

12. Make a hanging sleeve by folding over 2cm at each end of a rectangle. Sew along each edge. Fold the rectangle in half along the longest edge and sew using a 0.5cm seam allowance. Press and sew along the top of the reindeer hanging. Find a stick to put through the sleeve.



Young Quilters' Christmas Project 2011



Appliqué Reindeer

Why not -

- Sew six buttons to the bottom so you can attach some Christmas cards
- If you are an older YQ you could reduce the pattern size and make a small reindeer as a bag or phone tag
- Use the reindeer design and sew it onto a cushion or a bag front.
- Use the design and make a Christmas book cover.

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Ask a grown-up for help with cutting and sewing



Appliqué Reindeer

This project helps you to practise your appliqué skills. Appliqué means to stitch pieces of fabric onto larger background fabric to make a picture.

You can complete this project by hand or sewing machine.

Materials:

Pale/white backing fabric – 15cm x 23cm

Brown felt 20cm x 18cm

Light brown felt 20cm x 10cm

Christmas fabric for sashing: two 7cm x 15cm (top)
two 7cm x 34cm (sides)

Tiny amount of cream/red felt for eyes and nose

Wadding – 30cmx40cm

Backing fabric 30cm x 40cm

Hanging sleeve fabric 24cm 16cm

Beads for eyes (optional)

Buttons (optional)

Equipment:

Needles

Threads to match fabrics and to stitch the mouth

Scissors

Iron

Grease proof paper, if ironing felt

Instructions:

1. First cut out the pattern pieces on the lines. Pin them to the felt following the labels on the patterns and cut around each one. You may need to ask for help from an adult. Felt is good for appliqué as it does not fray but you could also use cotton fabrics.

10. Thread a needle and use an over stitch to close the opening.



11. You can use a seed stitch on the white background to quilt all three layers together and pull the stitches quite tight. This creates extra texture and looks like snow.



8. After the top has been quilted lay it on the backing fabric with the right sides are facing each other and pin round the edges.



9. You are going to sew all round the outside in a rectangle shape, but *remember* to leave an opening as you will need to turn it through so both the right sides are on the outside. Once you have sewn round, cut a small triangle shape from each corner this will help it to be less bulky but make sure that you do not cut your stitches. You could use a blunt pencil point to push the corners out.

2. Place the reindeer body parts on the background fabric to make sure that they will fit. Pin or use a small amount of glue stick to secure each part in the correct place. The antlers need to be placed underneath the head, everything else over the top of the body.



3. Hand or machine sew round the body first and then the legs, hooves, head and antlers to attach them the background fabric.



4. From the cream felt cut out two ovals for the eyes and cut out a small nose from the red felt. Stitch or glue in place. You could use small beads on the ovals for eyes. Use small buttons at the top of each leg if you wish.



5. Starting from the base of the nose use back stitches and a thick thread to make a mouth.



6. Now add borders to your reindeer picture. Sew one of the shorter Christmas fabric strips to the background at the top and do the same at the bottom. With adult help press seams open and sew the two longer strips to the two remaining sides. Make sure if you use felt you put greaseproof paper over the top so as not to burn the felt. You might need to trim your work.



7. Next lay the framed reindeer onto a piece of wadding. You could also use a piece of fleece. Quilt it by stitching around the reindeer and along each seam.

