**SLEEPY MOUSE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT**

**YOU WILL NEED**

Mouse fabric: approx. 28cm square (11in square)

Ear contrast fabric: 7cm x 14cm (2¾in x 5½in)

Black felt scrap: 5cm square (2in square)

Hat fabric approx. 18cm square (7in square)

Hat Trim felt: approx. 18cm x 10cm (7in x 4in)

Polyester toy filling

Black embroidery thread

Piece of ribbon/string: approx. approx. 18cm (7in)

**FINISHED SIZE**

Approximately 10cm high (not including ribbon/string hanging loop)

**NOTES**

Seam allowance is 6mm (1/4in), unless otherwise noted.

Templates include seam allowances, where necessary.

RST = right sides together

Arrows on the pattern pieces indicate pattern/pile direction for marking and cutting out.

**TUTORIAL STEPS**

**Remember:** When the pattern specifies ‘cut 2’ or more of a pattern piece, after marking out half of the pieces required the template needs to be turned over to mark out the remaining half so that the pieces are cut as mirror images.

When clipping always take care to avoid any stitching.

**This is not a toy and is not suitable for children.**

1. Begin by tracing and cutting out the pattern pieces. Next, draw out the pattern pieces onto the reverse of the fabric and cut out as follows:

From mouse fabric:

Cut 1 Middle Face

Cut 2 Side Face

Cut 2 Ear

Cut 2 Back Head

From contrast ear fabric:

Cut 2 Ear

From black felt scrap:

Cut 1 Nose

From hat fabric:

Cut 1 Hat

Cut 1 Hanging Loop measuring 2.5cm x 10cm (1in x 4in)

From hat trim felt:

Cut 1 Pom Pom

Cut 1 Edge trim measuring 4cm x 18cm (1½in x 7in)

**To make the mouse head:**

2. RST, place 2 different fabric ear pieces one on top of the other and sew around the curve leaving the straight edge open. Clip ‘V’ shaped notches in the seam allowance around the curve, turn the right way out and press. Repeat to make the other ear.

3. Fold an ear over so that the front contrast side is together and then sew a line 3mm (1/8in) from the side edge from the bottom of the ear upward for approx. 12mm (½in). Open the ear out and press flat along the bottom.

4. RST, sew a side face piece to its corresponding side of the middle face. Repeat to join the other side face. Take care not to sew into the seam allowance at the nose tip as this may cause the finished snout to pucker.

5. Close the dart at the top of the middle face. With the front of the ears against the right side of the face, baste the ears in place where marked.

6. RST, place the back head pieces one on top of the other and sew together along the back from the top down for approx. 4cm (1½in) just to join them. The turning gap will be in the back of the head below these stitches.

7. RST, line up the dart in the middle face with the seam joining the back head pieces and from this top centre point sew the face and back head together along one side. Return back to the top point and sew the remaining side of the head together. Completing the seam in two parts is easier and helps to ensure an even finish.

8. RST, sew the lower face together leaving an opening of approx. 6cm (2½in) in the back of the head. Clip the seam allowance at the tip of the snout.

9. Turn the head the right way out and stuff.

10. Keeping to the 6mm (1/4in) seam allowance, sew a running stitch all around the edge of the nose piece. Pull on the thread to draw the nose into a cup shape and tuck the raw edges into the centre to hide them. Draw up tightly, secure the thread and then stitch the nose to the end of the snout going around the nose/snout twice to make sure it is securely fixed in place.

11. Using a water erasable pen or similar, draw facial features on the mouse and then embroider over them using black thread. The mice in the photo have eyes stitched with 2 strand thickness embroidery thread and the whiskers are 1 strand thickness. Re-adjust any filling that has become disturbed and sew the back of the head closed.

**To make the hat:**

12. With wrong sides together, press the hanging loop in half lengthways open out again and press the sides into the centre and then re- fold along the centre so that it is ¼in wide. Using a slightly shorter stitch length sew along the long open side to seal it. Trim to 7.5cm (3in).

13. Bring the short ends of the hanging loop together to form a loop and baste to the right side of the hat in the centre at the bottom.

14. RST, sew the edge trim to the bottom of the hat (it is longer than required and will be trimmed later).

15. Fold the edge trim over to the inside of the hat and hand sew in place taking care to keep the stitches on the hat below the seam joining the trim on the front so that they will be invisible on the front of the hat.

16. Trim away the excess edge trim on either side following the angle of the side of the hat. RST, fold the hat in half and sew the side of the hat together and clip the seam allowance at the tip. Turn the right way out.

17. Make the pom-pom for the hat in the same way as for the nose detailed in step 10 but this time sewing it to the point of the hat.

18. Hand-sew the hat to the top of the mouse’s head making sure it is well fixed in place as the ornament is hung from the hat and bears the weight.

Fold the hat over and stitch it to the side of the head.

19. Finally feed the ribbon/string through the hanging loop and tie a knot in the end to give a larger hanging loop.