



Just by using simple stitches like blanket stitch, chain stitch, and straight stitch you can make really colourful designs.

Felt flowers

To make a bunch of flowers save all those pretty scraps of felt and transform them into bright and cheery blooms. Play with the colours of the felt and thread for dazzling effects.



You will need

- Colourful felt scraps
- Embroidery thread
- Embroidery needle

Small lengths of embroidery thread



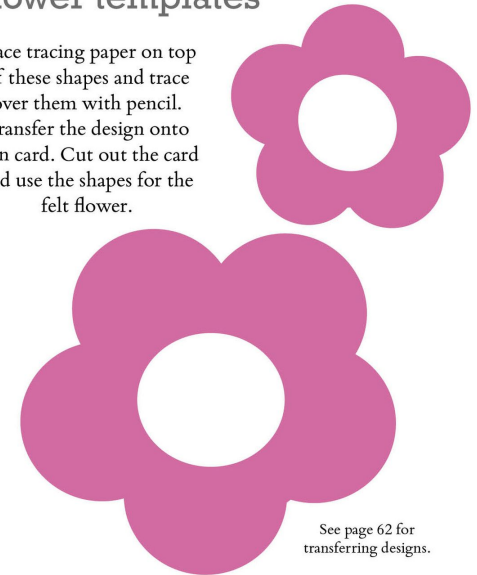
Save small pieces of felt for projects like this.



Attaching a pin to the back of the flower makes a charming brooch.

Flower templates

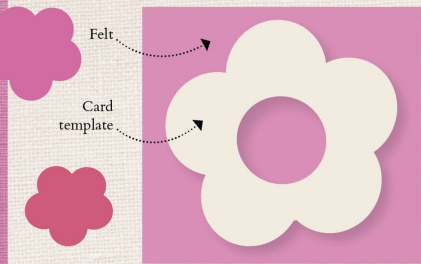
Place tracing paper on top of these shapes and trace over them with pencil. Transfer the design onto thin card. Cut out the card and use the shapes for the felt flower.



See page 62 for transferring designs.

How to stitch a flower

To make a flower shape first lay the template on a piece of felt. Carefully draw around the edge of the card and around the centre. This will be a guide to show you where to start the flower centre.



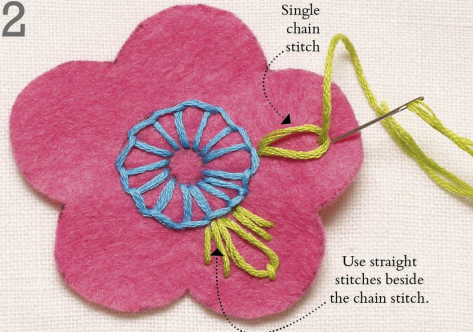
Felt shape for backing



1 Start stitching the centre of the flower.



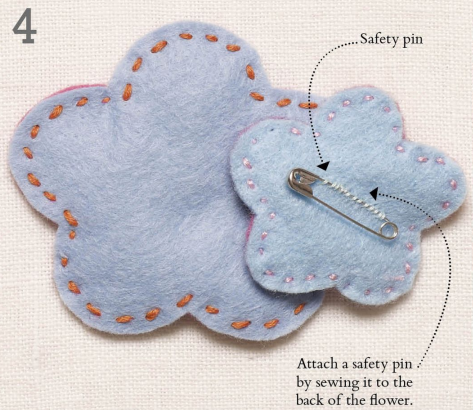
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3 Sew the front and back pieces together.



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Sewing flowers on your clothes

Use the flower template to draw out the area you want to sew. Then simply follow the steps for the felt flowers.



Choose where you want the stitching to go and mark it out in the same way as on the felt.



Flower patch

Use the flowers as patches – sew them on to clothes and bags.



Sew the flower in position using a running stitch.

