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I have seen lots of nursery wall hangings, but none that are personalised in quite the same way as mine! I made this little hanging for a very good friend of Rosie's - who also happens to be Freddie's godmother - to celebrate the arrival of her little baby girl earlier this month.

The finished cloud is 8" wide (approximately) and has a hanging loop on the back.

The floral embroidery uses straight stitch and French knots, whilst the text is worked in split stitch. Obviously I can't include your choice of text, but you could use any curly font you like.



Materials

- 18" x 12" white wool blend felt. Don't be tempted to use cheap acrylic craft felt as this isn't nice to sew with and as it tends to be a bit stiff won't give you a nice softly rounded cloud.
- Scraps of pastel coloured felt
- Stranded cotton floss in black, white, two or three shades of green for leaves and whatever colours you like for the flowers
- Cotton pearl thread
- Toy stuffing
- Long needle (optional but very useful)
- Temporary fabric marker pen



Method

- Draw around your white cloud template onto your white felt with your temporary marker pen. Do not cut out yet.
- Transfer your embroidery design to the felt using the shape you have drawn as a guide.
- Stitch the design. Use two strands of floss throughout.
- The large flower is worked in radiating straight stitch. I find it easiest to work stitches at 3, 6, 9 and 12 o'clock then fill between them - this helps keep my stitches properly angled towards the centre. I used a variegated floss for the large flower which gave a nice effect. The centre is small single twist French knots - I worked a centre ring in purple which I surrounded with light blue.
- The text is worked in split stitch - be careful to keep your stitches nice and small when you're stitching around the curves of the letters - this will ensure they're nice and smooth.
- When your embroidery is finished cut out the cloud shape and also a second cloud in white felt.
- Join the shapes with wrong sides together using whip stitch in 2 strands of white floss. Return in the other direction to make a decorative cross stitch. Leave a gap at the bottom for stuffing.
- Stuff lightly and close the gap.
- Cut and join your raindrop shapes in the same way. I used white floss for all the shapes. (1)
- Thread your long needle with pearl thread and join the raindrops together through their centres (2) then stitch to the bottom of the cloud.
- Repeat for the other strands of drops and then stitch a hanging loop on the back (3)



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Template is actual size





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