

Emma's Advent tree

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Finished size: flat open (see photo below) 93 cm x49 cm (36.6x19.3 in)

Height: 45 cm (17.7 in)

Materials:

- heavy weight felt (I've bought a pre-cutted piece measuring 50x100 cm (19.7x39.4 in) 4mm (0.2 in) thick and it's perfect!)
- scraps of felt
- 25 green buttons
- 50 cm (19.7 in) of velcro 2 cm (0.8 in) high (any color... I've used an orange one I had)
- twine or elastic to hang decorations

Patterns: paper sizes A3 and A4 be careful when you print them!

Tree

Take the piece of heavy weight felt and to draw the cone.

If you use the pattern (be careful when you first print it that the square measures 1 in) you have to enlarge it to 400%, trace the lines to the piece of felt and then cut following your mark.

If you prefer to draw it take the 50x100 cm (19.7x39.4 in) piece of felt. Divide in half the longer side (100 cm) and mark it C. Now use the measuring tape as compasses. From this point C measure and mark at 49 cm (19.3 in) and then without moving the tape from point C move the other side of 3-4 cm and mark again at 49 cm (19.3 in). Continue until you have the circumference done. You have to reduce this half circle to a cone. Measure from a corner of the longer side following the circumference line 14, 8 cm (5.8 in) and from the other corner 13,2 cm (5.2 in). Now trace a line from C to 14, 8 cm (5.8 in) and from C to 13,2 cm (5.2 in).

Sew velcro (I've done after sewing the brown scraps but I realized that it's better to do it before).

Sew some pieces of brown felt to create the wooden part of the tree and then the green ones. Use different shades of green to make it more real.

Sew 25 green buttons. Leave 10 cm (3.9 in) from each button in each direction so every decoration will fit all right. The tree is done!

This is the finished front side



This is the back side (terrible... isn't it?)



You can't see the orange Velcro! 😊



There's no base and it stands up perfectly. For my daughter I needed something really soft and easy to put away with christmas decorations.
This is my tree after being folded in half for 12 months.

Star topper

Cut 3 stars and then sew the 3 pieces together from point A to point B (see pattern). Look at the picture below so you can't mistaken.



Ornaments

Take 2 pieces of felt (main colour) a little bigger than the pattern.
For example: the cow ornament. Take 2 pieces of white felt. Trace the pattern (they're real size... no need to enlarge) and in other scraps of light rose and dark brown trace and cut the muzzle and the spots. Sew these pieces in the white piece of felt and then in the middle of the 2 pieces of white felt put a little piece of twine and then sew at few millimeters from the traced line. Then cut following the traced line. With some acrylic paint the details. It's really easy!

In these 2 photos you can see the front and the back of the ornaments and all my mistakes

front



back



Suggestions:

Use twine to hang ornaments. I used some elastic thread but my baby has broken some of them (she loved to decorate every day her advent tree moving every ornament!) and I had replaced it with twine which is more resistant.

Use Therm O Web with letters in the little socks and small parts like spots and noses.

I've chosen these ornaments because there are all things that she knows and loves. Personalize your own tree with your child's preferences!

I'll be delighted If you like to show me your tree!

Happy sewing!

Wishes from Italy

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