

Sew a Smiling Felt Santa

Hand-sewing guide | Decoration, not a toy. Loop drawings are schematic.

Before you cut

Finished flat outline: 150 mm high x 103 mm wide, excluding the hanging loop. Stuffing can change the finished size slightly.

Print one style of the pattern on A4 at Actual size / 100%. Measure its 50 mm test line with a ruler before cutting. Never choose Fit to page.

Cut on solid outer lines. The stated widths and heights are the widest bounds of each template, not seam lengths. No extra seam allowance is needed.

Use 1-1.5 mm felt. Cut 23 felt pieces total. For every reversed pair, turn the paper template over for the second piece.

Keep all felt edges raw. Sew with small blanket or whip stitches about 2 mm in from the edge and 2-3 mm apart. Do not turn the main body inside out.



Supplies

Ivory felt (two A4 sheets); red felt (one A4 sheet); peach and green scraps; matching embroidery floss, black floss, a fine needle, scissors, pins or clips, a little fiberfill, and 22 cm of thin hanging cord. Optional pink embroidery floss for cheeks.

Sew on every small part securely. Keep away from babies, young children and pets. The loop and detachable small pieces make this a decorative ornament only.

Cutting list & placement

All sizes are template bounding boxes. Coordinates are in millimeters.

A Main base x2 | 94 x 150 mm

Ivory; cut 1 as drawn + 1 reversed

B Hat x2 | 84 x 63 mm

Red; cut 1 as drawn + 1 reversed

C Beard overlay x1 | 90 x 83 mm

Ivory; front only

D Face x1 | 64 x 49 mm

Peach; front only

E Hat cuff x1 | 88 x 31 mm

Ivory; front only

F Side beard lock x2 | 38 x 54 mm

Ivory; cut 1 as drawn + 1 reversed

G Center beard lock x1 | 28 x 41 mm

Ivory; front only

H Moustache half x2 | 39 x 22 mm

Ivory; cut 1 as drawn + 1 reversed

I Eyebrow x2 | 13 x 5 mm

Ivory; cut 1 as drawn + 1 reversed

J Nose x2 | 16 x 13 mm

Peach; matching pair, lightly stuff

K Pom-pom x2 | 24 x 24 mm

Ivory; matching pair, lightly stuff

L Holly leaf x2 | 16 x 27 mm

Green; cut 1 as drawn + 1 reversed

M Berry x3 | 7 x 7 mm

Red; 3 flat circles, no beads

Placement order

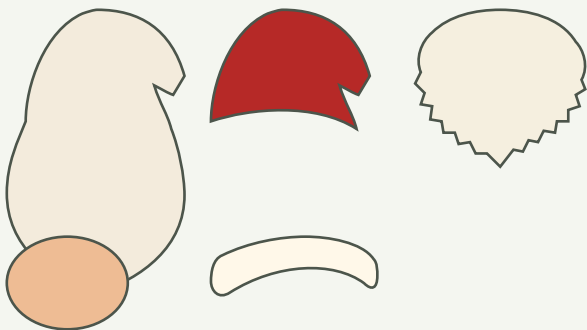
Use the full-size placement map on page 5. It shows the front. Baste layers before sewing. B: x=10, y=0; C: x=2, y=67; D: x=15, y=53; E: x=3, y=45. F: x=4 and 52, y=90 (mirrored). G: x=33, y=103. Cuff E covers the lower hat edge. Stitch cuff and holly only through supported overlap; free outer edges may extend.

Build the decorated front

Complete the appliques before closing the main base.

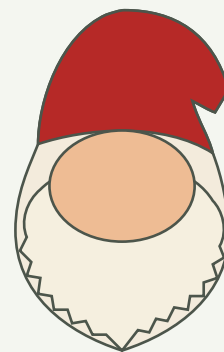
1. Print, check, cut

Check the 50 mm line. Cut 23 felt pieces, flipping the templates for all reversed pairs. Keep front and back base pieces as a matched pair.



2. Hat, beard and face

Baste one red B onto each A, aligning the top curves. Sew the lower hat edges. On the front only, sew C, then D. Keep the outer base edges free.



3. Eyes and beard layers

Backstitch two closed eyes on D. Add stitched pink cheeks if wanted. Sew F as a mirrored pair, then G. Add mirrored H halves and I brows.



4. Cuff, holly and berries

Sew cuff E over the lower hat edge. Anchor it where it overlaps A; free ends may extend. Sew L leaves through their supported areas, then stitch M berries over their bases.



Finish the ornament

Keep the filling light so the face and beard stay flat.

5. Anchor the loop

Fold 22 cm of cord in half (trim for a shorter loop). Knot the ends together. Put both tails at least 15 mm inside the base at the marked top center. Tack repeatedly through the front base.



Loop tails: at least 15 mm inside.

6. Join and lightly fill

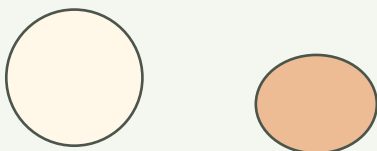
Place the base backs together, decorated faces outward. Align the reversed outlines. Sew around, catching loop tails. Leave 30 mm open on one lower side. Add a thin layer of filling.



Leave 30 mm open at lower side.

7. Nose and pom-pom

Sew J pieces, add a pinch of filling, and close. Stitch J over the moustache. Sew K partly; slip the hat tip between K layers, lightly fill, then close and stitch through the tip.



Tiny amount of filling only.

8. Close and inspect

Close the main 30 mm gap. Reinforce the pom-pom at the hat tip with several stitches through both layers. Pull gently on the cord and appliques; fix any loose stitching.



Full-size placement map

A4 / 100% | Front view | Placement guide, not extra pieces.

Origin: top-left of main base bounding box.

Loop center: x=47 mm, y=0. Anchor tails down to y=15 mm.

Face eyes: x=28-39 and 58-69 mm, y=74-79 mm.

Nose top-left: x=39, y=85. Pom-pom: x=79, y=28.



Decorate only the front; back has a red hat on ivory A.

X increases rightward. Y increases downward.

No added seam allowance. All attachments must be stitched.



50 mm test line