

# Sew Handmade

Stitch cottagecore Christmas decorations plus a matching greeting

Home decor made from natural fabrics is very on trend and Sophia Palmer has incorporated this into a folk-style festive set, combining layers of different textiles to create beautiful textured decorations. Hessian is a wonderful Scandinavian style fabric to use, especially when combined with Christmas print cotton and bright red felt.

## Make a Festive Dec

### We used...

- \* Fabric, Christmas, fat quarter
- \* Felt, red \* Hessian, fat quarter
- \* Matching machine thread, Gutermann
- \* Toy stuffing \* Ribbon, gingham, 6mm wide

**All seam allowances are 6mm unless specified.**

**1** Cut two medium stars from red felt and one large star from hessian. You can also include two small fabric stars if preferred; sew these on top of the felt ones first then sandwich the large hessian star in between.

**2** Create a loop from a length of gingham ribbon, 20cm-30cm. Feed the raw ends in between the felt and pin in place. Put a few more pins in to hold the shapes together, lining up the points of the felt stars underneath.

**3** Sew around the edge of the felt stars only, securing the hessian and ribbon as you go and leaving one small straight edge open. Push small amounts of stuffing inside through the gap. Once you're happy with the shape, stitch the opening closed. Fray the hessian edges as before to complete.

### Buy the fabric...

Christmas fabric fat quarter, [hobbycraft.co.uk](http://hobbycraft.co.uk)



### Stitch smart

You can also interface the small fabric stars if you don't want them to fray

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## Stitch smart

Leave your needle down in the points of the star and pivot it around to make sewing easier



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## Create a Simple Greeting

### We used...

- \* Fabric, Christmas, fat quarter
- \* Felt, red
- \* Hessian, fat quarter
- \* Matching machine thread, Gutermann
- \* Blank card
- \* Iron-on interfacing

All seam allowances are 6mm unless specified.

**1** Trim hessian slightly smaller than the card front, then cut a piece of interfacing 1cm smaller than the hessian. Using the templates provided on the pattern pages, make a medium star from red felt and a small star from Christmas fabric.

**2** Pin the red felt star in the centre of the hessian and sew round the edges. Stitch the small fabric star on top. Trim the edges of the hessian to the desired size then place on the card blank. Sew all four sides, roughly 5mm away from the edge, then stitch another row 5mm inside of that line.

**3** Pull at the edges of the hessian to fray them; they shouldn't go past the stitching. If the greeting doesn't stand up, fix a piece of card inside to hide the stitches inside and provide stability. Trim any excess with a craft knife.

### Buy the fabric...

Vlieseline interfacing,  
[ladysewandsew.co.uk](http://ladysewandsew.co.uk)

## GET THE books

There are more quick and easy Christmas decorations to make in *Festive Felt* by Sarah Tremelling (David & Charles, £9.99)  
[davidandcharles.com](http://davidandcharles.com)

Take it further with festive paper piecing, courtesy of *Sew Yourself a Merry Little Christmas* by Mary Hertel (C&T Publishing, £14.99)  
[searchpress.com](http://searchpress.com)



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### Sophia says...

“The tree decorations also look great as decorative tags on wrapped presents. You can use multiple layers of hessian for added texture if you want to”


## Stitch a Trio of Stars

### We used...

- \* Fabric, Christmas, fat quarter
  - \* Felt, red \* Hessian, fat quarter
  - \* Matching machine thread, Gutermann
  - \* Toy stuffing \* Ribbon, gingham, 6mm wide
- All seam allowances are 6mm unless specified.**

**1** Trim two small felt stars and one medium hessian star. Sandwich the hessian piece between the two felt shapes. Take 30cm-40cm of gingham ribbon, feed one end between the felt stars and pin in place. Add more pins to secure the stars together, lining up the points.

**2** Sew around the edge of the felt shapes only, securing the hessian and ribbon as you go. Leave one small straight edge open and add a little stuffing. Close up the gap.

**3** Repeat to make up a second matching star, plus a third one with Christmas fabric in the centre instead of felt. Tie all three ribbons together at different lengths to create a cluster, fraying the hessian edges to finish. 

### Buy the fabric...

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