

Project: Peppermint Swirl Ornament

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To put a sweet spin on your holiday decorating, trim your tree or packages with peppermint ornaments.

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Materials

- Scraps of red and white felt
- Embroidery floss: bright pink, gray, white, and red
- Sequins: white and red
- Beads: clear and red
- Beading needle
- Polyester fiberfill

Finished ornament:
approximately 2×3½"

Cut Fabrics

Cut pieces in the following order. Patterns are on page 3.

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:

- 1 each of patterns A, B, and C

From red felt, cut:

- 1 of Pattern D

Assemble the Ornament

1. Using one strand of bright pink embroidery floss, stem-stitch dashed lines on white felt C piece. Repeat with gray embroidery floss on white felt B piece.
2. Using one strand of white embroidery floss and a beading needle, attach white sequins and clear beads to white felt B piece. To attach sequins and beads, bring a threaded beading needle up at point where embellishment is desired, thread a sequin and a clear bead onto needle, and pull floss through. Insert needle back through sequin and felt at same point where it came up. Repeat with red embroidery floss, red sequins, and red beads on red felt D piece.

3. Center red felt D piece on white felt C circle. Use one strand of red embroidery floss to whipstitch in place.
4. Center the C/D circle on white felt B piece; whipstitch in place with white embroidery floss to make ornament front.

Make a Floss Hanger

If you want a twisted floss hanger for your ornament, tape one end of an 18" length of white embroidery floss to the edge of a table. Twist the floss in one direction until it begins to kink. Holding the ends, fold the floss in half and allow the two halves to twist around each other. Knot the ends together.

Finish the Ornament

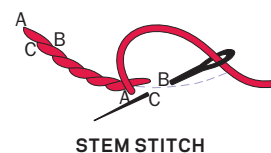
Place ornament front on white felt A back. Using one strand of white embroidery floss, whipstitch pieces together, securing the floss hanger in the stitches at one end of the ornament and leaving a small opening in the center of an edge.

Stuff ornament with fiberfill and whipstitch the opening closed.

Embroidery Stitches

Stem Stitch

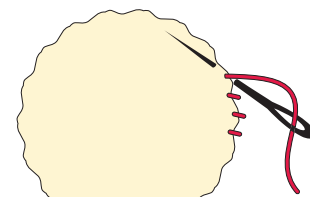
To stem-stitch, pull the needle up at A. Insert the needle back into the fabric at B, about $\frac{3}{8}$ inch away from A. Then, holding the floss out of the way, bring the needle back up at C and pull the floss through so it lies flat against the fabric. Pull with equal tautness after each stitch.



STEM STITCH

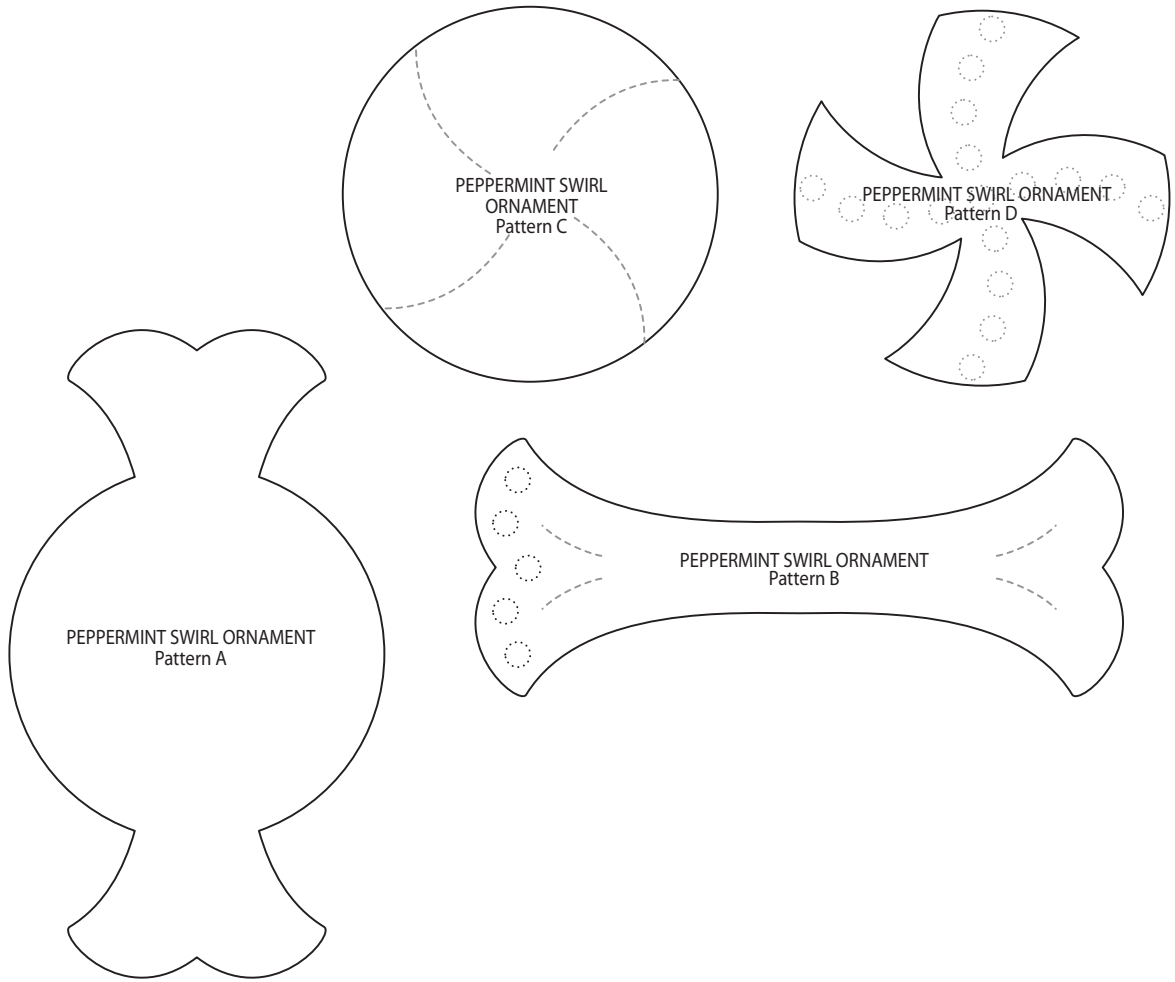
Whipstitch

To whipstitch, work a series of small, evenly spaced straight stitches.



WHIPSTITCH

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This box should measure 1".
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