

CHRISTMAS ADVENT HANGER DECEMBER 1ST TO DECEMBER 24TH

This is a great way to begin December 1st! Just fill the advent hanger with candy or little gifts of your choosing on each yarn tie. You can even add a scavenger hunt for one of the days!

SUPPLIES NEEDED

1 yard of red felt
1 yard of green felt
Stuffing
A circular hanger
Jingle Bell (one inch in size)
Pinking Shears
Decorations for the tree
Printed Poem
Yarn in red, green or variegated, 1 skein is more than enough.

DIRECTIONS

Cut one piece of red felt 3 inches wide by 36 inches long.

Cut one piece of green felt 1 ½ inches wide by 36 inches long.

Cut yarn into 24 pieces, each being 18 inches long.

Use Christmas tree pattern below and cut 2 pieces from the green felt. Sew together, stuff with fluff, and add any decorations you wish. This will be your Advent Hanger topper. You will also need to attach the hanger to the top of the back of the tree. This will make it easy to hang.

From the red felt, cut a piece 3 inches by 2 inches using pattern from below. Fold in half so you will have 1 ½ inches by 2 inches envelope. Stitch up each side, leaving the top open to place your poem in.

TO ASSEMBLE

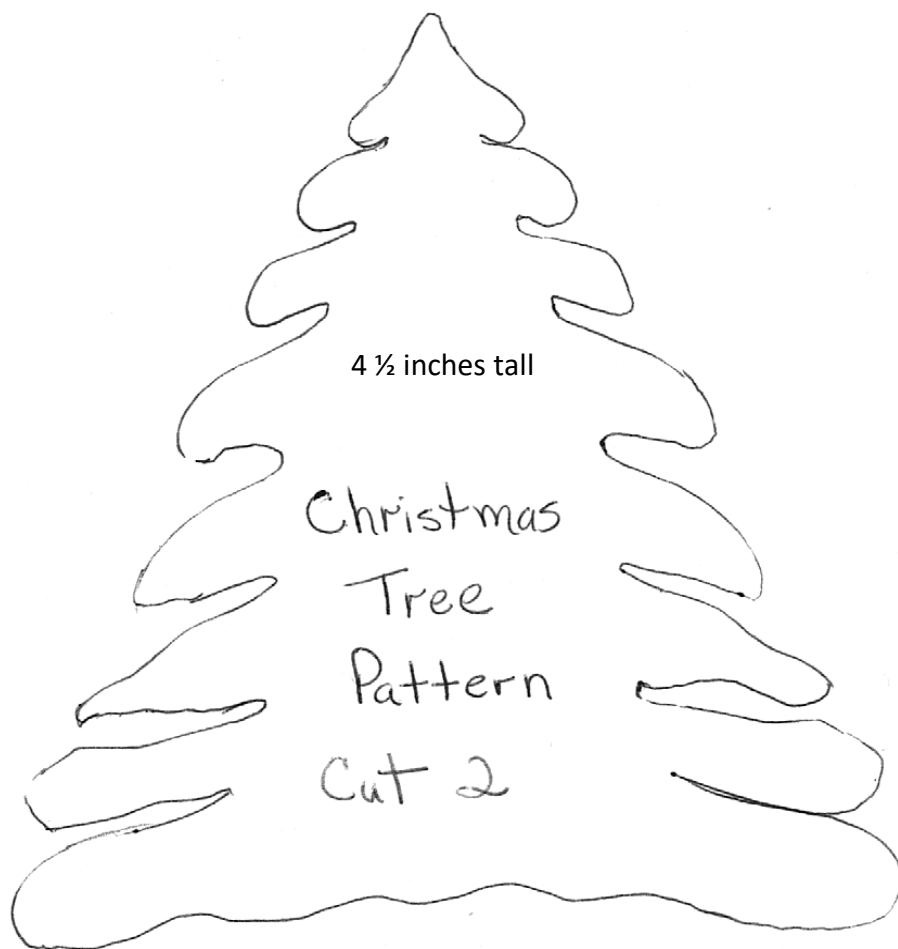
Place green felt centered on top of red felt. Stitch down the center from top to bottom.

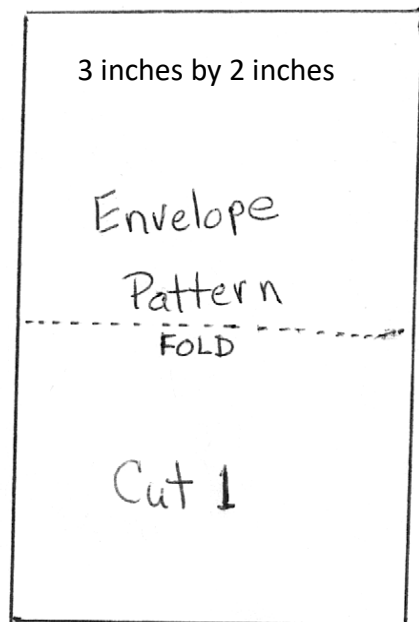
Next, pin in place each of the 24 lengths of yarn. Starting at the bottom, place the first one 1/2 inch up. Then, continue up the strip spacing 1 inch to 1 ¼ inch till all are in place. There will be approximately 2 ½ inches left at the top. You then need to stitch them all by machine or hand.

The Christmas tree is sewn to the top of the Advent Hanger. Double or triple stitch to make sure it is secure. Attach the envelope to the center of the tree, still leaving the opening at the top for the poem.

Put a ribbon through the bell and sew it to the bottom of the tree. Place the name of the recipient on the envelope. You can do this with a permanent marker, an ornament with their name on it, or let your imagination run wild.

Tie the presents to each piece of yarn, with the last one at the top where the bell is.





December 1st to Christmas
Is the longest time of the year.
Seems as though Santa Claus
Never will appear!
How many days till Christmas?
It's mighty hard to count!
So, presents tied with ribbons
Will tell you the amount.
Untie a ribbon every night
When the sandman casts his spell,
And Christmas Day will be here
By the time you reach the bell!

Merry Christmas!!