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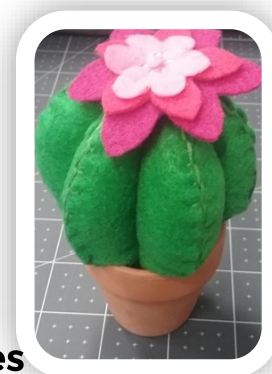
Creative You! craft kit

Adult crafters!! Get creative and enjoy a fun, carefree, and stress-relieving activity with our *Creative You!* craft kit.

Each kit contains supplies & a step-by-step guide to help you with the craft's creation.

Mini Felt Cactus

This handmade craft is a fun & creative way to spend an afternoon & can be used in a variety of ways, such as a paperweight, a pincushion, or as a fun decoration to brighten a desk, shelf, or window sill.



Your craft kit includes:

- Paper templates for cutting out your cactus and flower pieces
- Wool felt pieces: 1 green for the cactus & 3 pinks for the flower
- 1 mini terra-cotta pot
- Embroidery floss
- Poly-fil
- Small pebbles
- 3 push pins
- 1 needle
- 1 bead

Additional supplies needed:

- Hot glue gun
- Fine, permanent marker
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scissors
- White thread



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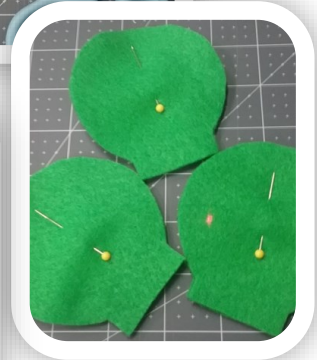
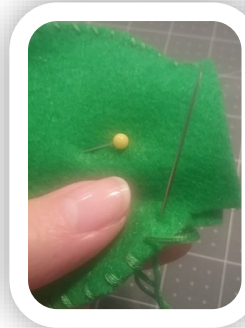
Step #1: Cactus

- Cut out your cactus paper template.
 - Now cut out 6 pieces of felt for your cactus – this template will give you a nice, round shape for your cactus pieces.
- The bottom portion of the template is the same diameter of the mini terra-cotta pot so when you're finished creating your felt cactus it should fit perfectly inside the pot.



Step #2: Sew (pt. 1)

- Pin 2 cactus pieces together, one on top of the other – once all are pinned you'll have 3 cactus pieces.
- Trim any uneven areas with your scissors.
- Now, stitch all around the curved edges of your 3 cactus pieces, leaving the bottom open.



Here are steps for creating a nicely secure blanket stitch around your cactus pieces:

- ⇒ Measure about 30 inches of embroidery floss to stitch each cactus piece.
- ⇒ Tie a knot on one end of your embroidery floss & insert the needle at the bottom of the felt cactus from the inside, through one piece of felt to hide the knot.
- ⇒ Now, bring your needle around to the front of the material and insert it through the top felt at the same point, this time going through both layers of felt.
- ⇒ Pull the floss through until a small loop remains & thread your needle through it from the front.
- ⇒ Tug the rest of the floss through, making your first blanket stitch. Yay!
- ⇒ Now you can continue to do the blanket stitch all around your material's edge:
 - Start from the back, sticking the needle through both layers of felt.
 - Pull the floss until there's a small loop.
 - Now, thread your floss through the front of the loop and pull tight.
 - Continue the stitch around the shape with equal spacing between each stitch.



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Step #2 Sew (pt. 2)

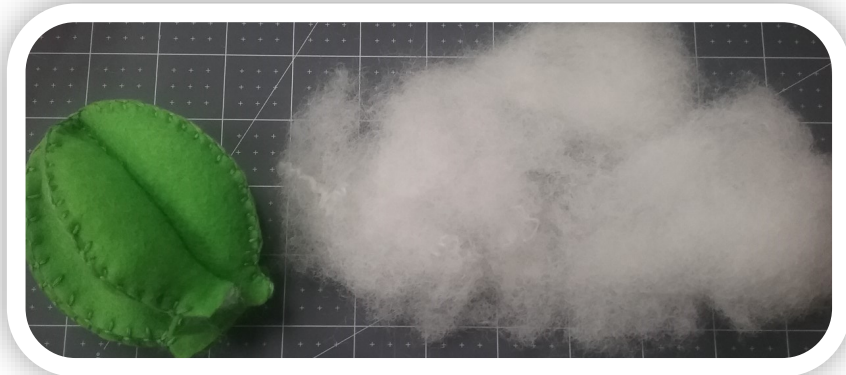
- Once you're finished stitching you'll have three round shapes.
- Now, place them in a pile on top of each other with all of the edges matching – Don't worry! although there are lots of layers, felt is easy to stitch through.
- Use 2 pushpins to help keep the cactus pieces together in a secure pile.
- Now, take a ruler & a fine, permanent marker & lightly draw a line down the center on the front & back. This will help you to stitch a straight line up the middle as shown.



Step #3: Cactus Stuffing

Now it's time to add the poly-fil stuffing into your cactus!

- As the holes for each section of the cactus are small and narrow, you'll need to use something thin (like the eraser side of a pencil) to push the poly-fil stuffing inside the six sections of the cactus.





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Step #4: Flower

- Cut out your paper flower templates.
- Cut out a different color of felt for each size flower.
- Use your thread & apply the bead to the needle, then stitch the 3 layers of flowers together, one on top of the other.

As an added detail you can stitch simple lines radiating from the center of the flower.

- Now, stitch the flower to the top of the cactus.



Step #5: Terra-cotta pot

- To add weight to your cactus craft place the small pebbles into the terra-cotta pot. Now you're ready to attach the cactus to the terra-cotta pot!
- Once your glue gun is hot, apply glue around the bottom of the felt cactus and on the inside of the terra-cotta pot.
- Push the cactus down into the pot until it's where you want it to be.



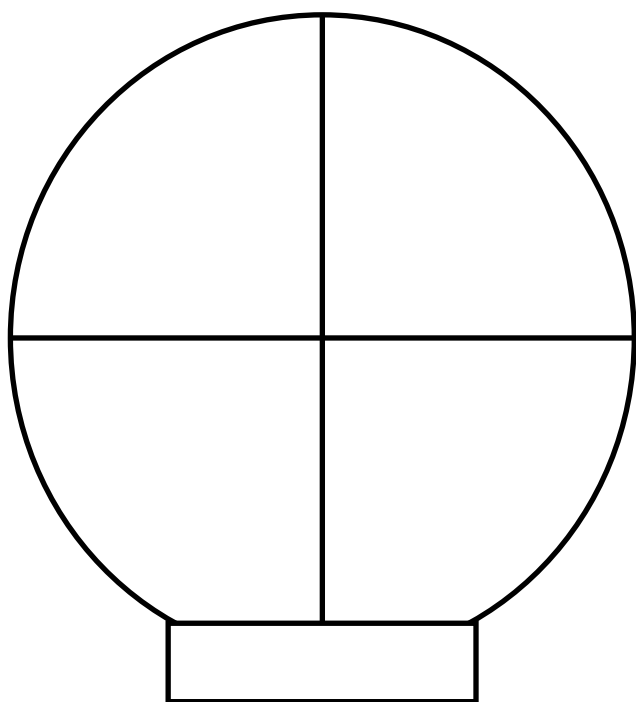
You did it! 😊 You've created a decorative handmade item that you can keep or give as a gift.



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Felt Cactus Template:



Flower Templates:

