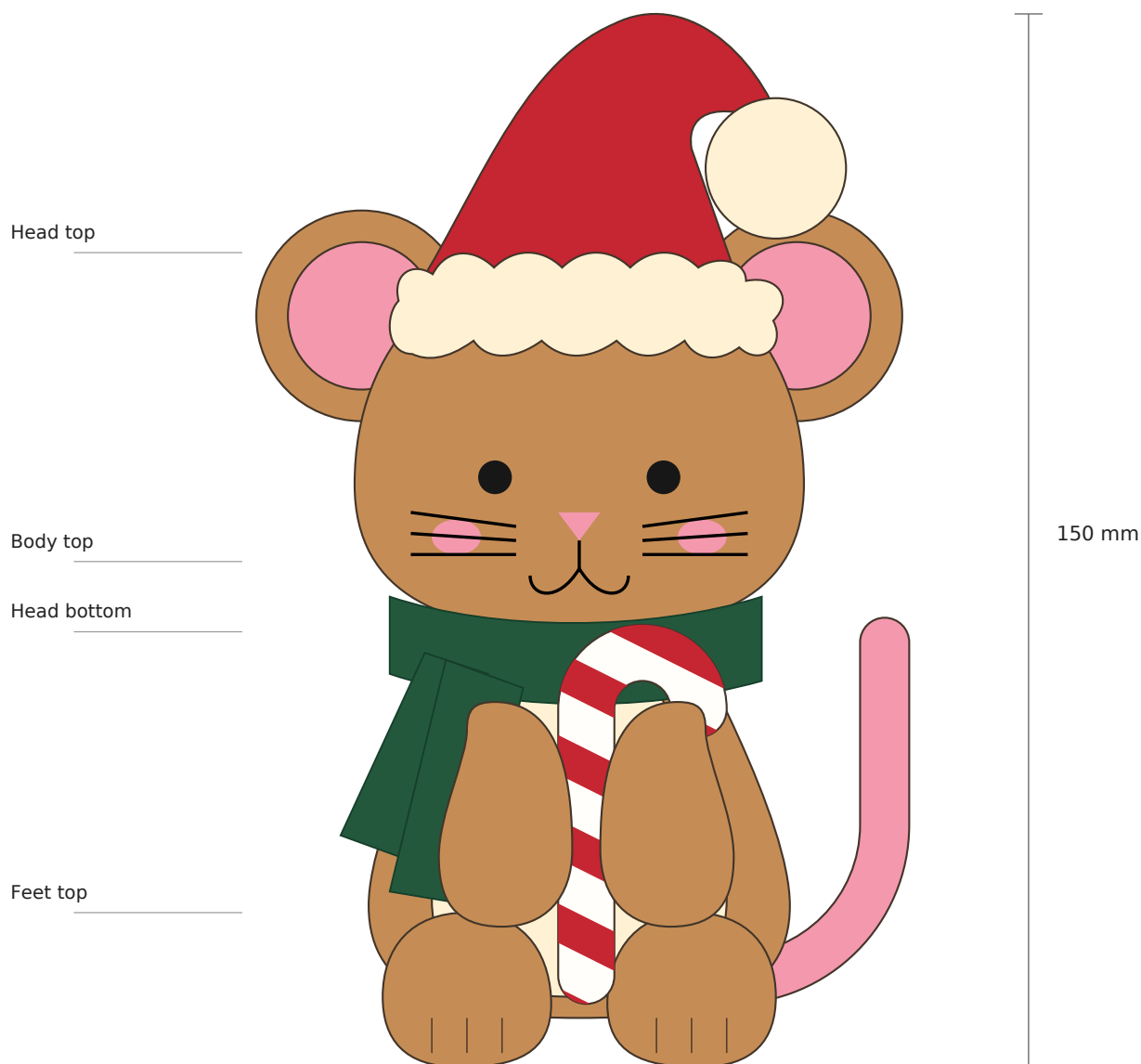


Felt Christmas Mouse Sewing Guide

A gently padded decoration with a Santa hat, scarf and candy cane

The full-size layout below is 150 mm from the highest felt point to the bottoms of the feet. The hanging loop is extra. Light stuffing and stitch tension can change the finished size slightly.



Print: use A4 paper at 100% or Actual Size. Disable Fit, Shrink and borderless enlargement. Check the 50 mm square in the cutting PDF before tracing any pieces. Photographs are not cutting templates.

Stitching: leave raw felt edges visible. Do not turn the pieces inside out. Use 2 mm edge seams on paired shapes and small 1.5 mm applique stitches. This ornament is a decoration, not a toy; keep it and loose supplies away from children and pets.

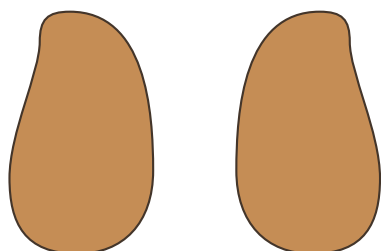
Materials and Cutting List

All sizes are actual outer cut bounds in millimetres

Use felt about 1 mm thick: tan 210 x 297 mm; pink 100 x 150 mm; cream 150 x 150 mm; red 120 x 70 mm; green 200 x 50 mm; white 60 x 70 mm. You also need a little stuffing, matching thread, black/pink/red floss, 220 mm narrow cord, a needle, scissors, removable marker and a ruler.

Piece	Color	W x H mm	Quantity
Head	Tan	64 x 54	2
Body	Tan	60 x 65	2
Belly	Cream	42 x 52	1
Outer ear	Tan	30 x 30	4
Inner ear	Pink	21 x 21	2
Arm	Tan	19 x 32	4
Foot	Tan	24 x 22	4
Tail	Pink	29 x 55	2
Santa hat	Red	54 x 42	2
Hat trim	Cream	56 x 15	2
Hat pom-pom	Cream	20 x 20	2
Scarf	Green	180 x 12	1
Candy cane	White	24 x 54	2

Total: 30 felt pieces. The face, toe lines and red candy-cane stripes are embroidery. The hanging cord is not part of the felt count. Cut one complete template version only.



Mirror the arms and feet: cut two with the template face up and two face down, making a matching front and back for each side. For the tail, hat, trim and candy cane, cut one face up and one face down. Trace on the reverse if your felt has a different-looking front.

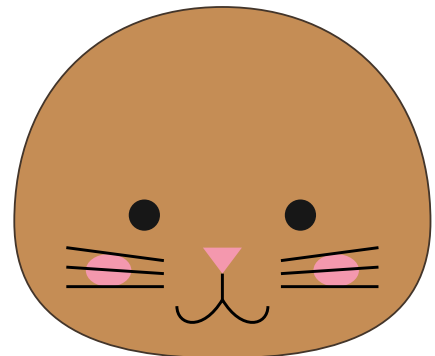
Prepare the Details

Work on flat pieces before joining the fronts and backs

1 Embroider the face and decorate the fronts

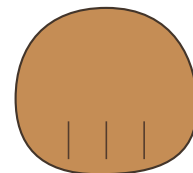
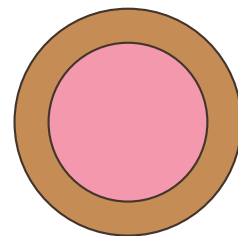
Transfer the face from the full-size layout on page 1. Fill the black eyes and pink nose/cheeks with satin stitch. Backstitch the smile and three whiskers on each side. Eye centres are 24 mm apart, 32 mm below the head top. Keep knots on the reverse.

Centre the belly on the body front, 10 mm below its top. Sew 1.5 mm inside the cream edge. Centre one pink inner ear on each of two tan ear fronts; the pink circle has a 4.5 mm tan border.



2 Pair the small sections

Join each decorated ear to a plain back, wrong sides together. Sew 2 mm inside the edge. Keep ears unstuffed. Pair and sew the two tail layers flat. Pair and sew each arm and foot, leaving a 10 mm gap; add only a tiny tuft of filling, then close. Add three black toe lines near each foot tip.



3 Sew the striped candy cane

Both felt layers are white. On the front only, sew diagonal red satin-stitch bands about 5 mm wide, with similar white gaps. The drawing shows the direction; keep stitches relaxed around the hook. Join the matching white back and sew the outer and inner edges 2 mm in. Leave it flat.

Use short lengths of thread and small stitches around tight curves. Remove temporary marks according to the marker instructions. Check paired edges before sewing so the back does not project beyond the front.



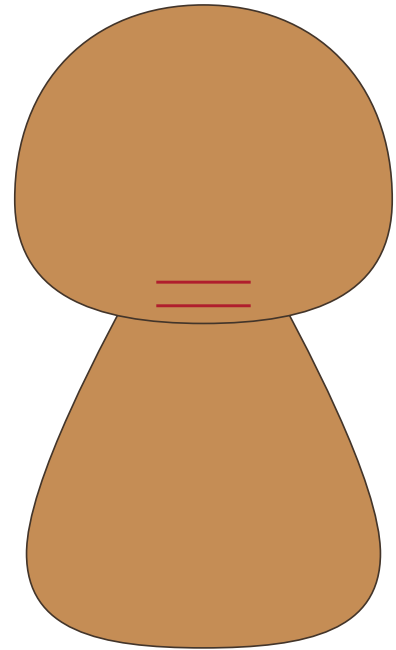
Leave these for later: head front and back, body front and back, hat layers, trim layers, pom-pom layers and scarf. The reinforced neck and cord must be secured before the head is closed.

Build the Strong Centre

Join the head back to the body front while both are still flat

4 Reinforce the neck overlap

Lay the body front face up. Place the head back over its top with the head inside facing you. Centre them and overlap by 10 mm. Sew two 16 mm horizontal backstitch rows through these two pieces only, at 3 mm and 7 mm below the body top. Secure each row firmly. The head front will hide the join.



Two hidden stitch rows

5 Close the body and catch the tail

Put the body back behind the decorated front. On the viewer's right, tuck the lower tail base 8 mm into the seam near the lower body, following the layout. Anchor the hidden base with strong stitches. Keep the curled tail free outside. Sew the body edge, catching the tail again. At the top, the seam may catch the overlapping head back; the head front will cover it.

Leave a 15 mm opening at the lower left. Add light filling, keeping the upper neck area almost flat, then close. Do not stuff the tail.

6 Anchor the cord and sew the head

Fold the 220 mm cord in half. Lay both ends 15 mm down inside the top centre of the head back. Secure each end with 8-10 firm stitches over and around it. The loop exits the head top and passes behind the hat. It must be carried by these anchors, not by the hat alone.

Set the ears behind the head: their tops are 6 mm above the head top and their centres are 62 mm apart. Their inner lower edges overlap the head outline. Backstitch the overlapping roots to the head back. Add the embroidered head front; sew around the head 2 mm in, catching the ear roots where they meet the seam.

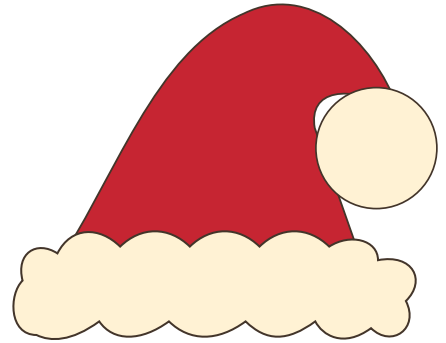
Leave a 15 mm side opening, add a light layer of filling, and close. Keep the lower neck fairly flat. Check the neck rows, cord anchors, ear roots and tail attachment with a gentle pull before covering them.

Dress and Assemble the Mouse

The body and face stay softly padded; the accessories stay mostly flat

7 Make the hat and add the scarf

Sew the two red hat layers together, keeping them flat. Join the two cream trim layers flat. Lightly pad the paired pom-pom and close it. Position the hat 34 mm above the head top, so its bottom overlaps the head. Tack its lower area firmly to the head. Centre the trim with its top level with the head top; sew it through both the hat and head where they overlap.



Sew the pom-pom securely over the curled tip. Keep the cord free behind the hat. Cut three 5 mm fringe slits into each end of the scarf. Wrap it loosely around the neck, tie one loose overhand knot on the viewer's left, then tack the knot to stop it tightening.

8 Attach the feet, cane and arms

Place the feet in front of the body with their tops 50 mm below the body top. They overlap the body by 15 mm, with their lowest points at 150 mm below the hat top. Sew securely through the upper half of each foot, keeping toe lines facing forward.

Place the cane in front of the belly, its top 9 mm below the body top. Secure its reverse to the body near the hook and lower shaft. Place the arms with their tops 20 mm below the body top, one on each side. Stitch their shoulder ends to the body and tack the paws to the cane. Keep the striped shaft visible.



The full-size layout on page 1 gives the outer placements. Take small hidden stitches where one section lies over another. Secure both ends of each thread, then bury them between the felt layers. Keep the scarf tails outside the arm and body seams.

Stuffing check: the head, body, arms and feet need only a soft layer; the pom-pom takes a small pinch. Ears, tail, candy cane, hat and trim stay flat. The scarf is a single layer.

Finish and Check

A few careful checks help the ornament hang neatly



9 Check every join

Gently pull the loop and feel for movement at the two neck rows. Check both ears, the tail, both feet, both shoulders, the cane, hat, trim and pom-pom. Add stitches wherever an edge feels loose.

Lay the ornament flat. The felt should be about 150 mm tall, excluding the cord. Do not stretch it to measure. Small changes from padding and seam tension are normal.

The cord should pass freely behind the hat. Check that the scarf knot is tacked and cannot slide tight. Remove visible basting and bury loose thread ends.

Care and storage

Keep the ornament dry. Lift surface dust gently with a soft brush. Do not soak or machine wash it. Store it flat in a clean box so the ears, tail and hat do not get bent. If a stitch loosens in storage, repair it before hanging the mouse again.

This is a decorative ornament, not a toy. It contains small sewn parts, stuffing and a loop. Keep it out of reach of young children and pets, and never attach it to a cot, play gym or pet collar.