

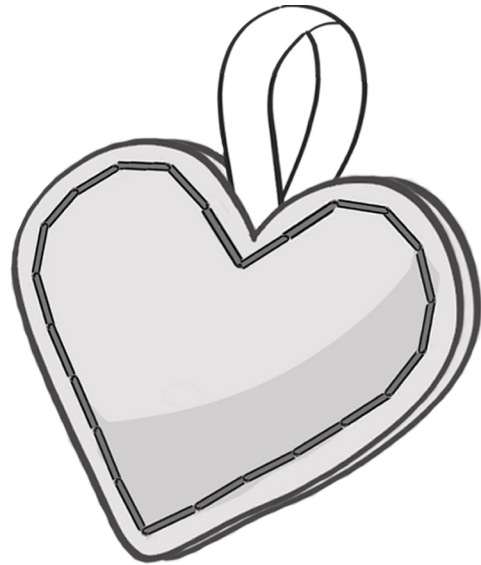
# Felt Decoration Step by Step

What you need

Scissors  
Marker  
Felt  
Paper for a template\*  
Sewing needle  
Thread or embroidery floss  
Stuffing (old fabric/paper/tissue can be used)

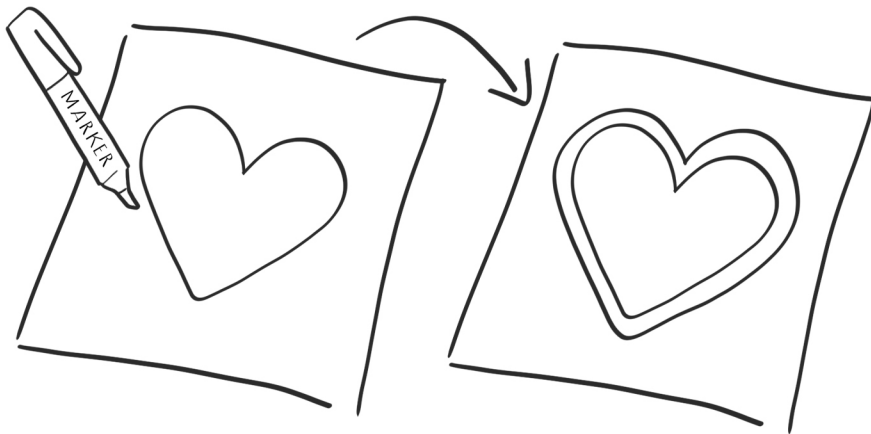
If you want it to hang up:  
A safety pin  
Ribbon

\*heart template at back



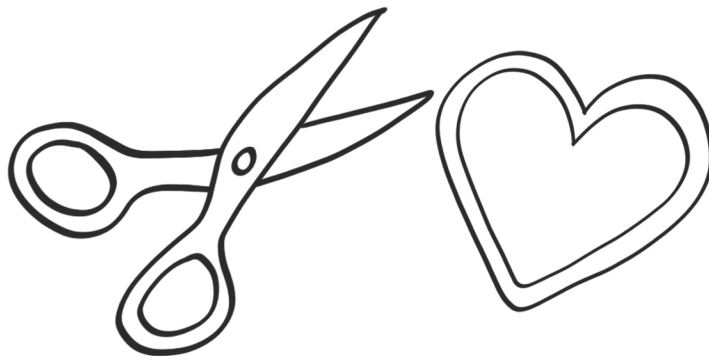
## Step 1

Create a template for your design on a page roughly 10cm  
Once you have the design draw around it again about 1cm wider.



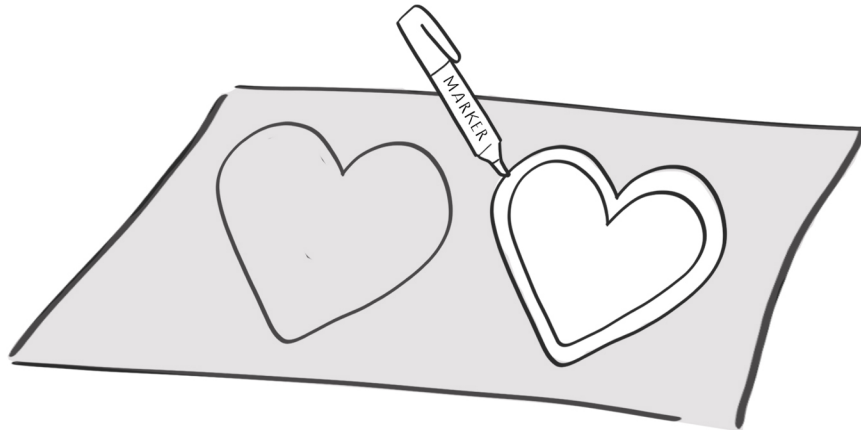
## Step 2

Cut out your template along the wider line.  
This means when you sew together the felt the decoration will keep its shape.



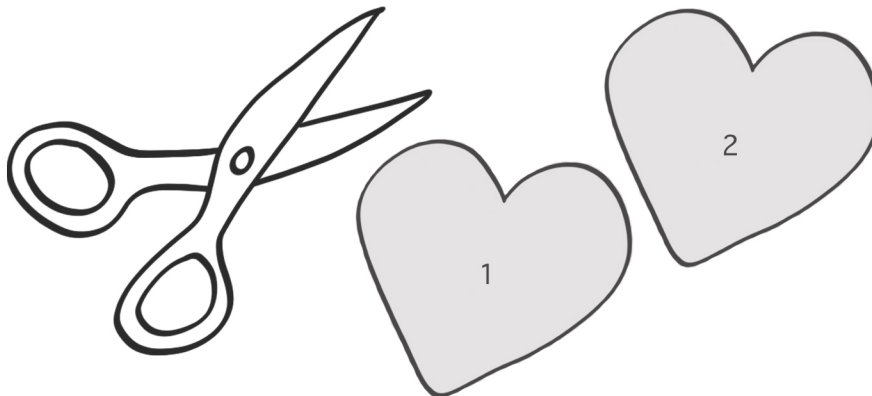
### Step 3

Draw around your template on to your felt twice. One for the front and one for the back.  
Don't flip the template



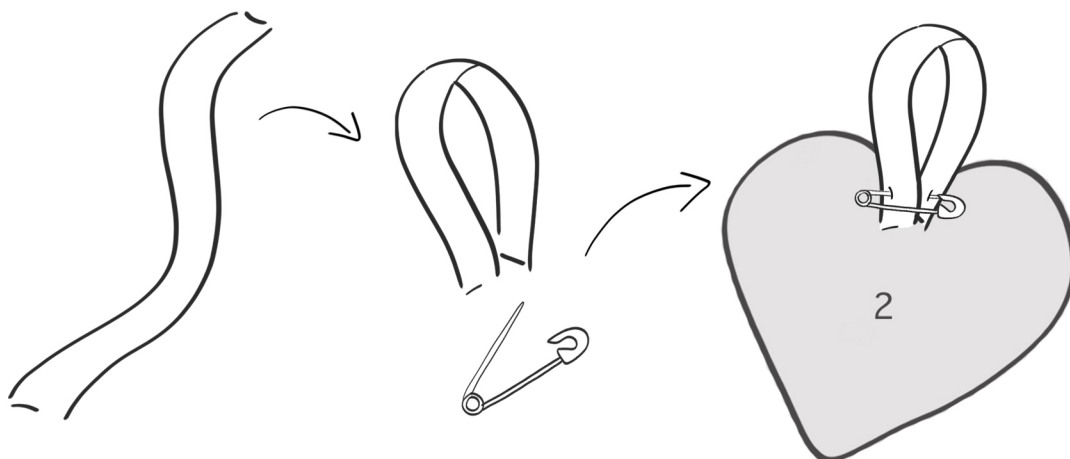
### Step 4

Cut out the two identical felt shapes. Keep them facing the same way as the template so they match up when you sew them together.



### Step 5

To make a hanging decoration cut a piece of ribbon roughly 10cm. Fold it in half and use the safety pin to attach it onto heart 2 (the side which will be in the middle)  
This step can be skipped!



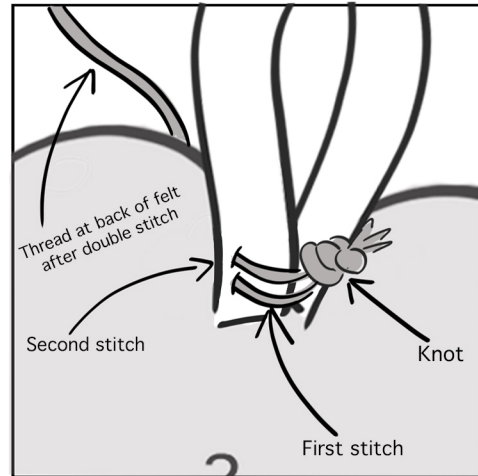
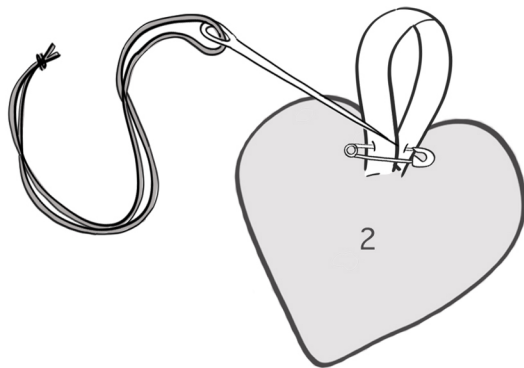
### Step 6

Thread the needle with about 30cm of thread (embroidery floss is the best but use what's available)

Make a thick knot at the end of your thread so it won't pull through.

If you have a ribbon start on top of it to secure it - make sure the knot is on the inside.

Use a double stitch by through the original holes again before carrying on.



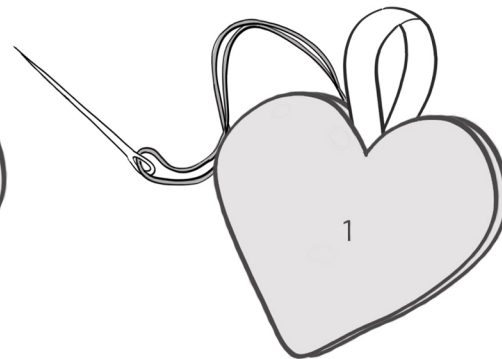
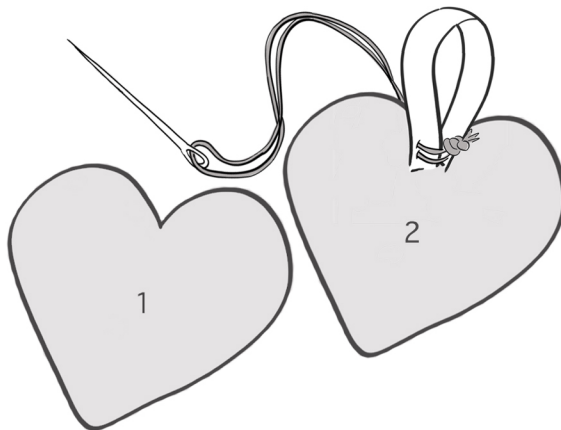
If you have a ribbon be careful of thread getting caught. Once secure remove safety pin.

### Step 7

Get the front felt shape and match it up the the back.

Feel free to use a safety pin to hold in place.

Make sure the thread is out the back and the knot of your thread is in the middle.

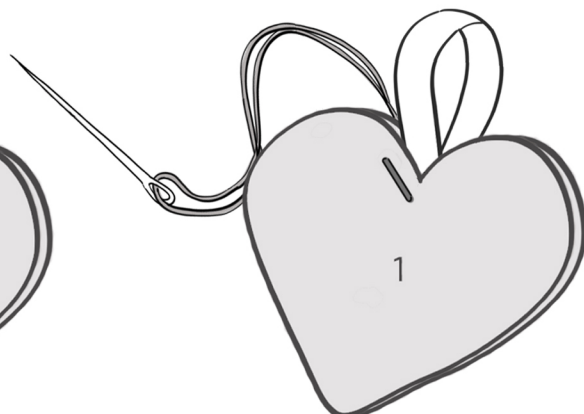
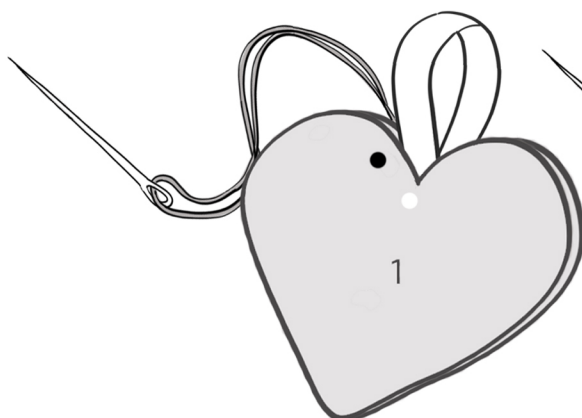


### Step 8

You will be using Back Stitch to sew together the decoration.

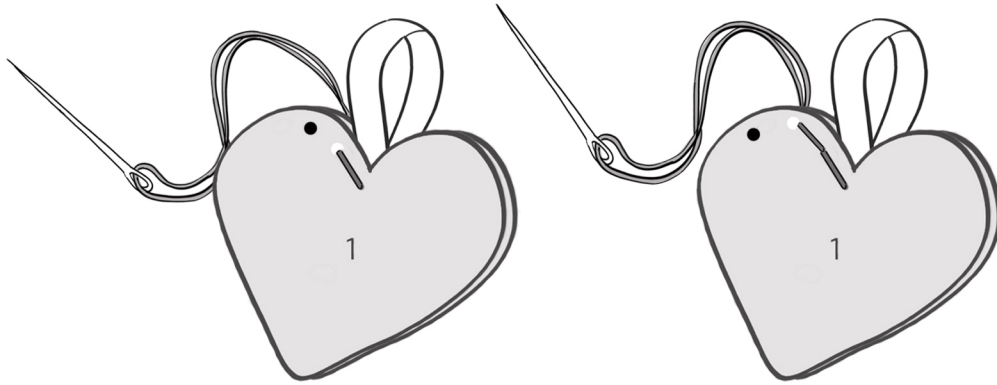
To start bring your needle through the front (black dot) and then back (to the white dot).

The back threads will over lap and look messy don't worry the front will look tidy



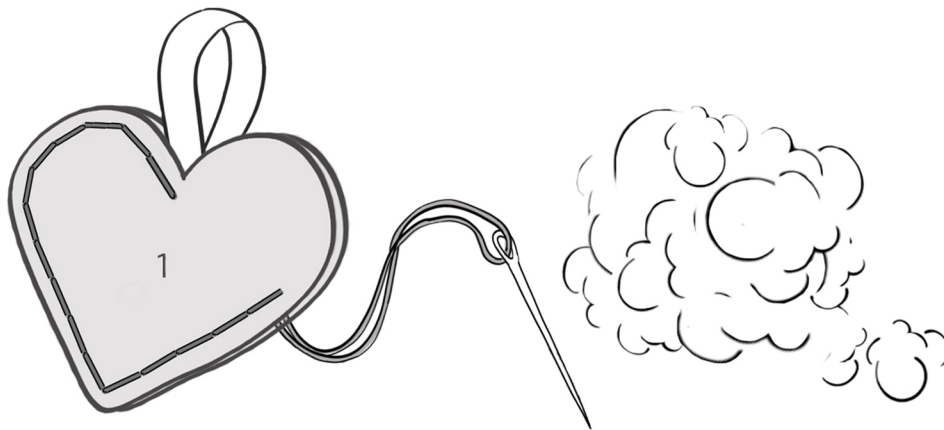
### Step 9

Continue around the edge of the decoration leaving a gap in front of the last stitch. Come in through the back to the front. Then close the gap by bringing the needle through the previous hole.



### Step 10

With about an inch gap left start stuffing the decoration if you choose to do so. If you have had a pin holding the layers together remove it now. They can be stuffed with toy stuffing, tissue, crumpled up paper. Just make sure you can still hold the layers together to continue sewing around the edge.



### Step 11

Hold the edge closed (or use a safety pin) and continue stitching until you meet your starting stitch.

Then do another double stitch and make a knot.

To help do this loop the thread through the previous stitch. Cut the thread and you're done.

