Christmas Decorations – Tree

You will need:
Red felt 10cm x 20cm (or 2 x 10cm x 10cm)
Thick wadding 10cm x 10cm
Green felt 7cm x 8cm
Scrap of brown felt for trunk
Metallic gold yarn 20cm
Mixed seed beads
Gold cord 20cm
Sewing threads to match
Needle, pins, scissors

Cut:
Two circles in red felt
One circle in wadding (trim it 2mm smaller than the felt)
One tree in green felt
One truck in brown felt (follow the dotted line where the trunk sits under the tree)

To make:
Position the tree in the middle of the circle and pin in place. Tuck the trunk underneath so that the tree overlaps by a few millimetres. Whip stitch around the tree catching the top of the truck as you pass it. Whip stitch around the base and sides of the truck.

Start with the gold yard towards the bottom of one side of the tree. Lay the yard diagonally across the tree and attach with a running stitch. When you reach the other side of the tree, do a small stitch, then fold the yarn back to the other side and attach with running stitch. Continue in this way until you reach the top of the tree, using the photo as a guide.

Randomly sew the seed beads around the tree for baubles. Use a mix of colours and sizes for a random look, or plan out where you want beads for a more ordered look.

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 cord (not just around them).