

Project: Playful Snowman Ornaments

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Put felt scraps to good use by turning them into merry snowman ornaments and package trims. Stuffed and assembled with a simple blanket stitch, the little guys wear felt-strip scarves and vibrant stocking caps topped with pom-poms.

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Snowman with Blue Hat and Lime Green Scarf

Materials

- Felt scraps: white, orange, lime green, light blue
- Embroidery floss: black, orange, blue, green
- Polyester fiberfill
- 6" of narrow ribbon
- Crafts glue
- Lime green pom-pom

Finished ornament:
approximately 4½×7"

Cut Fabrics

Cut pieces in the following order. Patterns are on page 4.

Felt (available in crafts stores) doesn't fray, so there is no need to turn under the edges of ornament shapes. Cut edges cleanly, keeping them as smooth as possible.

From white felt, cut:

- 2 of Pattern A

From orange felt, cut:

- 1 of Pattern B

From lime green felt, cut:

- 1—½×10" strip
- 1 each of patterns D and E

From light blue felt, cut:

- 2 of Pattern C

Assemble Ornament

For embroidery-stitch instructions, see page 3.

1. Using three strands of black embroidery floss, make two French knots on a white felt A snowman for eyes. Using three strands of black embroidery floss, split-stitch a smile on the same white felt snowman.
2. Position orange felt B nose on embroidered snowman. Using two strands of orange

embroidery floss, whipstitch nose in place.

3. Layer embroidered snowman and remaining white felt A snowman with wrong sides together. Using three strands of blue embroidery floss, blanket-stitch snowman edges together, leaving a small opening.

Stuff the ornament with fiberfill and blanket-stitch opening closed.

4. Position lime green felt D and E stripes on a light blue felt C hat. Using two strands of green embroidery floss, whipstitch pieces in place.

5. Fold ribbon piece in half. Layer embroidered hat and remaining light blue felt C hat with wrong sides together. Tuck ribbon ends between layers at the top. Using three strands of blue embroidery floss, blanket-stitch hat edges together, securing ribbon and leaving an opening at bottom of hat as indicated on Pattern C.

Slip hat on snowman's head and blanket-stitch in place.

6. Glue lime green pom-pom to tip of hat using crafts glue.
7. Cut ½" slits on both ends of lime green felt ½×10" strip. Tie around snowman's neck.

Snowman with Green Hat and Red Scarf: Materials

- Felt scraps: white, orange, red, green
- Embroidery floss: black, orange, blue, red
- Polyester fiberfill
- Ribbon
- 6" length of narrow ribbon

Finished ornament:
approximately 4½×7"

Cut Fabrics

Cut pieces in the following order. Patterns are on page 4.

Felt (available in crafts stores) doesn't fray, so there is no need to turn under the edges of ornament shapes. Cut edges cleanly, keeping them as smooth as possible.

From white felt, cut:

- 2 of Pattern A

From orange felt, cut:

- 1 of Pattern B

From red felt, cut:

- 1—½×10" strip
- 1 each of patterns G and H

From green felt, cut:

- 2 of Pattern F

Assemble Ornament

For embroidery-stitch instructions, see page 3.

1. Using three strands of black embroidery floss, make two French knots on a white felt A snowman for eyes. Using three strands of black embroidery floss, split-stitch a smile on the same white felt snowman.
2. Position orange felt B nose on embroidered snowman. Using two strands of orange embroidery floss, whipstitch nose in place.
3. Layer embroidered snowman and remaining white felt A snowman with wrong sides together. Using three strands of blue embroidery floss, blanket-stitch edges together, leaving a small opening.
Stuff ornament with fiberfill and blanket-stitch the opening closed.

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4. Position red felt G and H stripes on green felt F hat. Using two strands of red embroidery floss, whipstitch pieces in place.

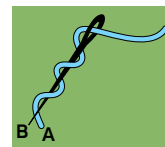
5. Fold ribbon piece in half. Layer embroidered hat and remaining green felt F hat with wrong sides together. Tuck ribbon ends between layers at the top. Using three strands of blue embroidery floss, blanket-stitch hat edges together, securing ribbon and leaving an opening at bottom of hat as indicated on Pattern F.

Slip hat on snowman's head and blanket-stitch in place.

6. Cut ½" slits on both ends of red felt ½×10" strip. Tie around snowman's neck.

Whipstitch

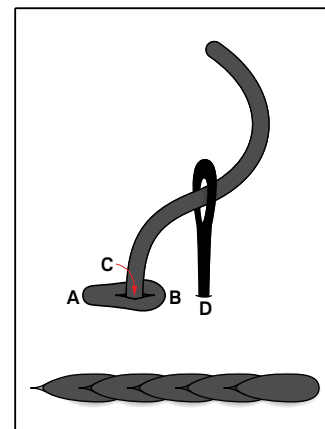
To whipstitch, bring needle up at A and down at B (**Whipstitch Diagram**). Continue in same manner around entire shape.



FRENCH KNOT DIAGRAM

Blanket Stitch

From the back of the fabric, pull the needle up at A (**Blanket Stitch Diagram**), form a reverse L shape with the thread, and hold angle of L shape in place with your thumb. Push the needle down at B, come up at C, and, crossing over the trailing thread to secure the stitch, again form a reverse L shape with the thread. Push the needle down at D and come up at E to secure the stitch.



SPLIT STITCH

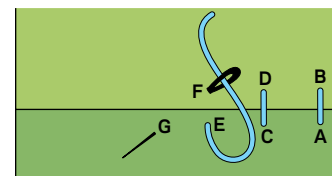
Embroidery Stitches

French Knot

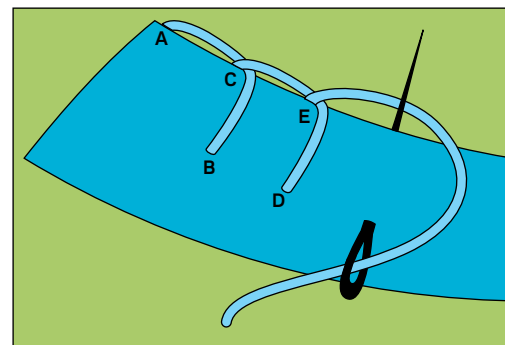
To make a French knot, bring the threaded needle up at A (**French Knot Diagram**). Wrap the floss around the needle twice without twisting it. Insert the needle into the fabric at B, about ¼¹⁶ inch away from A. Gently push the needle to meet the fabric, then pull the needle and floss down through the fabric slowly and smoothly.

Split Stitch

From the back of the fabric, pull the threaded needle up at A (**Split Stitch Diagram**), make a short straight stitch, and go back down at B. Push the needle up at C, piercing through the center of the first straight stitch; then make a straight stitch and go down at D.



WHIPSTITCH DIAGRAM



BLANKET STITCH

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