



This stocking's bold design makes your holidays *Cheery & Bright* and is a great way to use up felt scraps.

# Cheery & Bright

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## WHAT YOU DO

- 1** Cut out two identical stocking shapes from the turquoise felt using the template.
- 2** Create the first bauble starting with the smallest circle first. Using the template, cut a small felt circle from your scraps. Using this shape as a guide, cut out a slightly larger circle from a contrasting shade of felt, leaving a narrow border around the first circle as you cut.
- 3** Repeat this process until you've cut five circles in different sizes and colors. Use these circles as templates to cut two more sets of baubles. You should end up with three circles of each size in an assortment of bright, contrasting colors.
- 4** Layer the felt discs to make three piles of circles. Position them in a line down the right-hand side of the stocking front, about  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch (1.9 cm) in from the right edge.
- 5** Stitch each pile in place using two small stitches, sewing through the center of all five circles to form a small cross.
- 6** Place one button on each pile of circles, and sew it in place securely with a double thickness of thread.

- 7** Cut a 6-inch (15.2 cm) length of ribbon. Cut a small square of turquoise felt just wider than the ribbon.
- 8** Fold the ribbon in half, and position it at the top right-hand edge of the stocking back. Place the felt square over the ribbon ends so they are completely hidden.
- 9** Stitch around the edge of the square and from corner to corner to form an "X," sewing through the felt square, the stocking back, and the ribbon sandwiched between them.
- 10** Pin the stocking front and back together with wrong sides facing. Begin stitching about 1 inch (2.5 cm) from the top, and sew up to the top edge and then back down and around the whole stocking edge. Finish by sewing back down another inch (2.5 cm). This will help keep your knots and finishing hidden inside the stocking and strengthen the stocking opening.
- 11** With the pink embroidery thread, blanket-stitch around the outside edge of the stocking.

## WHAT YOU NEED

Basic sewing kit (page 9)

Templates (page 119)

Turquoise felt, two 9 x 12-inch (22.9 x 30.5 cm) sheets

Scraps of felt in assorted bright colors

Turquoise thread

Three buttons

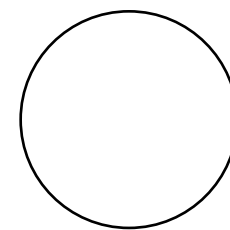
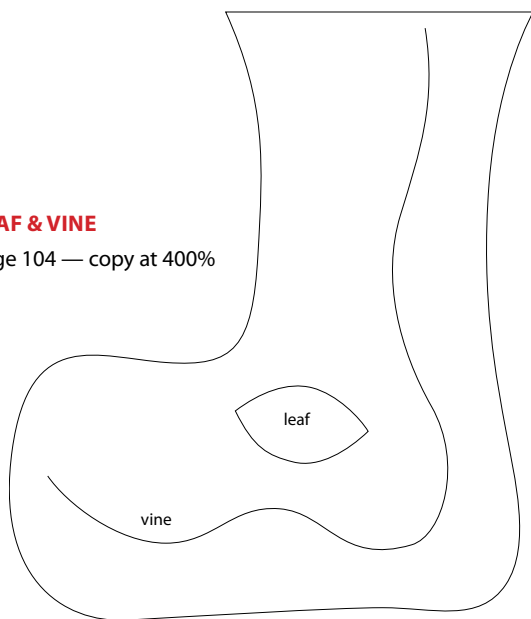
Turquoise ribbon,  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch (1.9 cm) wide

Pink embroidery floss



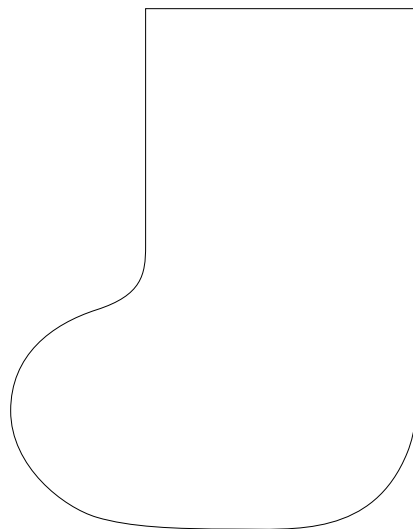
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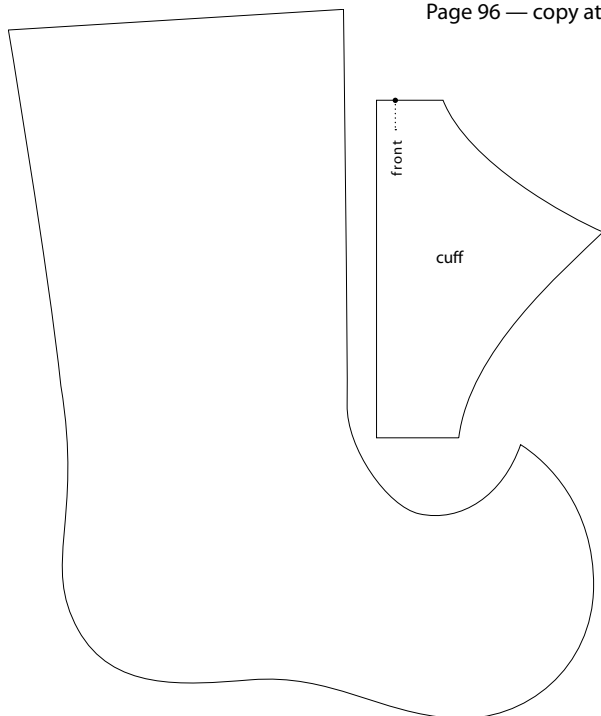
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