



FELT ORNAMENT

MATERIALS & TOOLS

- Felt - assorted colors
- DMC Embroidery Floss - coordinating colors
- Embroidery sewing needle (DMC Chenille needle #30218562)
- Scissors
- Scratch paper and/or Tracing paper
- Pencil
- 6" - 8" of Ribbon or cording for ornament hanger
- Low Temp Glue gun & Glue Sticks
- Embellishments - moving eyes, flowers, sequins, beads, ribbon, bells, etc.

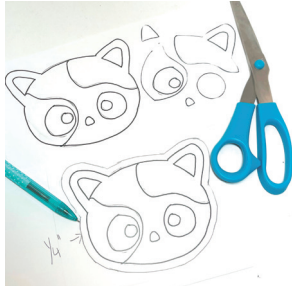
Optional:

- Sewing pins or clips to hold layers together
- Fiberfill

NOTE: Cat sample shown used Felt colors - White #77676635, Orange #30061435, Cashmere Tan #77676767, Black #77676643. DMC Floss - Blanc(white) #77636563 and for the eyes Czech glass beads - Candy 8mm Op Black #30218352.



INSTRUCTIONS



1. Draw or trace a design that you want to make on scratch paper. Add and draw in a 1/4" edge all around the main piece border.

Cut out pattern pieces. Label the pieces.



2. Trace patterns onto the different colors of felt according to your design.

Remember to cut out a back and front of the main piece plus any smaller detail pieces like eyes, nose, etc.



3. Place the detail pieces, like the eyes and nose, onto the front piece and glue them down.

Do the same with the back piece if you have detail pieces for the back like spots or stripes.

INSTRUCTIONS (Continued)



4. Place the front piece on top of the back piece, matching up the edges. Fold the ribbon in half and place between the layers, with the folded loop at the top for the hanger for the ornament. Glue to one piece to hold in place.

You can glue the front and back together, gluing the edges together, and your ornament will be done.

Or, you can stitch the edges together following the next steps.

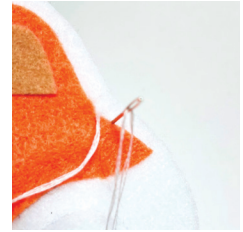


5. **Stitching the edges** - For a solid stitched line, you will do a backstitch outline about 1/4" from the edges.

DMC is a 6-strand embroidery floss. Start with a 24" - 36" length of floss. Pull out just 2 of the 6 strands of the floss. Thread the 2 strands onto the needle. Bring all 4 of the ends of the floss together and knot.



6. **To Backstitch** - Start your stitching about 1/4" from the edge. Pierce the needle from the back of the front piece, coming through to the front. This will hide the knot between the layers.



7. Holding the two layers together, make a small stitch. If it's easier, you can pin or clip the front and back pieces together while you stitch.



8. Next, bring the needle up from the bottom, coming up a little forward from the first stitch hole.



9. Now, pierce the needle back down into the first stitch hole.

Try to keep the stitches the same length, making the stitching look uniform.

NOTE: If you run out of floss, tie the ends up in between the layers. Start with a new length of floss, always hiding the knots in between the layers.



10. Repeat steps 8 and 9 until you have joined the two main layers together.

NOTE: Stop stitching to add in any fiberfill before sewing the ornament completely closed around all the edges.



11. Add on any other embellishments you want with glue or quick stitching.