

Christmas Decorations – Bells

You will need:

White felt 10cm x 20cm (or 2 x 10cm x 10cm)
Thick wadding 10cm x 10cm
Yellow gold felt 6cm x 12cm (or 2 x 6cm x 6cm)
Red mini ric-rac 12cm
Green mini ric-rac 12cm
15mm wide red satin ribbon 40cm
Red cord 20cm
Sewing threads to match
Needle, pins, scissors

Cut:

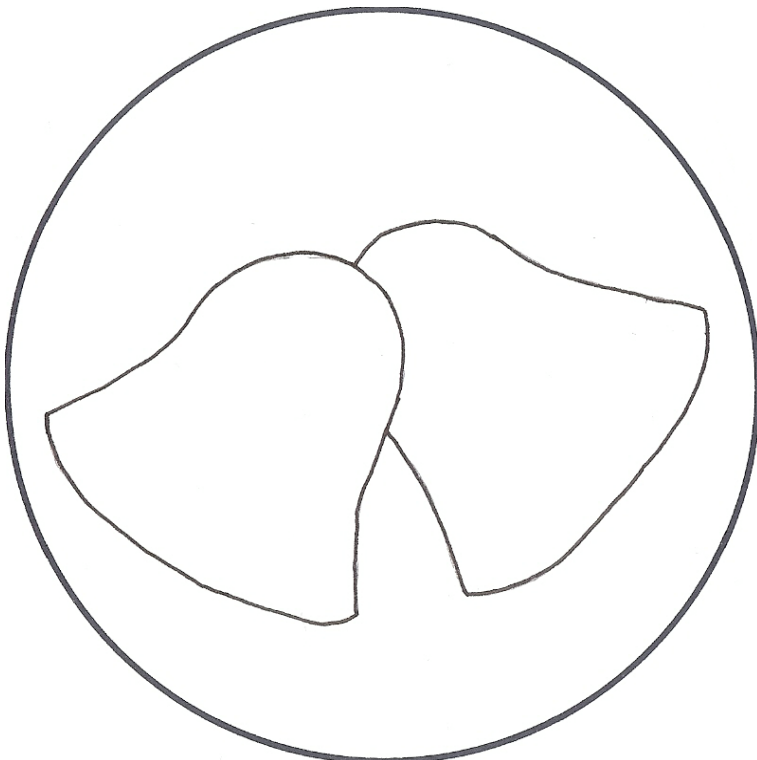
Two circles in white felt
One circle in wadding (trim it 2mm smaller than the felt)
Two bells in yellow gold felt (they are both the same, so just cut two of the top one from the diagram)

To make:

Place the two bells on top of each other as shown in the diagram. Starting at the point where the two bells cross, whip stitch around the underneath bell. When you reach the other point where they overlap, continue all the way around the top bell.

Line up the red mini ric-rac with the side of a bell. Sew a small stitch across the end of it, then sew running stitch up the centre, curving the ric-rac slightly as you go to follow the curve of the bell. When you reach the end, sew a small stitch across the other end and secure your thread. Cut off the remainder of the ric-rac close to the edge of the felt. Repeat for the other bell, and for the green ric-rac.

Tie the red ribbon in a bow to the desired size. Neatly sew the knot of the bow to the felt all the way around. Put a few stitches through the tails and the loops close to the knot to stop the bow from coming undone. When it is all sewn down, trim the tails to the desired length. To achieve the pointed ends like in the photo, fold the ribbon in half and cut on an angle.



Decide where you want the hanging cord to be and mark the spot with a pin or your preferred marking method.

Sandwich the wadding between the two felt circles. Starting 5mm beside the point you have marked; whip stitch around the outside of the circle working away from your mark. Stop when you have worked around the circle and are 1cm away from your starting point (but do not cut your thread).

Fold the cord in half and tie an overhand knot to hold the ends together. You should end up with a loop with a knot at one end.

Push the knot of the cord into the hole left open on the circle, lining it up with the marking. Continue to whip stitch across the opening, ensuring that some of your stitches go through the rat-tail cord (not just around them).