

CHRISTMAS BAGS

Add a gift and hang on the Christmas tree



You will need:

- 22 x 22cm felt squares or sturdy craft fabric in 2 colours
- Embroidery cotton

Other things you'll need:

- Glue and scissors
- Sewing needles and pins
- Felt off-cuts, glitter, pom-poms, buttons to decorate the bags

This makes a small bag that can be made from a piece of felt 22 x 22cm. Scale up if you would like to make it bigger.

How to make it:

- 1 First of all, cut out your felt pieces. You will need pieces as shown in the diagram below:

Central piece 22 x 4cm

Handle 18 x 2cm

Side piece x 2
8 x 6cm

- 2 Take the central piece and pin it around three edges of one of the side pieces with raw edges aligned and facing out (as shown in the diagram). Sew from A to B using a running or blanket stitch in a contrasting colour of thread. Remove the pins when you're done.

- 3 Pin the remaining side piece to the central piece. Sew as before to form the bag's box shape. Then remove the pins.

- 4 Stitch the handle to either side of the bag, looping over the open end of the bag as shown in the photo. Add a decorative button if you like.

- 5 Decorate the bags by gluing on cut out felt shapes, glitter, pom-poms etc. Allow the glue to dry before adding a small gift and hanging the bags on the Christmas tree.

