

Felt Fairies

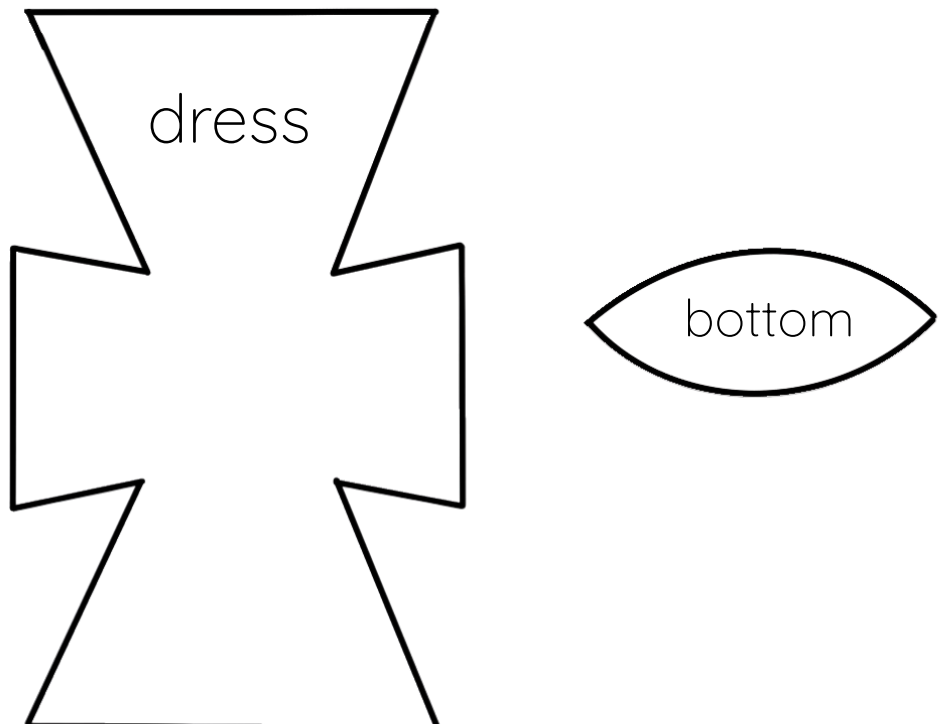


You will need:





- Template
- Felt
- Scissors
- Pins
- Thread
- Needle
- Needle threader (optional)
- Bead (for head)
- Smaller beads (x2 for hands - optional)
- Embellishments (optional)
- Pipe cleaner
- Felt - roving or yarn
- Pencil/ Sharpie
- Stuffing
- Glue gun/ PVA







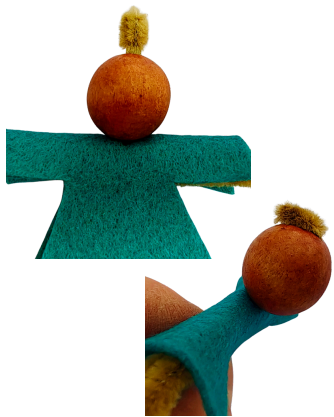

Template



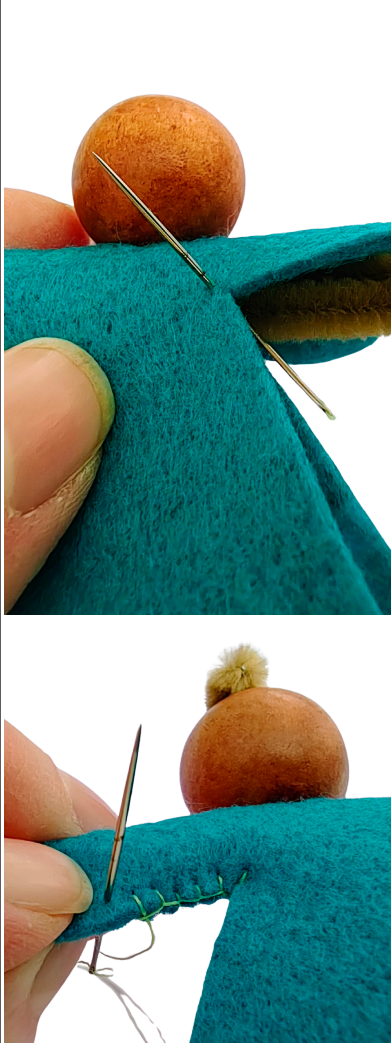
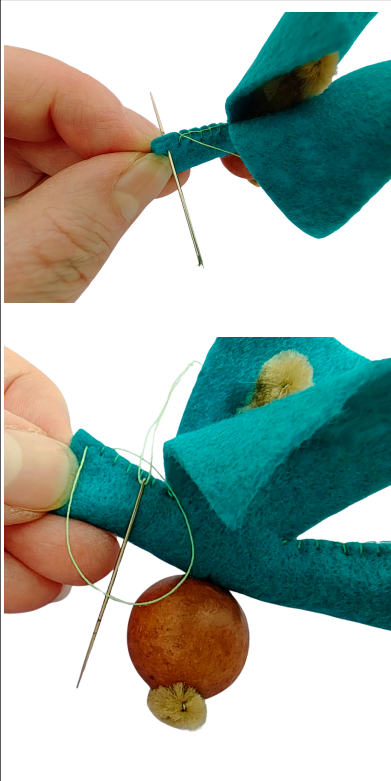
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1	Trace over and cut out 'dress' and 'bottom' templates.	
2	Pin template to felt and cut out - set aside.	
3	Fold pipe cleaner in half.	
4	Insert folded end of pipe cleaner into bead head and leave about 1cm sticking out the top of the head.	
5	Fold dress in half and make a small slit near the neckline big enough to fit the width of two pipe cleaners through.	
6	Insert the two ends of the pipe cleaner, at the same time, into the slit of the dress.	



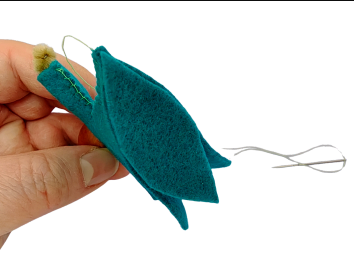

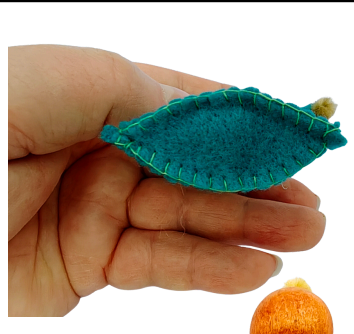
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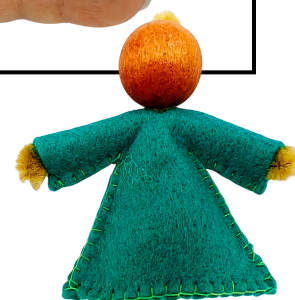
7	<p>Bring one length of pipe cleaner out to the side along the sleeve. Bend pipe cleaner back on itself so that a small amount pokes out the end to form a hand.</p> <p>Repeat for remaining arm on the other side.</p>	 
8	<p>OPTIONAL: You can add a small bead to form the hand if you prefer by inserting onto the pipe cleaner at the bend point.</p>	
9	<p>Twist together the remaining pipe cleaner ends at the centre of the body all the way to the end and then fold up so that the pipe cleaner sits entirely within the dress.</p>	
10	<p>Return to the head bead. Gently push down the bead to remove any gap between dress and head then fold pipe cleaner down towards back of the head</p>	 

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11	<p>Starting at the armpit (this keeps the dress neat) stitch the seams on the arm together. I prefer blanket stitch but you can do whatever stitch you prefer.</p> <p>Make a double knot in the end of your thread and begin from inside the dress to hide the knot.</p> <p>Do a couple of stitches at the start and end to secure in place. If sleeve ends don't meet up together you can snip them now to meet before final stitches.</p>	
12	<p>If choosing blanket stitch hold both pieces of felt together and insert needle through both pieces from one side to the other. Before pulling taut, bring needle back through the loop you have just made.</p> <p>At the end of the sleeve make sure to do a few loop over stitches to secure in place.</p>	

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13	Repeat for the other arm sleeve. If you have enough thread left I insert the needle back through the sleeve I was working on to return to the middle and repeat step 11.	
14	Next we are sewing one side of the dress together - again starting at the armpit.	
15	Once the first side of the dress is stitched loosely place the bottom of the dress in place.	
16	Now sew around one side of the bottom (you should have the other side of the bottom and one dress side still open). You can now use a very small amount of stuffing to pad out your fairy.	
17	Stitch down the final side of the dress and the last side of the bottom. Your fairy should now have enough stability to stand up!	



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18	Pencil in eyes, nose and mouth - eyes are usually around half way on the bead.	
19	Add hair. You can use roving or yarn. These instructions will go through using felt roving. Pull apart roving to get a more wispy look rather than cutting. Test out positioning hair in place.	
20	You can use PVA but a glue gun is quicker to dry. Apply glue to back, top and sides of head. Stick hair in place (be quick before it hardens). CAUTION: glue gun heat can transfer through the roving.	
21	Add embellishments: sew or use a glue gun. If using a glue gun add glue to the embellishment and then stick to fairy.	
22	Optional: knot thread around the hair. If adding a bow, tie the bow upside down. Go over facial features in pencil or permanent pen. Say hello to your fairy!	