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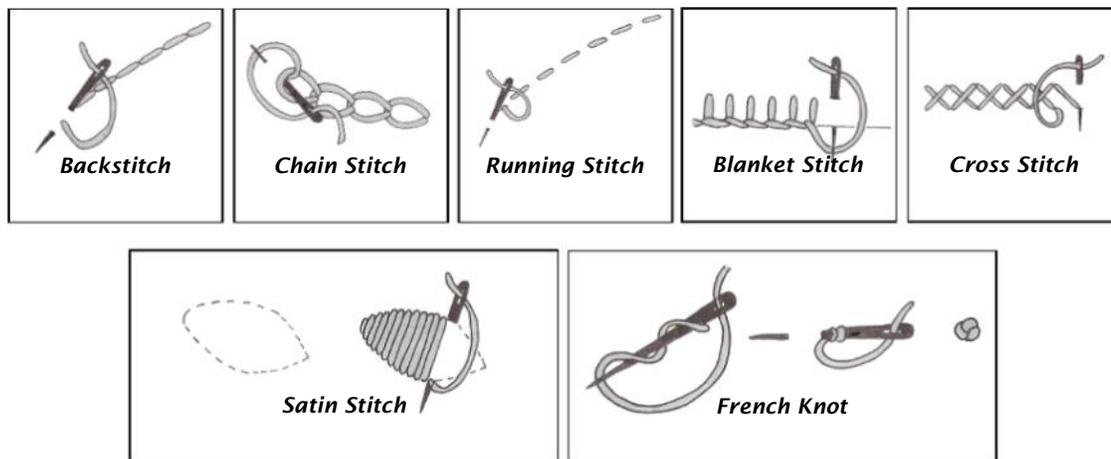

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BEFORE THE FUN BEGINS

♦ Please read all instructions before you begin.

♦ Abbreviations. "WOF" = 'width of the fabric'.

♦ **Requirements are based on fabric 115cm (44in) wide unless otherwise stated. Fabric requirements may differ from person to person due to cutting methods. If in doubt it is a good idea to purchase a little extra fabric.**

♦ Fusible webbing requirements will vary greatly between products and projects; assume you will need a lot and go from there!

♦ 1/4in seam allowances are used throughout unless otherwise stated.

♦ Pre-washed 100% cotton fabrics are recommended.

♦ Please refer to the photo of the project and the quilt diagrams to help with colour choices and layout.

♦ **I would recommend using an appliqué mat with all but the most simple appliqué shapes.**

♦ Our patterns are proof-read and made by our lovely testers but sometimes mistakes do slip by us. Please let us know if you come across an error so we can correct it.

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A NOTE ABOUT BUTTONS

♦ **I like to use buttons on my projects but they aren't suitable for children under three (3) years of age due to them being a choking hazard. Replace buttons with appliqué or embroidery when you are making the project.**

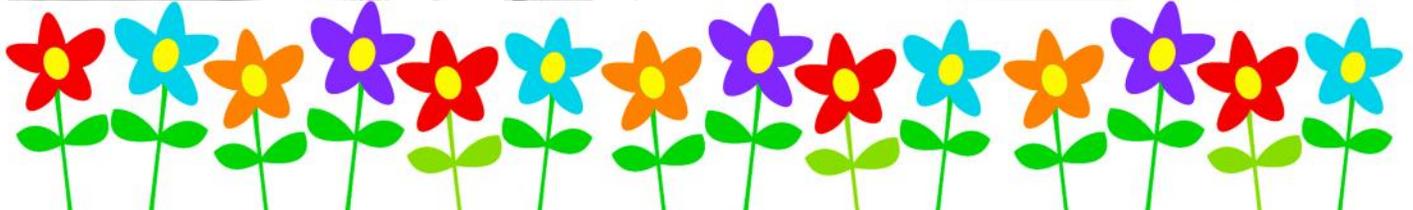♦ **Safety eyes are available from all good craft stores. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.**

IMPORTANT! HOW TO PRINT TEMPLATES FROM PDF PATTERNS

♦ All templates are provided at their full size. Ensure your printer is set to print at 100% and deselect the scaling and cropping options. Ensure you deselect the option that says "print to printer margins".

♦ Some templates may be divided into two or more sections and will need to be joined to make the complete template. Simply match the shapes along the dashed or dotted lines as marked on the template, then use adhesive tape to stick them together. Occasionally a shape will distort a tiny bit in the printing process, simply adjust where necessary.

♦ All of our patterns are test printed multiple times before release. Very occasionally a PDF template will print with a **black background** due to differences between the various apps and devices we use. This can be solved in most instances by saving the PDF to your hard-drive, then re-opening the file using a PDF reader (not your browser). Please message me at redbootquilts@bigpond.com if you continue to have difficulties.

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Approx. size 3 1/2in wide x 5in tall (including antlers)

What You Will Need to Make (1) Reindeer

♦ 15cm x 25cm (5in x 10in) rectangle of good quality light brown wool felt for the face/head shapes.
♦ 20cm (8in) square of good quality contrasting wool felt for the antlers.
♦ 15cm (5in) square of wadding (batting).
♦ A scrap of pink fabric for the nose.
♦ A scrap of green wool felt for the holly leaves.
♦ (2) small black buttons for the eyes *(optional)*.
♦ (3) small red buttons for the holly *(optional)*.
♦ Scraps of lightweight fusible webbing. I use **HeatnBond Lite** for all my projects.
♦ Stranded embroidery thread for the facial features.
♦ A 25cm (14in) length of thread or twine to hang the ornament.
♦ Matching thread to suit your favourite applique stitching method.
♦ Tracing paper.
♦ A scrap of tinsel *(optional)*.
♦ General sewing supplies.

How to Make a Reindeer

1. Trace the pattern pieces onto the tracing paper then cut out the pattern pieces on the lines.
   You will need to trace the following—

   (1) large circle shape, (1) small circle shape, (1) ear shape, and (1) holly leaf shape.

2. Pin the pattern pieces to the fabrics you have chosen for the project and cut—

   - *(2) larges circle from the light brown felt,*
   - *(2) ears from the light brown felt,*
   - *(1) small circle from the wadding, and*
   - *(2) holly leaves from the green felt. Set the shapes aside.*

3. Use a pencil to trace the required appliqué shapes onto the paper side of the fusible webbing—leave approx. 1/2in between each shape. You will need to trace—

   - *(2) small circles,*
   - *(1) nose shape, and*
   - *(4) antler shapes (cut two in reverse).*

   When you have finished tracing, roughly cut out the nose and antler shapes 1/4 **outside** the traced lines.
   Cut out the (2) small circle shapes **on** the lines. Set the small circle shapes aside.

4. Fuse the nose shape to the wrong side of pink fabric and the (4) antler shapes to the felt you have chosen for the project following the manufacturer's instructions.

   Cut the shapes out carefully on the lines when cool to the touch. Set the antlers aside.

5. Use the template and the colour photograph as a guide to fuse the nose shape to the right side of one brown felt face/head shape (large circle).

   Stitch around the nose using your favourite method. I stitched around the nose shape using machine blanket stitch and matching thread. Use a light, sharp pencil to draw the mouth on the reindeer, then chain stitch using two strands of contrasting embroidery thread. Sew the buttons to the reindeer's face for eyes using strong thread. Knot securely.
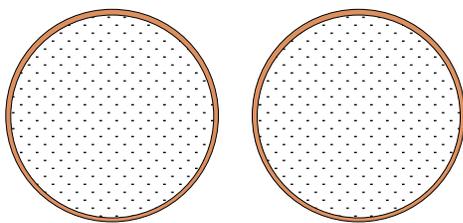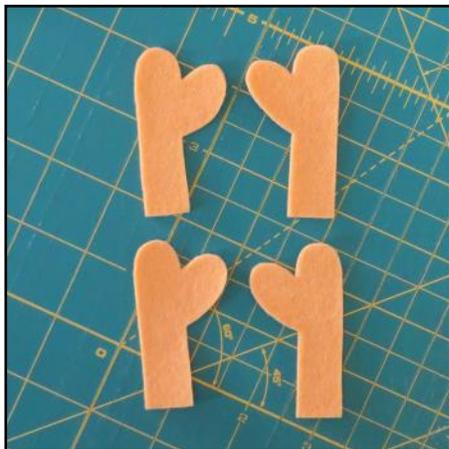
Diagram 1►

6. Centre and fuse the (2) small circles of fusible webbing to the wrong side of the (2) brown felt face/head pieces. Remove the backing paper, then set both pieces aside.

Diagram 2 ►

7. Lay out the antlers on your work surface in pairs. Remove the backing paper then carefully fuse them together with the fusible webbing sides facing. Trim any untidy felt edges where necessary, then set aside.

Diagram 3 ►

8. Fold an ear shape in half at the notch. Use Diagram 4 as a guide to sew the ears together along the seam created by the notch. Use matching thread and small, neat hand stitches. Repeat to make (2) ears.
   I've used dark thread for photo purposes.

Diagram 4 ►

9.   Place the remaining brown felt circle (back head shape) right side down on your work surface, the fusible webbing facing up. Baste the ears and the antlers to the head shape using contrasting thread and large stitches.

Diagram 4 ►

10. Place the back of the reindeer on your work surface again, right side facing down. Fold the hanging thread in half, tie a knot close to the end, then centre it on the top of the reindeer. See Diagram 5.

Place the circle of wadding on top, then press until fused. Be careful not to burn the felt and wadding.

11. Place the front of the reindeer on top of the wadding with the right side facing up. When you're happy with its position, press to fuse it in place. Trim any untidy edges.

12. Stitch around the edges of the reindeer using matching thread, securing the raw edges of the ears, antlers and hanging thread in the seam.

The quickest and easiest way to do this is to use straight stitch on your sewing machine. Sew around the body, and then the antlers two or three times to secure. Carefully remove the basting stitches.
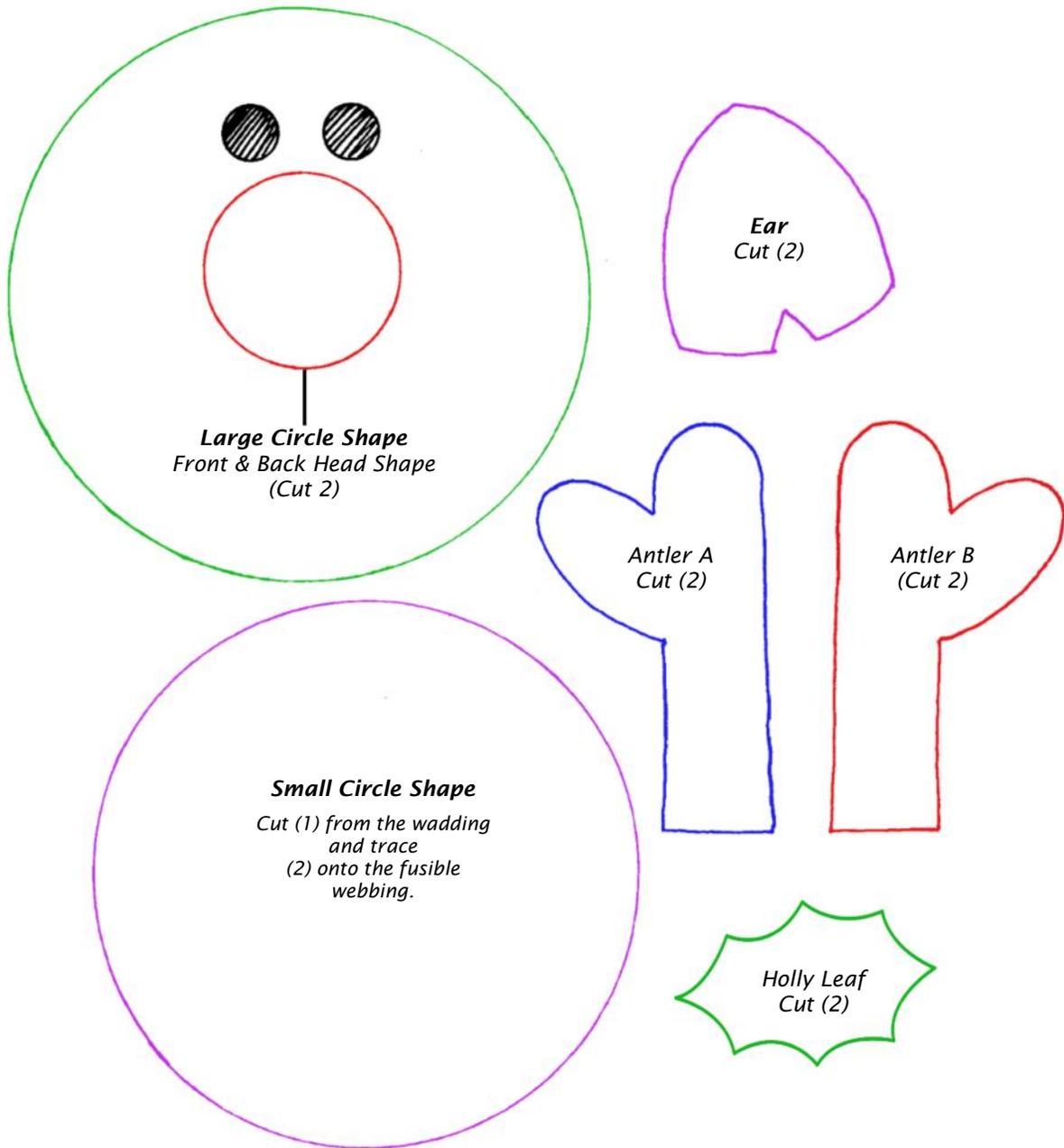
13. Add a tinsel bow or holly leaves for Christmas sparkle and hang them on your tree!
To make the holly, baste (2) leaves together at the base, then secure to the reindeer using matching thread and (3) buttons for berries.

Diagram 5 ▼

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Ear
Cut (2)

Large Circle Shape
Front & Back Head Shape
(Cut 2)

Antler A
Cut (2)

Antler B
(Cut 2)

Small Circle Shape

Cut (1) from the wadding
and trace
(2) onto the fusible
webbing.

Holly Leaf
Cut (2)

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● *I've resized the templates (here) so you can make smaller ornaments if you prefer.*

Ear
Cut (2)

Large Circle Shape
Front & Back Head Shape
(Cut 2)

Antler A
Cut (2)

Antler B
(Cut 2)

Small Circle Shape

Cut (1) from the wadding and trace (2) onto the fusible webbing.

Holly Leaf
Cut (2)