

The Gnome and Max Who Stole Christmas

For the Gnome You will need:

- 1"x1" piece green glitter felt
- 4.5"x12" red felt
- 12mm unfinished wooden bead, coloured green (I use a lime green sharpie for this)
- 17" long piece of trim (I used white mini pom pom trim, but you can use lace, ribbon, etc.)
- 2.5"x2.5" piece of green faux fur (2-2.5" pile length)
- white 0.5" pom pom
- DMC 816 (red)
- 12" string for hanging thread

For Max You will need:

- 7"x6.5" buffalo plaid flannel
- 4"x8" light brown felt
- 1"x2" sandstone felt
- 12mm unfinished wooden bead, coloured red (I use a red sharpie for this)
- 2"x2" piece of brown faux fur (2-2.5" pile length)
- 6" black crochet thread
- DMC 434 (brown)
- 12" string for hanging thread

For Both Ornaments You will need:

- glue gun or felt glue
- embroidery needle, pins, possibly a needle threader
- polyfil or wool stuffing
- sharp scissors that can cut the felt and fabric, and scissors for cutting out the paper pattern

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Notes, Tips & Tricks:

- Read through the entire pattern before starting!
- Check out my youtube videos that take you through this pattern, follow the links at www.primheirloomdesigns.com!
- For this pattern, you are mostly using a "whipstitch" if you don't know what that is, just google it! Many pieces are glued in place but if you prefer to completely sew the ornaments, you are able to!
- The faux fur requires correct pattern orientation and cutting with the scissors - if the instructions are confusing to you, check out the youtube videos I created to show you this step!
- Did I mention yet you should watch the youtube video tutorials I created? LOL, they are super helpful if you find the written instructions at all confusing!
- If you find any errors in the pattern, please message me :)
- If you have any problems navigating the pattern or have any construction or material questions, please contact me on my website or Etsy and I'll be happy to help!

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Getting Started

1. Cut out all of the pattern pieces. Match them up to the fabric:

Green Faux Fur: Gnome Beard, Moustache, Gnome Hands

Red Felt: Gnome Body, Gnome Arms, Gnome Hat

Glitter Felt: Heart

Light Brown Felt: Max Body

Sandstone Felt: Antler

Brown Faux Fur: Max Beard, Max Tail

Buffalo Plaid Flannel: Max Hat

For the fur items, you will notice the pattern pieces all have an arrow on them. That is indicating the direction the pieces should be laid out on the faux fur. The arrow should be parallel to the direction of the fur pile. See below:



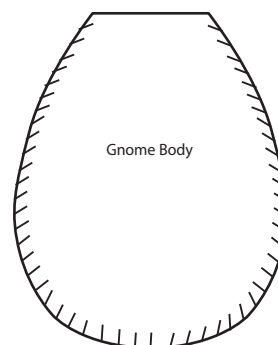
Notice the fur wants to lie downwards? So I have positioned the pattern pieces in the same direction.

The second tricky thing with the fur is when you cut through, you don't want to actually cut the fur part, just the fabric it's stuck to. If you end up cutting the fur strands, you'll get a choppy beard at the bottom and you definitely don't want that!

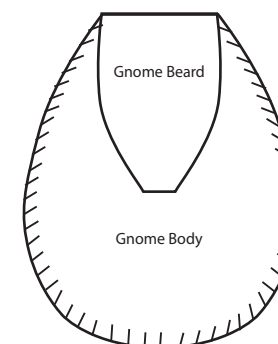


Notice in the picture above, I've inserted my scissors at the base of the fur pile, and am focusing on just cutting through the fabric so I can keep as many of the fur strands long as I can!

The other pattern pieces are very straight forward! Cut out along the line, cut as many as the pattern pieces specify of each piece.

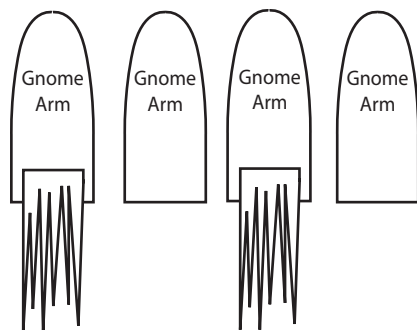


Match the two Gnome body pieces together. Taking two strands of the Red DMC Floss, whipstitch around the Gnome Body, leaving the top (neck) area open. Stuff the body.

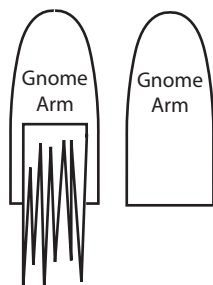


Line up the upped edge of the Gnome Beard with the neck of the Body, and center it side to side. Glue in place.

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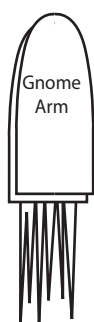


Line up the Gnome Arms in a row, and take your two Hands. Glue them to the lower edge of two of the Arms.

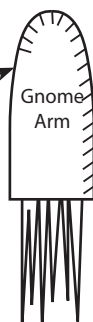


If the fur is too long for what you like, you can glue them further up!

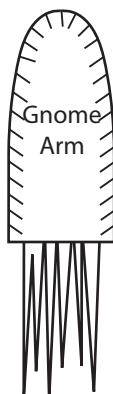
Match the Gnome arms without the hands to the ones with the hands, and using two strands of Red DMC floss, whip stitch around. Stop part way around to start to lightly stuff the arms. There's no need to whipstitch across the hand area, just the arms is fine.



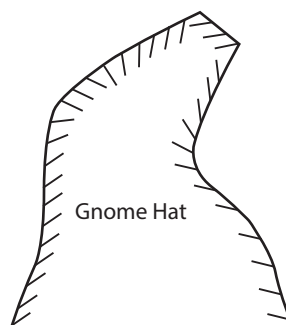
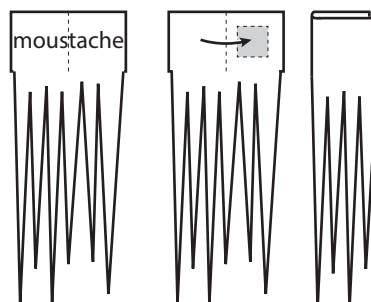
Pause whipstitching and start stuffing here before you finish whipstitching around!



Finished arm..



Next step is the little moustache! Take your two moustache pieces, fold them in half along the line and glue just at the part that has fabric. You should end up with two sides of a moustache that look like the picture below:

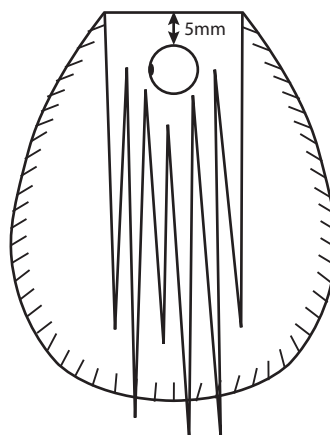


Moving onto the hat, match up the two hat pieces and using two strands of Red DMC Floss, whipstitch all around, leaving the bottom open.

Stuff, leaving the bottom area un-stuffed so it will fit over the neck when you assemble.

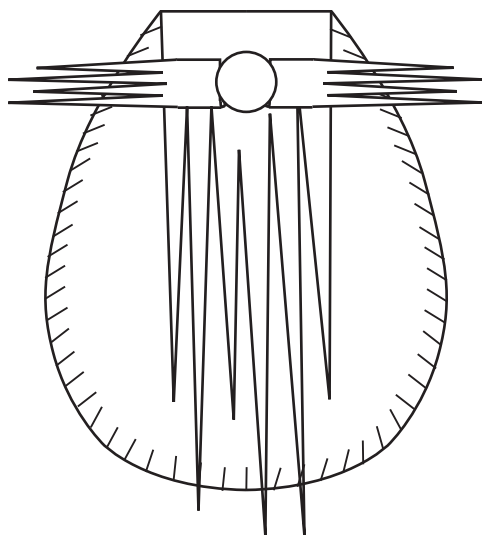
Putting the Gnome Together!

Take the green bead, make sure the bead holes are sitting horizontal, center the bead on the beard left to right, and locate it about 5mm down from the neck.



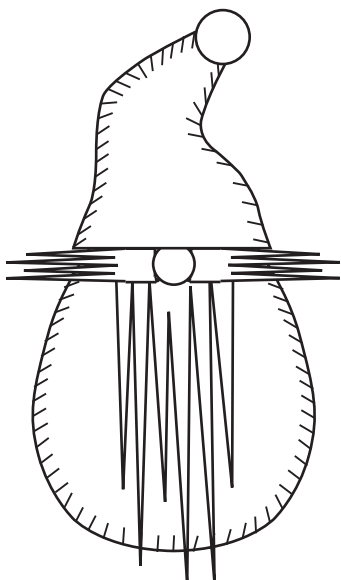
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Take the moustache pieces, turn them so the seam will be towards the back, glue the pieces onto the bead at the two bead holes.



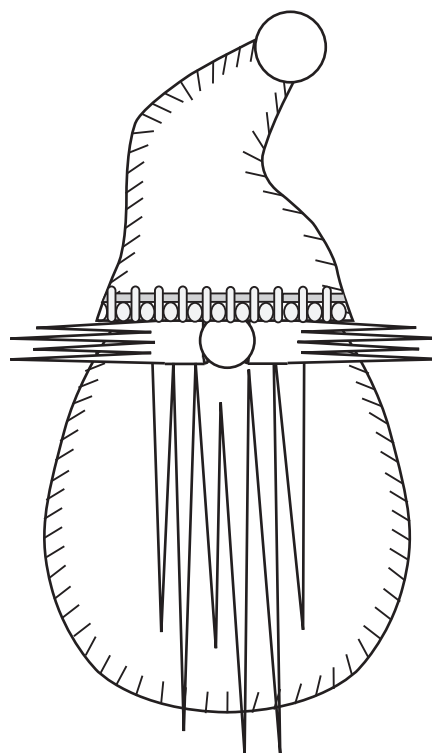
Take the hat and position it on the head so it's oriented as shown. I like the hat to overlap the nose a couple of mm. So start there, put a drop of glue at the upper part of the nose and glue the hat. Continue around the neck putting drops of glue around and securing the hat.

ALTERNATIVELY, you can sew the hat in place! Just take your needle and two strands of red DMC floss and tack it down in several places. Finish it off by gluing or sewing the pom pom in place at the tip of the hat.

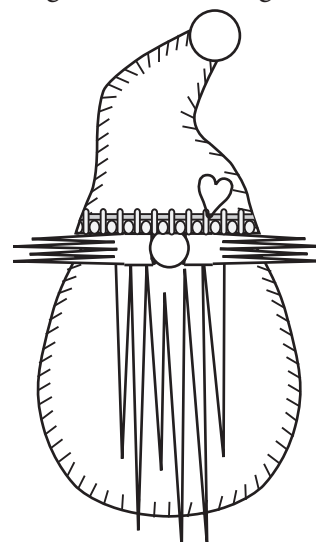


The next step is to glue or sew the trim in place. I prefer just to glue it, but if you'd like to sew it in place, use two strands of DMC white floss and you can whipstitch it.

I start with the Hat, glue/sew the trim around the base.

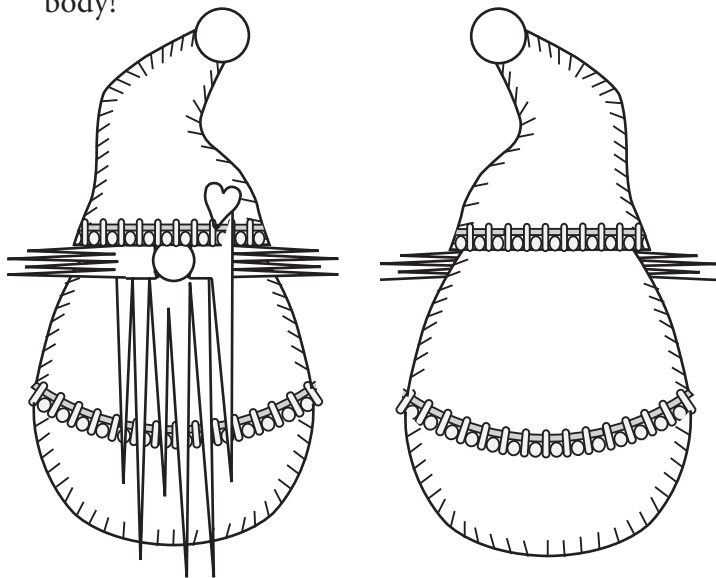


Take your little glitter heart and glue it above the hat trim.

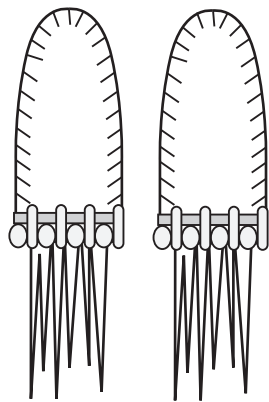


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Glue the trim around the body next. If you look under the beard hair, you'll see where the beard fabric ends at the point. That's where I like to start the trim, but feel free to locate it further down the body!



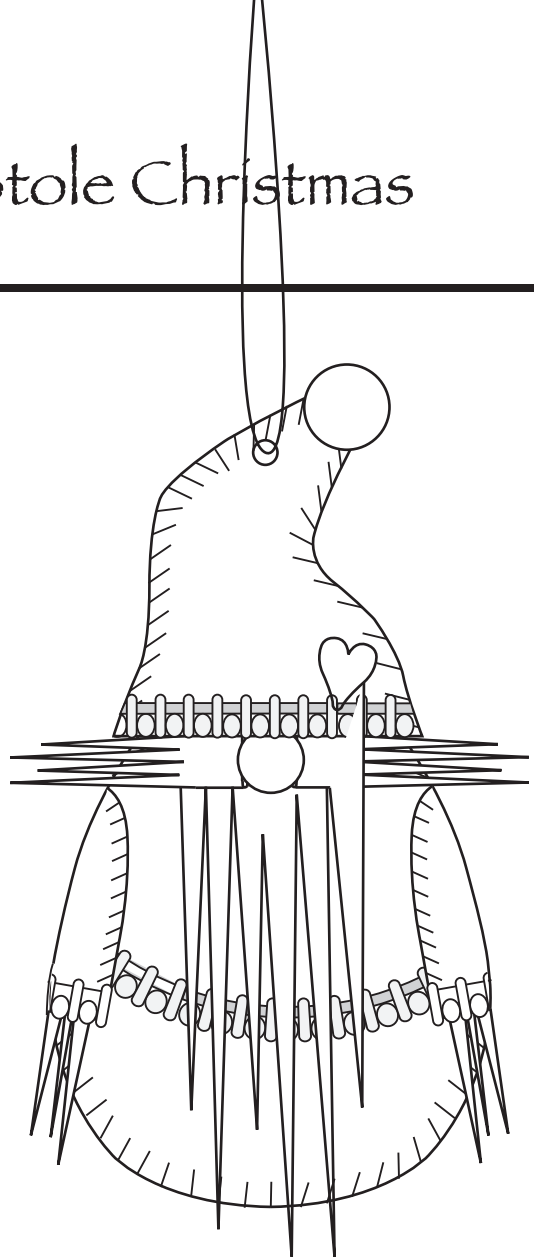
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Glue the arms to the Gnome on either side of the body towards the top.

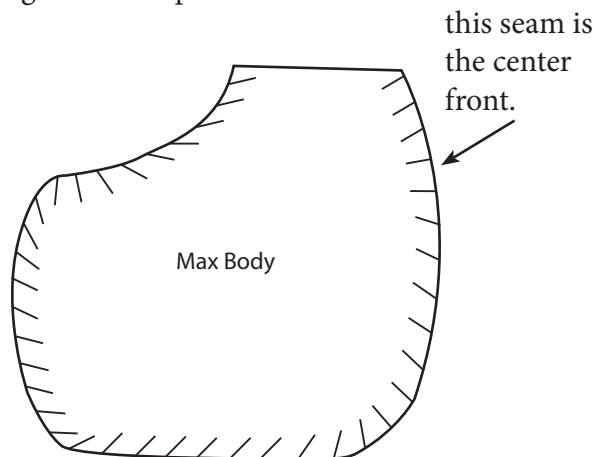
And finally, thread your hanging string onto the needle, poke a hole through the hat and bring the string through. Tie a knot at the top to make your hanging loop.



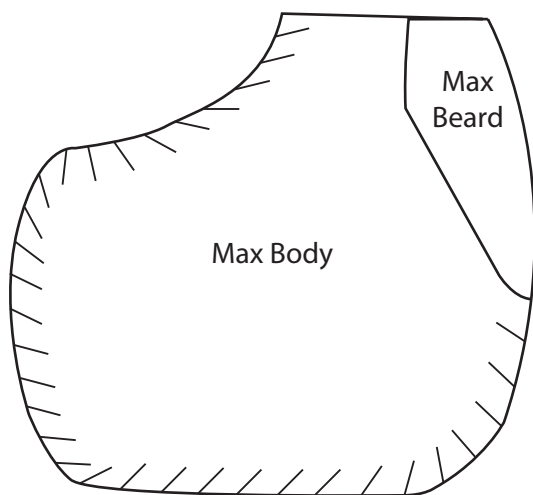
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Max

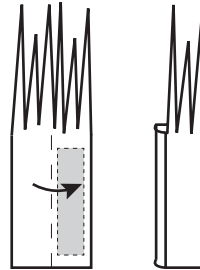
Like the Gnome, start by whipstitching around the Max Body, leaving the neck open. Stuff the body, leaving the neck open.



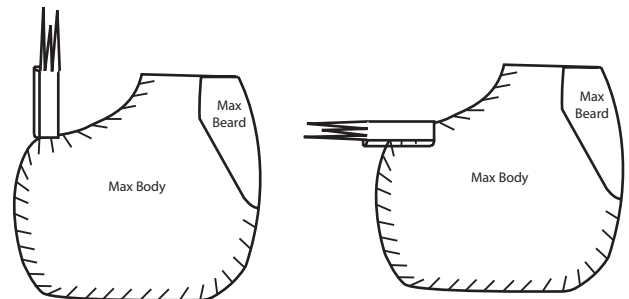
Line up the upped edge of the Max Beard with the neck of the Body, and center it side to side of the center front. Glue in place. Keep in mind, center front on Max is the front whipstitched seam as indicated above.



Since we're on with the fur, let's get that tail made! Take your little tail piece and fold it in half lengthwise, glue it together.



Tail orientation is completely up to you, you can have it standing straight up, or straight out from the body, I like straight out because you can shape the tail upwards from there. Either way, add a drop of glue (or stitch!) at the back of the body to attach the tail.



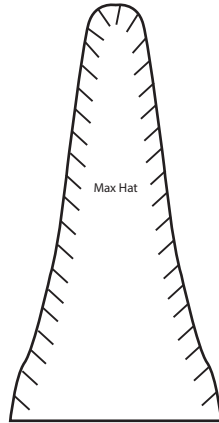
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Next is to make Max's hat.

Two ways to do this. Both are outlined in the Video Tutorials!

Option 1: The Easy Way

The first is to have the right fabric sides facing outwards and whipstitch around, leaving the bottom edge open. It's the easiest, but you do end up with a visible raw edge all around.

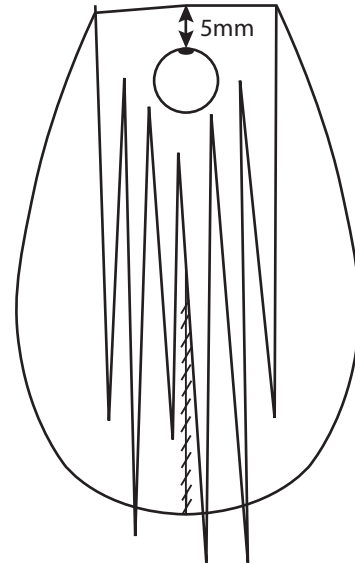


Option 2: The Slightly Less Easy Way

Another option is to instead, take your pattern pieces and face them the wrong sides out. Then whipstitch around and afterwards turn the hat right-side out. It gives you a more finished edge around. I thought you would need turning tubes to turn the hat right side out, but if you watch the video, you'll see I managed to do this with just a wooden skewer!

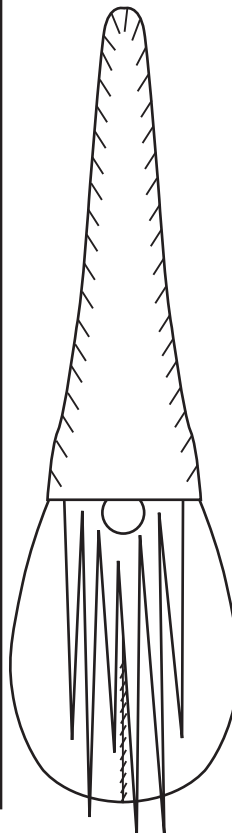
Whichever way you choose, you'll need to underturn the bottom edge about 5mm or so, and glue it all around (you can also sew this). It will give the hat a bit of shaping and tidy up the lower edge.

To attach the nose, turn Max so he's facing you from the front. Find the center Left to Right, and position the bead about 5mm down from the upper edge (same as you did for the Gnome). This time, you'll want your bead positioned so the holes are facing the up and down direction (as opposed to the side-to-side with the gnome).



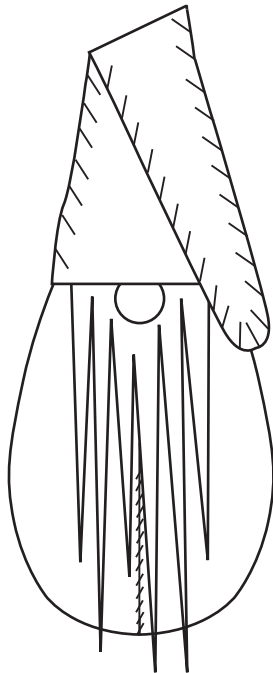
Now for attaching the hat. If you'd like, you can add a bit of stuffing in the hat which will help you control how it hangs. You can try adding just a bit in the tip, or stuff it further, it's all about your final look!

Attaching the hat is similar to the Gnome. First add a bit of glue to the top area of the nose and center the hat at that point. Go around and secure the hat either with glue or needle and thread.

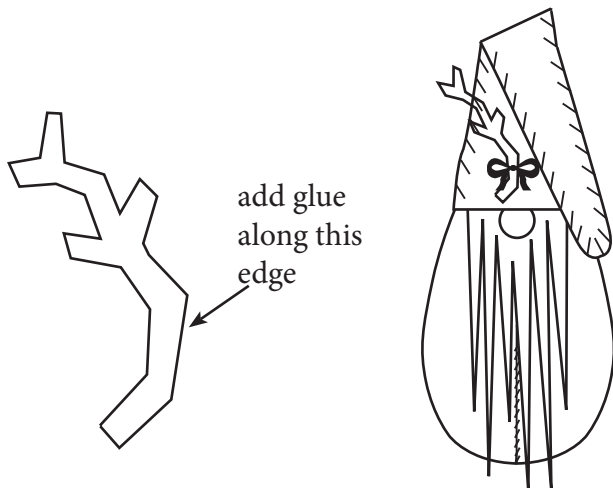


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The final step is to shape the hat tail in a downward position, once you have it how you'd like it, add a drop of glue or sew it in place.



To attach the antler, you'll want to add a bit of glue along the edge of the antler, if you're more comfortable again, you can sew this in place! Thread that piece of black crochet thread onto your needle and insert it through the hat, just in behind the antler. Take both ends of the thread and knot it around the antler loosely. Finish it off with a little bow, if you can, double knot the bow so it won't come out!



And finally, thread your hanging string onto the needle, poke a hole through the hat and bring the string through. Tie a knot at the top to make your hanging loop.

Congratulations!

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