



## Hot Air Balloon Door Hangers

These door hangers look great - but they also serve a very useful purpose. If you don't want to be disturbed, your friends and family can leave messages for you in the basket of the hot air balloon!

### Requirements

- Various cotton fabrics
- Calico
- Felt
- Ribbon
- Embellishments if required
- Hot air balloon template

### Method

1. Trace the balloon template twice onto calico and cut out. Use one of these to design and create your balloon. This may be one piece of fabric with embellishments, or a patchwork or appliqué balloon. If you want to use bulky embellishments, these are best left till the end.



2. Lay your balloon right-sides together with the second calico piece. Sew around the edge, using a small seam - leave it open at the neck. Turn through the hole so it is the right side out.
3. Use the basket template to cut two pieces of felt.
4. Cut two thin ribbons, about 4" long. Stitch to the inside of one felt basket piece - this will be the back of the basket. If you are attaching your name to the front of the basket do this now. Then stitch the two basket pieces together around three sides, leaving the top open with the ribbons coming out.

5. Pin the top of the ribbons inside the balloon neck - make sure the basket is hanging down evenly. Top stitch around the balloon, including over the neck to hold the ribbons in place.
  
6. Attach any desired embellishments to the balloon, including your name. Attach a hanging loop to the top.