

Winter Gift Gnome

A hand-sewn felt ornament with a bent forest-green hat and a tiny embroidered gift. This guide accompanies the separate full-size pattern PDF.



FINISHED CUT SIZE 100 mm wide x 150 mm high, excluding the hanging loop

What you will need

Firm, non-fraying craft felt, approximately 1-1.5 mm thick and the same on both sides. A 200 x 200 mm red sheet fits both bases; a 100 x 100 mm forest-green piece fits the hat. Gather 100 x 100 mm ivory, 70 x 30 mm charcoal, 55 x 30 mm burgundy, 40 x 35 mm gold and 30 x 20 mm peach scraps.

Tools and finishing supplies

Matching embroidery floss, plus gold and red for the embroidered details; a hand-sewing needle; sharp scissors; pins or clips; a removable fabric marker; a small pinch of fiberfill; a blunt stuffing tool; and 80 mm of 2-3 mm ribbon or cord.

Use as a decoration. Small parts, stuffing and the hanging loop make this unsuitable as a toy. Keep needles and loose pieces away from children and pets.

Your pattern and piece key

Print either colored pages 1-2 or black-outline pages 3-4 of the pattern PDF. The two sets contain exactly the same shapes and sizes.

1 Check the print scale

Choose A4 paper, portrait, 100% / Actual Size. Turn off Fit, Shrink and Scale to page. Print page 1 or 3 first. Measure both sides of its calibration square between the line centers: each must be 50 mm. Correct the print settings before cutting if either side differs.

Positions locate each piece's top-left corner, measured from the base's top-left bounding box: x across, y down. The right boot and right mitten are mirrored.

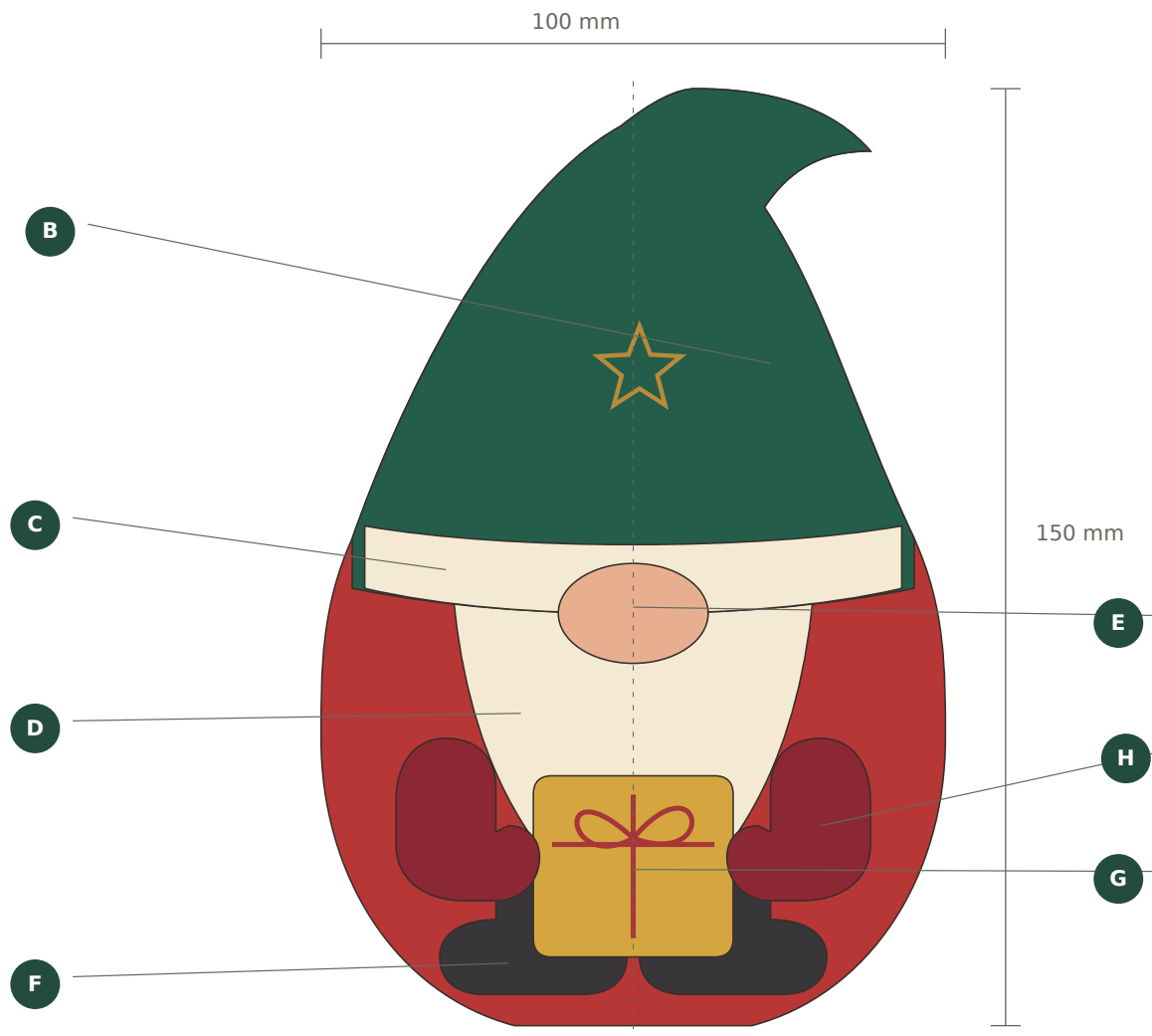
ID	Piece	Cut	Color	Size mm	Position mm
A	Full silhouette	2	Red	100 x 150	Front and back
B	Bent hat	1	Forest green	90 x 84	x 5, y 0
C	Curved cuff	1	Ivory	86 x 14	x 7, y 70
D	Pointed beard	1	Ivory	58 x 59	x 21, y 76
E	Oval nose	1	Peach	24 x 16	x 38, y 76
F	Boot	2	Charcoal	30 x 18	Left x 19, y 127 Right x 51, y 127
G	Gift	1	Gold	32 x 29	x 34, y 110
H	Mitten	2	Burgundy	23 x 26	Left x 12, y 104 Right x 65, y 104

2 Cut 11 felt pieces

Cut along each paper outline. Trace on the felt, then cut away the marker line. Turn the boot and mitten templates over for their second pieces. The star and gift ribbon are embroidery, not extra felt pieces.

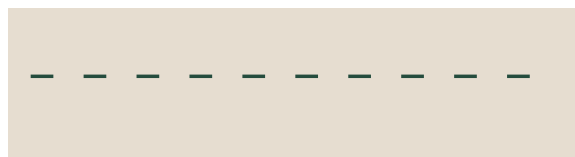
Placement and stitch reference

All measurements are in millimeters. The diagram below is reduced; use the pattern PDF for cutting. Place every applique on the red front before joining the back.



Layer order: A front, F boots, D beard, B hat, C cuff, G gift, H mittens, E nose. Align the hat with the top and side edges of the base. Center the cuff, beard, gift and nose on the dashed line. Mitten thumbs face inward over the gift.

Running stitch for appliques



Use 2 strands of embroidery floss. Sew approximately 2 mm inside cut edges, with stitches about 3 mm apart. Use shorter stitches around curves. All allowance is included; do not add any. Keep raw edges outside and do not turn the ornament.

Blanket stitch for the outer seam

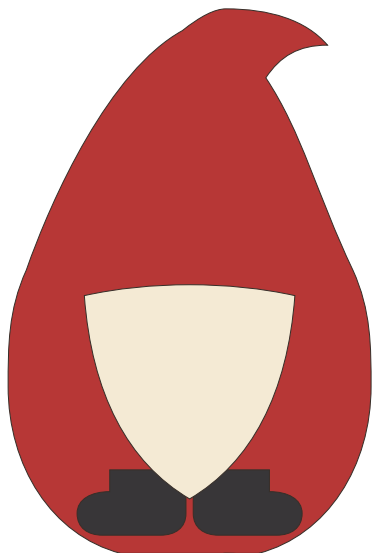


Sew the layers in order

Keep the plain red back aside. Each applique stitch should pass through the decorated front only. Secure thread ends on its reverse.

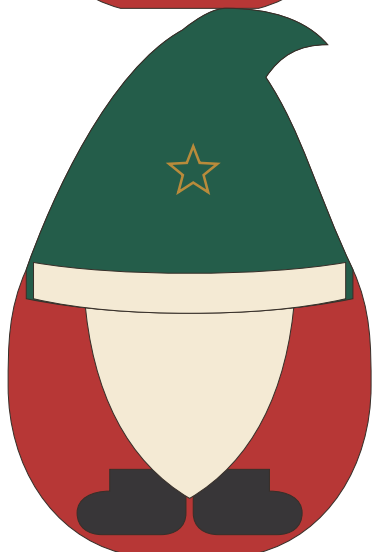
3 Add the boots and beard

Place the boots 5 mm above the flat bottom edge, leaving a 2 mm gap between their inner edges. Their toes point outward. Sew around both. Center the beard with its tip 15 mm above the bottom. Sew it down, including its top edge, which the hat will cover.



4 Decorate and fit the hat

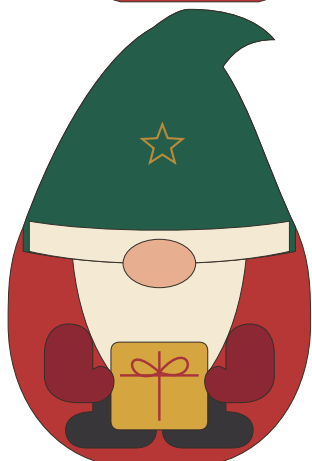
Before attaching the hat, embroider a gold five-point star, approximately 14 mm across, centered 51 mm from the base left edge and 45 mm down from the top. Use short backstitches around its outline.



Align the hat with the base top and sides. Sew its curved lower edge to the front; hold the shared outer edges with loose basting. Sew the ivory cuff over the hat lower edge. The final outer seam will secure the hat perimeter.

5 Add the gift and face

Embroider a red ribbon cross and small bow on the gold gift first. Place the gift bottom 11 mm above the base bottom; sew around it. Sew the mittens over its sides, thumbs inward. Last, sew on the centered nose across the cuff edge. Keep these pieces flat and unstuffed.

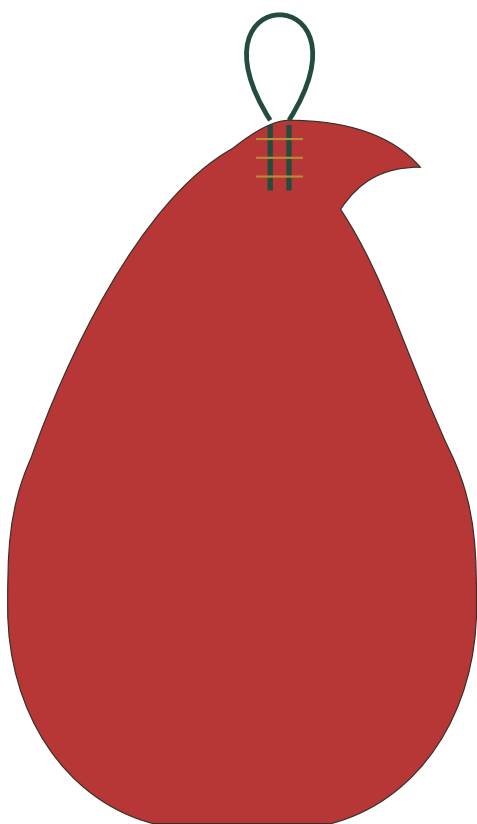


Attach the loop and close

Check the front arrangement before bringing the two red base pieces together. Remove temporary basting after the final seam is secure.

6 Secure the hanging loop

Fold the 80 mm cord in half. Place its two cut ends on the inside of the plain back, about 58 mm from the left edge, so the loop exits near the top. Bury each tail 15 mm below the cut edge. Tack each tail firmly with several small stitches; keep the loop outside.



INSIDE OF BACK

Loop outside; 15 mm tails inside



FRONT AND BACK TOGETHER

Right-side opening highlighted in gold

7 Join, fill and close

Place the bases wrong sides together with their cut edges aligned. Blanket-stitch around the outside, catching all edge layers and the cord tails. Leave about 30 mm open along the curved right edge, from 96 mm to 126 mm below the top. Add small wisps of fiberfill to the body only; keep the bent hat flat.

Close the opening with the same stitch. Hide the final knot between the layers, trim the thread, and gently check that the loop and small pieces are secure.