

“Festive Fox Ornament” Pattern & Tutorial



Finished Dimensions:
Approx. 5.5" x 4"



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Materials

This fun little fox ornament is made entirely of wool felt, with a bit of polyfill stuffing and embroidery floss for hand stitching and embellishment. I used a bit of twisted string for the hanging tie, but feel free to use whatever you have on hand!

red felt | back liner piece, front triangle piece

cream felt | front cheeks and ears

black felt | nose

In addition, you will need the following materials:

(I used 3 strands of embroidery thread for all)

Embroidery Floss in Dark Teal

Embroidery Floss in Aqua

Embroidery Floss in Red

Embroidery Floss in Cream

Embroidery Floss in Black

Filling/Stuffing Material

Bit of twisted string for hanging

Pattern Pieces

All the pattern pieces fit on one sheet, so print it out on 8.5” x 11” (letter) size paper set to Portrait orientation. I like to print on card stock, but any kind of paper will do.

If you want to make the same size ornament as I’ve shown here, print at 100% and make sure your printer is NOT set to “Scale to Fit”. But since this ornament is made entirely of felt and there are no seam allowances to worry about, you can reduce or enlarge this pattern quite easily to make different sizes.



Instructions



Step 1. Cut out all the pattern pieces, being careful not to lose the little nose!



Step 2. Cut out your felt pieces. You can cut them all out separately, but I cut my my bottom layer (red backer) and middle layer (cream cheeks and ears) at the same time using the Bottom Layer pattern piece to ensure that they would line up exactly on the edges. You'll have to go back and trim down the middle layer in a bit in the next step, so there's a bit of waste, but you won't see any bits of the red backer peeking around the cream cheeks when you're done.



Step 3. Take the cream colored piece of felt you just cut out and lay the Middle Layer pattern piece on top of it. Trim away the extra bits around the ears.

Now when you lay the newly adjusted cream middle layer onto the red backer layer, it should look like this.



Before we continue on to handstitch the parts individually, let me show you a picture of how all the pieces will eventually stack.

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Step 4. Next we'll work on the front. Using red embroidery floss (I want these stitches to be as close to invisible as possible), use a straight stitch to hand sew the red triangle to the cream middle layer just on the two sides leading down to the nose. It is not necessary to stitch across the top b/c you will stitch it at the end when you attach the red backer piece.



Step 5. This part is fun! Embellish the red triangle with any design you like. I chose to sew a christmasy plaid type pattern, but if you can think it up, you can do it. Wouldn't he be fun with shiny red sequins?

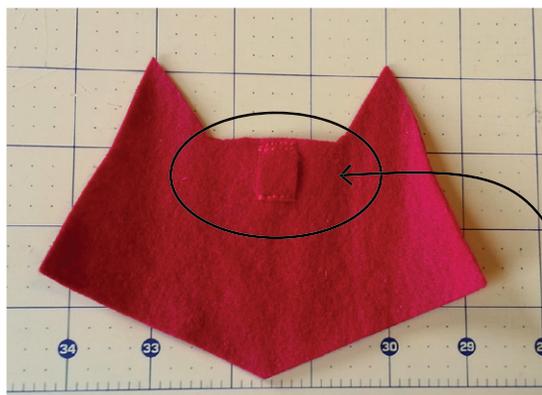
To make the plaid, simply sew parallel lines of dark teal, then go back and sew aqua lines close to the dark teal ones you just did. Then, do the same thing in the opposite direction.



Step 6. Next comes the nose. I used black embroidery thread because I didn't want the stitches to show, and just used a straight stitch to sew it on.

Step 7. Now your little fox is getting a sweet face. Again, using black embroidery floss, sew the eyes.





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Step 8. Before sewing the face to the red backer piece, we need to add a loop for hanging. On the **back** side of the red backer piece, sew the tab across the top and the bottom of the short sides using red embroidery thread. The loop should be open on the right and left sides.



Step 9. Almost done! Turn your red backer piece back over so the tab is facing down. Then layer the face piece on with the top facing up. Line up the two pieces carefully, and pin in place. Starting with the cream thread, sew the left little inner ear to the backer, and then continue down the left side wherever there is cream felt. Continue on under the nose and up the right side, finishing with the right inner ear. (You'll notice in my photo, I sewed the red top first, then the cream sides, stuffing at the bottom, but I feel like the revised version I've included here is a better option).

Step 10. Through the opening at the top of the head, stuff with just a small amount of polyfill. This will give him a little bit of dimension without rounding out his face too much and losing the geometric angularity.

Step 11. Switch to red thread and sew across the top of the head, completely sealing all edges of the ornament. Now simply add a bit of twisted string through the back tab, hang somewhere festive and admire your handiwork!



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