

Christmas Decorations – Candle

You will need:

Green felt 10cm x 20cm (or 2 x 10cm x 10cm)
Thick wadding 10cm x 10cm
Yellow felt 5cm x 5cm
White felt 3cm x 5cm
Scrap of orange felt for flame
White ric-rac 20cm
Sewing threads to match
Needle, pins, scissors

Cut:

Two large circles in green felt
One large circle in wadding (trim it 2mm smaller than the felt)
One smaller circle in yellow felt (follow the dotted line where it passes under the candle)
One candle in white felt
One flame in orange felt

To make:

Lay out all candle pieces on one circle of green felt to work out arrangements. Once desired layout is achieved, pin the candle at the very bottom and remove the flame. Whip stitch around the yellow circle (holding the white candle out of the way). Then whip stitch around the white candle. Replace the flame and whip stitch around this.

Decide where you want the hanging loop to be, try different spots to see how it looks hanging in different directions. When decided 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 ric-rac cord in half and push the ends into the hole left open on the circle. Continue to whip stitch across the opening, ensuring that some of your stitches go through the ric-rac (not just around it).

