

This garland commemorates Martin Luther King Day, but it would also look nice in a child's room or classroom all year long.



# I Have a Dream Garland

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## WHAT YOU NEED

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**Brown, tan, and cream felt  
(or your choice of colors)**

**Tan or invisible thread**

## WHAT YOU DO

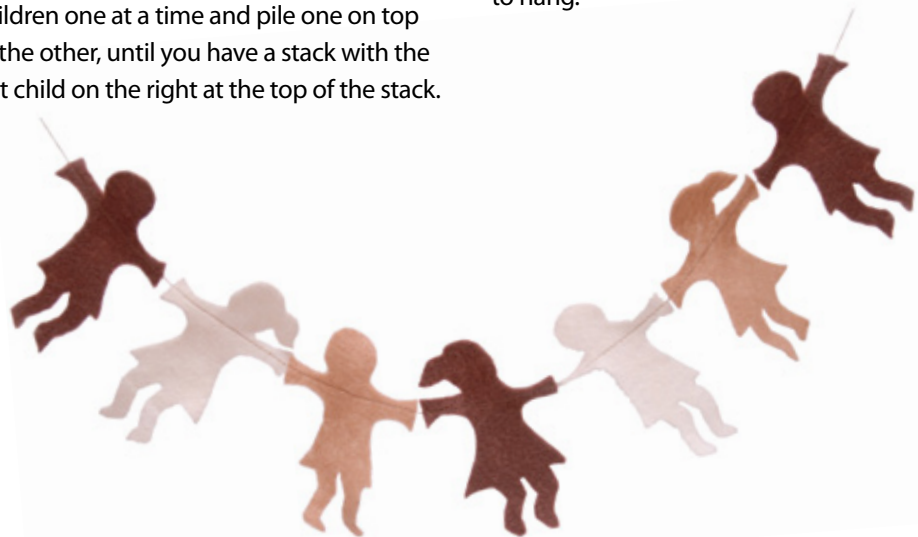
**1** Use the template to cut both girls and boys from the various colors of felt. You can cut out all girls and then just trim off the ponytail and cut the felt to turn the dress into shorts if that's easier.

**2** Using the photo for reference, lay the felt figures out across a table or other large flat surface in the order you want them in your garland, paying attention to the order of colors and boy or girl, and the direction each is facing (most felt looks pretty much the same on both sides, so feel free to flip them over).

**3** Starting at the far left, gather the children one at a time and pile one on top of the other, until you have a stack with the last child on the right at the top of the stack.

**4** Before you begin to sew, pull the thread coming from the bobbin and needle so that it's longer than usual—you'll use this to hang one side of the garland. Starting from the top of your stack, stitch across the arms and chest of each child, feeding the figures through the sewing machine one after another without breaking the threads after stitching each one.

**5** When you have stitched all the figures together, pull another long length of the threads for hanging, and cut. Knot the threads at both ends near the first and last figure, and your garland is ready for you to hang.



## *Basic Sewing Kit*

**sewing machine**

**scissors**

**pinking shears**

**rotary cutting tools (optional)**

**straight pins**

**hand sewing needles**

**embroidery needles**

**iron**

**ruler**

**craft glue**

**fabric glue**

**fabric pen**

**tissue or tracing paper**

## **Template**

copy at 100%

