved outer edge with a blanket stitch.

Use red or white embroidery floss, depending on the decorative finish you prefer.

Leave a small opening for stuffing.

Add a thin layer of polyester fiberfill to give the hat a softly rounded shape.

Distribute the stuffing evenly, keeping the lower edge relatively flat.

Close the opening with blanket stitches.

If you prefer a flat ornament, use only one layer of red felt and finish the visible edge with decorative blanket stitches.

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Step 17 – Attach the Green Hat Brim

Position the green felt brim across the lower section of the red hat.

The brim should follow the hat's curved bottom edge.

Allow the green felt to overlap the red felt slightly.

Secure it with pins.

Using green embroidery floss, sew around the brim with a blanket stitch.

Make the stitches approximately 0.4–0.5 cm apart.

The finished brim should create a clear separation between the red hat and Santa's face.

Step 18 – Make the White Pompom

Take the white felt circle measuring approximately 5 cm in diameter.

Thread a needle with white sewing thread.

Work a running stitch around the edge of the circle, approximately 0.4 cm inward.

Pull the thread gently to gather the fabric into a small pouch.

Insert a little polyester fiberfill.

Continue pulling the thread until the opening closes.

Secure the gathered section with several small stitches.

Shape the pompom with your fingers to make it round.

Attach it securely to the curved tip of Santa's red hat.

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The gathered seam should face toward the hat so that it remains hidden.

5. Create the Holly Leaves and Decorative Berries 🌿

The holly decoration adds a traditional Christmas accent to the green hat brim.

Step 19 – Embroider the Holly Leaves

Take the two green holly leaf shapes.

Thread the embroidery needle with dark green embroidery floss.

Using a backstitch, sew a central vein along each leaf.

Add two or three smaller diagonal veins extending toward the leaf edges.

These embroidered details help the leaves look more realistic.

If desired, finish the outer edges with a small blanket stitch using matching green thread.

Step 20 – Prepare the Red Berries

Take the three red felt circles.

For flat berries, simply arrange the circles together and sew them onto the leaves.

For dimensional berries, use the same gathering technique used for the pompom.

Sew a running stitch around each circle, add a tiny amount of fiberfill, and pull the thread to close.

Secure the opening with a knot.

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Repeat until all three berries are finished.

Step 21 – Assemble the Holly Decoration

Position the two green holly leaves on the left side of Santa's green hat brim, as shown in the illustration.

Arrange them so that they point in slightly different directions.

Attach the leaves using small appliqué stitches.

Next, position the three red berries where the leaves overlap.

Sew each berry securely in place.

The completed holly decoration should feature two pointed green leaves and three bright red berries.

6. Complete the Santa Face Ornament and Add the Hanging Cord 🎄

Now that all the individual pieces are ready, it is time to complete the ornament.

Step 22 – Attach the Hat to Santa's Face

Place the assembled face and beard on a flat surface.

Position the finished red hat above the beige face.

The green brim should overlap the upper portion of the face, sitting just above the white eyebrows.

Adjust the hat until it appears balanced.

The red hat should curve upward and to one side, with the white pompom hanging near the outer edge.

Secure the hat with pins.

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Using matching thread, attach the hat to the face and beard with small whipstitches.

Keep the stitches hidden beneath the green brim whenever possible.

Check that the hat is firmly attached before removing the pins.

Step 23 – Check the Layering Order

The illustrated tutorial uses the following assembly order, from the top decorative layers to the base:

1. Red Santa hat.
2. Green hat brim.
3. Beige face with embroidered eyes, eyebrows, and cheeks.
4. White mustache, red nose, and red mouth.
5. White beard underneath the face.

The holly leaves and berries are attached to the hat brim, while the white pompom is secured to the hat tip.

This layered arrangement creates the three-dimensional appearance of the finished ornament.

Step 24 – Attach the Hanging Cord

Cut approximately 40 cm of decorative hanging cord.

Fold the cord in half to create a loop.

Position the two loose ends at the upper back of Santa's hat.

Use several strong hand stitches to secure the ends to the felt.

For extra durability, cover the cord ends with a small felt patch and sew around the patch.

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

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If the ornament tilts to one side, adjust the loop position before completing the stitches.

Step 25 – Inspect and Finish the Decoration

Place the finished Santa face on a clean surface.

Check all seams and embroidered details.

Make sure the nose, cheeks, mustache, hat brim, pompom, holly leaves, and berries are securely attached.

Trim any loose thread ends.

Gently shape the stuffed sections with your fingers.

If necessary, add a few small stitches to reinforce any loose areas.

Your handmade Felt Santa Face Christmas Ornament is now complete!

7. Tips for a Beautiful and Professional Finish ✨

Although this is a beginner-friendly project, a few simple techniques can make the finished decoration look more polished.

Choose the right felt: Wool-blend felt generally produces a softer, more durable finish than very thin craft felt. However, both types can work well for this project.

Maintain even stitching: Try to keep the distance between stitches consistent. A spacing of approximately 0.4–0.5 cm works well for most decorative edges.

Use matching embroidery floss: Matching thread creates a subtle appearance, while contrasting thread highlights the handmade stitching.

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Avoid excessive stuffing: The hat, mustache, and pompom should be lightly padded. Overstuffing can make the ornament bulky and distort the shapes.

Check the placement before sewing: Arrange all the pieces on the work surface before attaching them permanently. This is particularly important for the facial features.

Use small stitches for details: The eyes, eyelashes, and holly leaf veins look better when embroidered with short, controlled backstitches.

Keep the project symmetrical: The face and beard should be centered, even though the Santa hat curves toward one side.

Customize the ornament: You can experiment with different felt colors, embroidery styles, or decorative details while keeping the original pattern structure.

8. Optional Variations and Creative Ideas 🎁

Once you have completed the original design, you can use the same pattern to create other Christmas decorations.

Christmas Tree Ornament

Reduce the pattern proportionally to create a smaller Santa face suitable for hanging on a Christmas tree.

Keep the facial details simple so that they remain visible at the smaller size.

Christmas Door Decoration

Use the original approximate finished size of 28 × 24 cm and attach a stronger hanging cord.

You can also add a second felt backing layer to make the decoration sturdier.

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Personalized Santa Ornament

Embroider a name or holiday message onto the back of the decoration.

This makes the project suitable for handmade gifts or family Christmas keepsakes.

Traditional Red and White Santa

Replace the green hat brim with white felt for a more traditional Santa Claus appearance.

Keep the red hat, white beard, pink cheeks, and red nose.

Rustic Christmas Santa

Use burgundy felt for the hat, olive-green felt for the brim, and cream-colored felt for the beard.

Natural cotton cord can replace the shiny hanging cord for a rustic farmhouse style.

9. Frequently Asked Questions About the Felt Santa Face Pattern

Is this felt Santa face suitable for beginners?

Yes. The project uses basic hand-sewing techniques such as running stitch, whipstitch, blanket stitch, and backstitch. Beginners can complete it by following the steps carefully.

Do I need a sewing machine?

No. The entire decoration can be made by hand. A sewing machine is optional for selected seams, but hand sewing provides the decorative finish shown in the illustration.

What type of felt is best?

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Craft felt and wool-blend felt are both suitable. Wool-blend felt is often preferred for its durability, smooth appearance, and ability to hold its shape.

How much stuffing should I use?

Use only a small amount of polyester fiberfill. The mustache, hat, and pompom should feel softly rounded rather than tightly stuffed.

Can I use fabric glue instead of sewing?

Fabric glue can help position small pieces, but sewing provides a stronger and more durable result, especially for decorations that will be stored and reused each Christmas.

Can I enlarge or reduce the pattern?

Yes. You can scale the pattern proportionally to create a larger wall decoration or a smaller Christmas tree ornament. Keep in mind that the finished size and material requirements will change.

How do I clean the finished decoration?

Gently remove dust with a soft brush or lint roller. For small stains, use a slightly damp cloth and mild soap. Avoid soaking the felt, particularly if glue or delicate embroidery has been used.

Can children make this project?

Older children may enjoy the project with adult supervision. Adults should handle sharp scissors, needles, and hot glue. Small decorative pieces should be kept away from young children.

Can I make the ornament without stuffing?

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Yes. You can leave the hat, mustache, and pompom flat. The finished decoration will be thinner and easier to store, although it will have less dimension than the illustrated version.

What is the best way to store the Santa decoration?

Store it flat in a clean, dry box. Place a sheet of tissue paper around the ornament to protect the embroidery and prevent the felt pieces from becoming crushed.

10. Conclusion – Enjoy Your Handmade Felt Santa Face 🎅❤️

This Felt Santa Face Sewing Tutorial is a wonderful way to create a festive handmade decoration using simple materials and traditional embroidery techniques.

By following the illustrated pattern, you have learned how to prepare the felt pieces, embroider Santa's facial features, create a softly padded mustache, assemble the white beard, sew the red hat, attach the green brim, make the pompom, and decorate the finished ornament with holly leaves and berries.

The completed Santa face measures approximately 28 cm high and 24 cm wide, making it a charming decoration for Christmas trees, doors, walls, and holiday displays.

With a little patience and attention to detail, you can transform ordinary pieces of felt into a cheerful Christmas keepsake that can be enjoyed for many holiday seasons.

Happy sewing, and Merry Christmas! 🎄🧵