



Merry Mounts Trim Tree in High-Stepping Holiday Style!

YOU'LL REIN in a sleighful of compliments with these prancing, dancing little horses! They're as bright as can be in their shiny ribbons and flowery trims.

Crafted from felt by Linda Bloomgren of Minneapolis, Minnesota, they add a festive touch of Scandinavian color and "country" to any holiday tree, she says. Follow Linda's easy directions to

stitch up a spirited herd of your own!

Materials Needed (for one):

Patterns on this page
Tracing paper and pencil
Felt—two 6-inch squares of blue, gold or red

red for body of horse and scraps each of green, red and white for leaves, flowers and flower centers
All-purpose thread to match body of horse

Hand-sewing needle
Polyester stuffing
3-inch length of 1/8-inch-wide green or red satin ribbon
5mm glue-on wiggle eye
8-inch length of gold metallic thread for hanger
White (tacky) glue
Ruler or measuring tape
Scissors

Finished Size: Each horse is about 5-1/4 inches long x 5-1/2 inches high.

Directions:

Trace patterns on this page onto tracing paper with pencil.

Place both 6-in. squares of felt together with wrong sides facing and edges matching. Pin body pattern to layered felt. Cut out body, cutting through both layers of felt on traced lines of pattern. Remove pattern.

Thread hand-sewing needle with a single strand of thread to match body of horse. Sew around outer edges of body with a long deep whipstitch, inserting stuffing between the layers as you sew. See Fig. 1 (below left) for stitch illustration.

Cut out ear from matching felt.

Cut out flowers, flower centers and leaves from felt as directed on the patterns.

Referring to photo for position, glue ear to top of head. Glue flowers and leaves to same side of horse's body. Glue a flower center to each flower.

Cut a 1-3/4-in. length of satin ribbon. Referring to photo for placement, glue ribbon down one side of head of horse. Center and glue remaining length of ribbon across bottom of first ribbon. Trim excess ribbon even with the sides of the head.

Glue eye to same side of head where shown on pattern.

Thread hand-sewing needle with length of gold metallic thread. Insert needle through top of body about 5/8 in. from back of head. Remove needle and tie thread ends to form hanging loop.

HORSE TRIM PATTERNS

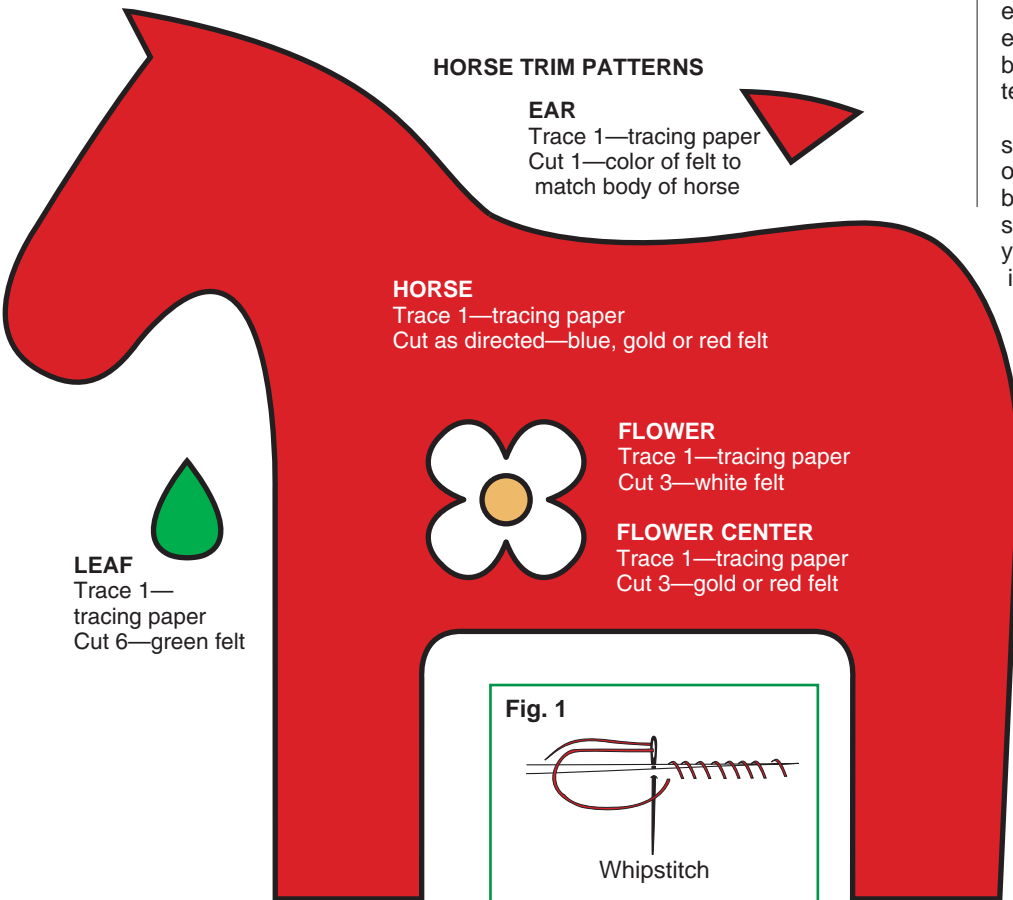
EAR

Trace 1—tracing paper
Cut 1—color of felt to match body of horse



HORSE

Trace 1—tracing paper
Cut as directed—blue, gold or red felt



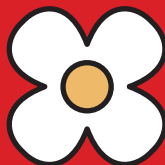
LEAF

Trace 1—tracing paper
Cut 6—green felt



FLOWER

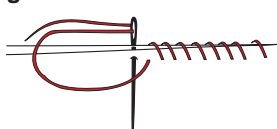
Trace 1—tracing paper
Cut 3—white felt



FLOWER CENTER

Trace 1—tracing paper
Cut 3—gold or red felt

Fig. 1



Whipstitch