



Sewing for Christmas

30 gorgeous projects for the festive season

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Key Selling Points

- Contains 30 festive projects from the *Love to Sew* series, which has sold over 230,000 copies worldwide
- Each project is clearly explained step-by-step, with supporting photographs and illustrations
- Contains a handy pocket with 2 fold-out sheets including all the templates needed, at full-size
- Ideal for beginners to sewing and full of ideas for the more experienced.

Description

What says Christmas better than a handmade decoration? Or hanging up a stocking you have created yourself? This book has 30 sewing projects to get you in a festive mood.

However you celebrate Christmas and whatever your family traditions, there is something for everyone: tree decorations, tiny advent calendar stockings, a garland, cosy slippers, table runners, teddies, a wreath, a Scandi pillow and hanging decorations.

This collection of homemade sewing gifts taken from the best-selling *Love to Sew* series is perfect to decorate your home, give as gifts or make with the children in the holidays.

With a techniques section complemented by instructions and photographs for each project, you have everything you need to get going. Full-size templates are provided in a handy pocket containing two fold-out sheets.

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Example spreads from the book

SIZE: 10 1/2" (26.7cm) H x 14" (35.5cm) W
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: 2

YOU WILL NEED

FABRIC:

- 12 pieces of felt in two colors, 22 x 12cm (8 1/2 x 4 3/4")
- 12 pieces of fabric in the color of your choice, 22 x 12cm (8 1/2 x 4 3/4")

ADDITIONAL INFO:

- A selection of materials of your choice (baubles, felt, pom-poms, etc.)
- Felt or fabric for lining (optional) (see page 20)

1 Trace each of the felt pieces and cut in half, right sides together. Using the template, cut out 12 pieces of the felt stockings on a sheet of paper.

2 For the fabric, separate iron fabric into two pieces, so you have 24 stockings pieces in total.

3 Cut a variety of motifs from the fabric, using your imagination. There is no need to use fabric with the felt stockings, as this is a subtle fabric. Simply use and attach the felt pieces in place. You can also hand paint the felt and use the template as a guide to cut out the fabric, using the same size as the stockings.

4 To construct the fabric stockings, pin two stockings pieces right sides together and sew around with a 1cm (3/8") seam allowance, leaving the top open. Trim the seam allowance with pinking shears. Turn one side of the top edge and sew around the rest of the stocking top, 1cm (3/8") from the edge. Turn the stocking through.

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6 Display the felt stockings, attached with pins on a length of ribbon or wire. You can add buttons to the top of each sock, pom-pom or pom-pom to the top.

SIZE: 21" (53.3cm) H x 14" (35.5cm) W
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: 2

YOU WILL NEED

FABRIC:

- white cotton, 22 x 14cm (8 1/2 x 5 1/2")
- patterned fabric, at least 45cm (17 3/4") wide
- unbleached muslin for lining, 6.5 x 30cm (2 1/2 x 12")

ADDITIONAL INFO:

- red cotton thread, 50cm (20")
- white cotton thread, 20cm (8")
- water-soluble marker pen
- white embroidery thread (see page 4)

CUTTING LIST

The following measurements include a 1cm (3/8") seam allowance:

- 16 x 10.5cm (6 1/2 x 4 1/8") white cotton for the front
- 25 x 5.5cm (10 x 2 1/8") white cotton for the back
- 2 pieces of patterned fabric, 4.5 x 10.5cm (1 3/4 x 4 1/8") for the side borders
- 4 x 10.5cm (4 x 4 1/8") white cotton for the top and bottom
- 6.5 x 30cm (2 1/2 x 12") unbleached muslin for lining
- 22.5 x 16.5cm (9 x 6 1/2") white muslin for the binding

Seasons Greetings Mug Rug

1 Attach the side border strips to the white fabric, with right sides facing. Sew the white cotton line over the seams just once, as shown in the photograph. Turn down the cotton line about 1cm (3/8") from the top and bottom edges.

2 Join together 4.5cm (1 3/4") wide strips of patterned fabric in different lengths, then sew to make two pieces 4.5 x 22cm (1 3/4 x 8 3/4"). Sew the strips to the top and bottom of the front piece.

3 Sew the muslin binding onto the back, through the top and bottom edges. Sew the side borders together, using side facing. With white thread, top-stitch the binding along the piece, adjacent to the binding.

4 Trim the mug rug to 22 x 16.5cm (8 3/4 x 6 1/2"). Trim with the striped binding (see page 20).

SIZE: 10 1/2" (26.7cm) H x 14" (35.5cm) W
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: 2

YOU WILL NEED

FABRIC:

- pattern piece A, 20cm (8")
- 10 pieces of felt, 22 x 12cm (8 1/2 x 4 3/4")
- 10 pieces of fabric, 22 x 12cm (8 1/2 x 4 3/4")

ADDITIONAL INFO:

- A selection of materials of your choice (baubles, felt, pom-poms, etc.)
- Felt or fabric for lining (optional) (see page 20)

1 Fold the large piece of felt in half and an on-pattern piece A. Cut out.

2 Pin the felt to the pattern template on the white felt. Cut out. Position the felt to the center of one of the felt pieces, using an embroidery thread. Hand sew the felt to the heart with a running stitch.

3 Repeat for the other felt pieces. Repeat the steps for the other felt pieces. Repeat for the other felt pieces.

4 Pin the felt hearts together, leaving the hanging loop between the hearts in the top. Sewing in a straight line, sew the hearts together with running stitch in an embroidery thread. Sew a gap for the hanging loop at the top of the hearts.

5 Stuff the hearts and then continue sewing the heart closed.

SIZE: 10 1/2" (26.7cm) H x 14" (35.5cm) W
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: 2

YOU WILL NEED

FABRIC:

- pattern piece D and E, 10cm (4")
- 10 pieces of felt, 22 x 12cm (8 1/2 x 4 3/4")
- 10 pieces of fabric, 22 x 12cm (8 1/2 x 4 3/4")

ADDITIONAL INFO:

- A selection of materials of your choice (baubles, felt, pom-poms, etc.)
- Felt or fabric for lining (optional) (see page 20)

1 Using pattern pieces D and E, fold each fabric in half, right sides together, and cut out the hearts. For the hearts made with small hearts and a medium heart, the number required will depend on the size of your heart and the beauty of hearts you want to create.

2 Pin the two sides of each heart together, right sides facing, and sew with a 1cm (3/8") seam allowance, leaving gaps to turn through. Backstitch at the beginning and end of the stitches. As the hearts are sewn together, the other hearts in the book, they will be sewn in a similar way. Cut the corners and points of each heart. Turn through and fill the hearts.

3 Sewly start each heart with small pieces of stuffing and hand sew the opening closed.

4 Arrange your hearts around the wreath, leaving a gap at the top for the ribbon hanger. Hand sew the hearts to the wreath.

5 Tie the bottom of the ribbon at the top of the wreath for hanging it up.

Heart Wreath

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