

## Rudolph Hoop Ornament

Small, adorable, and quick, this ornament is blissfully easy to sew. Make a bunch as teacher gifts or for your co-workers... just be sure to make one for yourself, too.

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### fabric & such

Brown fabric scraps for reindeer

1 piece of background fabric, 6 inches square (15.2 cm)

1 piece of print fabric (for backing), 6 inches square (15.2 cm)

1 piece of fusible web, 7 inches square (17.8 cm)

Embroidery hoop, 4 inches (10.2 cm) in diameter

Embroidery floss

Ribbon for hanging (optional)

### tools

Templates (page 2)

### finished size

4 inches (10.2 cm) in diameter

### get started

**1** Enlarge and cut out the templates.

**2** Trace the shapes onto the fusible web square. Cut out the shapes roughly, then adhere them to the back of your fabric scraps, and then cut out the fabric shapes.

**3** To make the reindeer face:

- Lay the background fabric on an ironing board. Unscrew the embroidery hoop and center the outer hoop on top of the fabric as a guideline.
- Pull the paper backing off the reindeer head piece and the two antler pieces, and center them in the middle of the hoop. When you are happy with their position, remove the hoop and press the pieces in place.
- Remove the backing paper from the remaining pieces and position and press them to the background fabric in the same way.

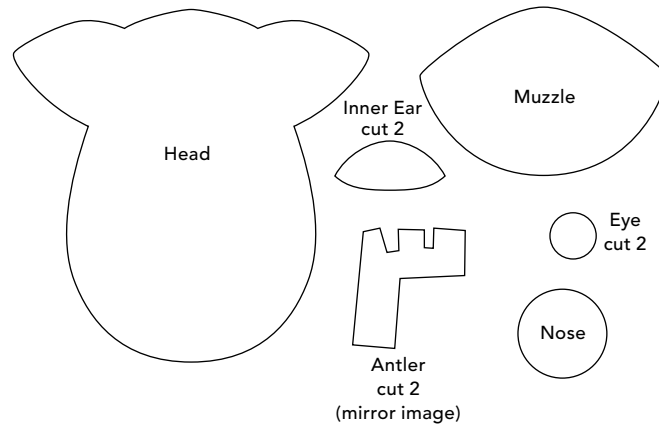


■ Topstitch, using a short stitch length,  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch (3 mm) from the edge and around all pieces. If you like, use a contrasting thread to make a dark outline.

■ Embroider the reindeer features as desired, using an embroidery needle and floss.

**4** To assemble the ornament:

- Layer first the inner hoop, backing fabric (right side facing down), and then the finished reindeer appliqué (right side facing up). Center the outer hoop on top. Make sure the screw is loosened (and at the top center). Carefully press the outer hoop down onto the inner hoop.
- Trim the excess background and backing fabric as close to hoop as possible. Tie a ribbon on the screw and hang, if desired.



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## Basic patchwork tool kit

- Sewing machine
- Rotary cutting system (cutter, mat, and an assortment of transparent quilting rulers)
- Scissors (sewing and craft)
- Straight pins and quilter's pins (Though, I admit, I rarely ever use pins.)
- Ironing board and iron (My tip: buy the biggest ironing board that fits into your space and budget—it'll be worth it.)
- Seam ripper (Though I try my darndest to never have to use it.)
- Thread
- Tools for your preferred method of basting (I prefer spray basting adhesive, though curved basting pins are the classic choice.)