

# Bustle & Sew

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## Angel pigs for Christmas

These little pigs look far too solid to be real angel pigs .... more as though they have rummaged around in their dressing-up box and found some wings to attach to their plump little bodies.

They are really easy to make – most of the sewing is done by hand, apart from the wings which I have sewn by machine, though you could hand stitch these if you wanted.

Instructions/quantities in this pattern are to make one pig only and the template is actual size (though of course you can make your pigs any size you want!). There are no seam allowances for the pig's body and the wings have a ¼" seam allowance included in the pattern.



### You will need:

12" square of felt in your chosen colour for the pig's body

6" square piece of light-weight fabric for the wings.

1 small button for nose

12" ribbon to wrap around body

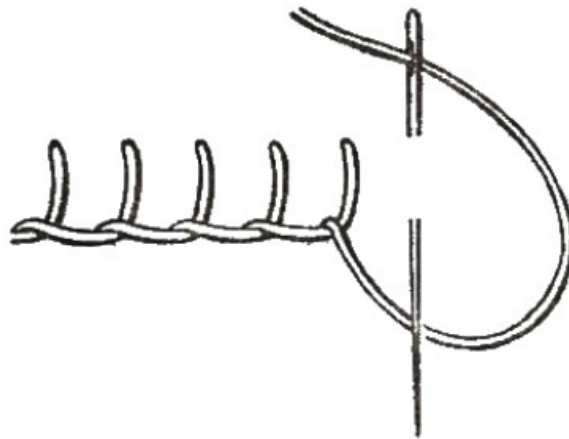
Small amount black and pink embroidery floss for eye and cheeks

Embroidery floss to stitch pig – choose a colour that will work well with the felt you have chosen for the body.

Hairspray & a pencil

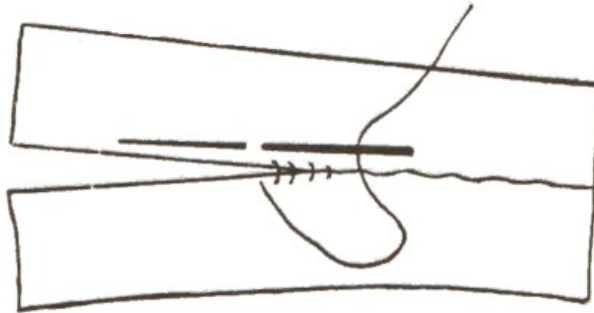
Stuffing

### To make your pig:

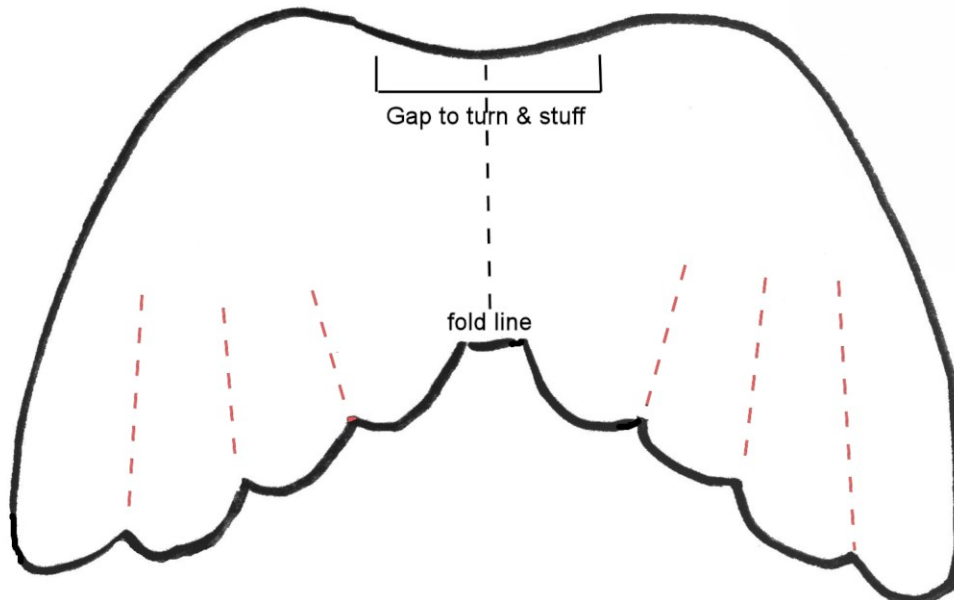


- Cut all your pieces using the template at the end of this pattern.
- Using blanket stitch and 2 strands of floss stitch underbelly pieces to main body pieces from A to B around legs and trotters
- Now attach the top gusset on one side. Start at point A and carefully ease the gusset around the pig's snout. The narrowest part of the gusset should come at the very tip of the snout. Then continue up and over the back and round to his bum. Don't worry if you don't quite make point B – it's not a disaster and he'll look fine – just have a slightly squarer bum. If you overshoot, then trim the excess to a point and match point B. (This pattern is very forgiving!!)
- Attach the second main body to the top gusset in the same way. It is very important that you match the gusset at point A, otherwise he'll have a wonky snout!! Keep checking all looks well as you stitch around his snout.
- Using ladder stitch close the gap between his underbelly pieces for 1 ½" inches back and front. This should leave a large enough gap for stuffing.

- Stuff your pig's body firmly, pushing the stuffing well down into his legs and snout, moulding and squeezing as you go to achieve the best shape. Only insert small pieces at a time to avoid lumpiness.
- Close the gap with ladder stitch



- Fold the ears in half vertically and secure at base with a few stitches.
- Position on sides of head and stitch into place using thread that matches the felt you chose.
- Stitch eyes and cheeks (you may find it helpful to use a glass-headed pin to help find the right positions – try several until you're sure your pig has the right expression. Make sure the eyes are level!)
- Stitch small button onto the end of your pig's snout.
- Place your wing pieces right sides together and machine stitch around edges, leaving a gap for turning and stuffing as shown below.



- Turn right side out and stuff lightly. Stitch gap closed.
- Machine or hand stitch along red dotted lines on diagram above to represent wing feathers.

- Fold in half along black dotted line in diagram and machine stitch from front to back of wings  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the fold. This will ensure your pig's wing have a nice "lift."
- Position wings on pig's back and when you're happy with the position, stitch into place.
- Wrap ribbon around pig from one side of wings to the other, folding under at the wing edge – this will help disguise your wing stitches.
- Finally the tail.... Attach Perle or floss at the base of the pig's back leaving a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " long thread loose. Wrap this thread around the pencil, securing the end with sticky tape.
- Spray liberally with hairspray to set. When set carefully remove sticky tape and pencil leaving a nice curly tail.
- FINISHED!!



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