

# Fa la la la Felt

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These little *Holiday Toadstools* are hand stitched,  
making them the perfect take-along project.



# Holiday Toadstools

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## WHAT YOU NEED

*(to make one)*

**Basic sewing kit**

**Templates (next page)**

**White or cream wool felt, 4 x 4 inches  
(10.2 x 10.2 cm)**

**Red wool felt, 4 x 4 inches (10.2 x 10.2 cm)**

**White heavyweight thread**

**Red thread**

**White and black embroidery floss**

**Stuffing**

**Long darning needle**

**Baker's twine, 8 inches (20.3 cm)**

## WHAT YOU DO

- 1** Use the templates to cut one stem shape, one face shape, and five dots from the white felt. Cut one cap shape from the red felt.
- 2** To make the stem, roll the rectangle up widthwise so that you have a stem that is 2 inches (5 cm) tall. Whipstitch the edge to the roll with the heavyweight thread.
- 3** With right sides facing up, match up the curve on the cap piece to the curve on the top of the face piece. Slightly overlap the pieces (with the red on top), and stitch them together with red thread.
- 4** Sew a running stitch along the outer edge of the felt circle using a doubled length (about 20 inches [50.8 cm]) of heavyweight thread. Pull the thread to gather the circle, and then begin stuffing the cap. Continue pulling the gathers tighter and adding more stuffing. You may need to make a few stitches here and there as you tighten up the opening, but make sure to leave a space for the stem. Do not cut your thread; you'll use it to attach the stem.
- 5** With the stem's seam to the back, place the stem into the cap opening. It should fit rather snugly. Attach the top front of the stem to the redcap right under the chin.

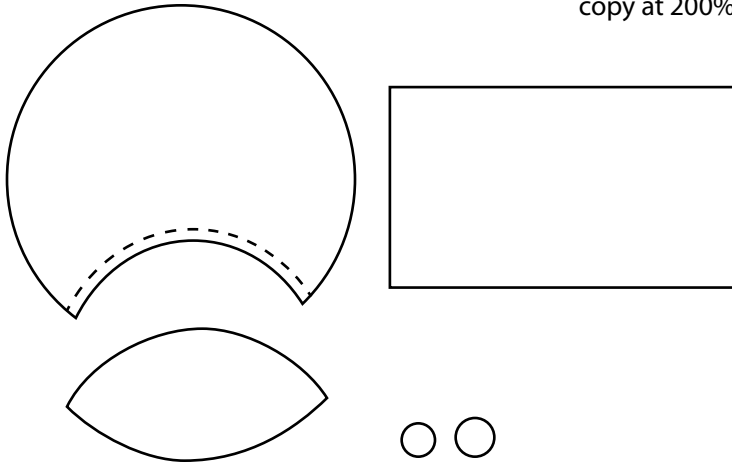


Continue stitching along under the redcap, attaching the cap to the stem.

- 6** Refer to the photo of the finished redcaps for eye and mouth placement, or design your own face. Mark the placement with straight pins, and use two strands of black embroidery floss to stitch French knots for the eyes and one or two small stitches for the mouth.
- 7** Use straight pins to pin the dots onto the redcap. With white floss, attach each dot with a single stitch.
- 8** With the large darning needle, stitch through the top of the redcap with the baker's twine. Pull the ends of the twine up, and knot the tails to create a hanger.

## TEMPLATE

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