

## Christmas Decorations – Holly

### You will need:

White felt 10cm x 20cm (or 2 x 10cm x 10cm)  
Thick wadding 10cm x 10cm  
Scraps of red & green felt for holly  
Red rat-tail cord 20cm  
Sewing threads to match  
Needle, scissors

### Cut:

Two circles in white felt  
One circle in wadding (trim it 1-2mm smaller than the felt circle)  
Two leaves in green felt  
Three berries in red felt (doesn't matter if they're not perfectly round)

### To make:

Lay leaves and berries on one felt circle to work out arrangement, pin in place if desired. Use the picture as a guide. I just held them in place because the felt doesn't slide around. If you aren't pinning, just make sure to check placement of each individual piece before you start to sew it.

Whip stitch around the leaves in matching thread. Whip stitch around the berries in matching thread.

Decide where you want the hanging cord 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 rat-tail cord in half and tie an overhand knot to hold the ends together (see diagram below). 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).

And you're done!



### Overhand Knot:

