

A Seasonal Gift

Small handmade moments
in tune with the season



A Seasonal Pause

This seasonal gift is a small present from me to you. I'm Ilona (writer, designer and teacher) and I live and work in tune with the rhythm of the seasons.

Everything I create comes from the same desire: not to let the year slip by unnoticed, but to truly experience it. And to reconnect, again and again, with your own natural rhythm.

With Jaarrond I invite you to experience the year more consciously, step by step.

And in my studio FeltFolk I design felt patterns, so that the turning of the year can also be seen and felt in your home.

Enjoy this seasonal gift and may it bring a spark of playfulness and light to the darker days of the year.



Seasonal Wisdom

Listening to the winter

The air is crisp, the earth is cold, the year almost complete.

The busy Christmas days are about to begin,
yet nature invites us to something else:
to rest, to stillness, to reflection.

Moment of Reflection

What quiet longing stirs within you when you truly pause?

Seasonal Invitation

Take a moment this week to simply do nothing.
Light a candle, stitch a few green or white stars,
and let them grow into a tiny felted tree.

Give it a lovely place in your home:
a reminder that you may rest whenever you need to.



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Christmas trees



*Dress your seasonal table with these adorable Christmas trees.
They're simple to make and wonderfully addictive once you start.*

Materials needed

- Wool felt: yellow, dark green and/or white
- Matching thread
- Stuffing wool

Begin with the top section of the tree.

First decide whether you want a fully green tree or one in white and green.

If you choose the second option, cut the five top pieces in white.

The bottom layer will always be dark green.

Attach the five pieces from b to c to b onto the small star that forms the top of the tree.

Use a blanket stitch for this. The little "flaps" should remain loose for now. Once all the pieces are attached to the star, sew them together from b to a. Fill the top of the tree with a small amount of stuffing wool before closing the final seam. Don't overfill it, otherwise the top will become too round.

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Now make the other stars. Sew around each one using a blanket stitch and fill them with a thin layer of stuffing wool. I made two small trees with five layers and one larger tree with six. Attach the stars together. Start with the flat stars only:

Bring your needle up through the center from bottom to top and then back down again. Pull the thread gently and secure it with a knot underneath.

Then attach the top part in the same way. I didn't pull this thread tight, so the shape of the tree stays nicely balanced.

Place two yellow stars on top of each other and sew around the edges. You don't need to fill these. Attach the small star on top of the tree with a tiny stitch.

Make as many as you like and feel free to vary the colors. Enjoy crafting them!

Did you enjoy this pattern?

I'd love to see what you made!

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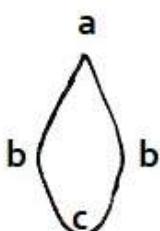
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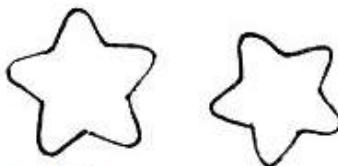


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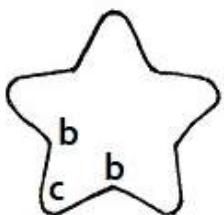


Top of the tree:
5x green (or white)

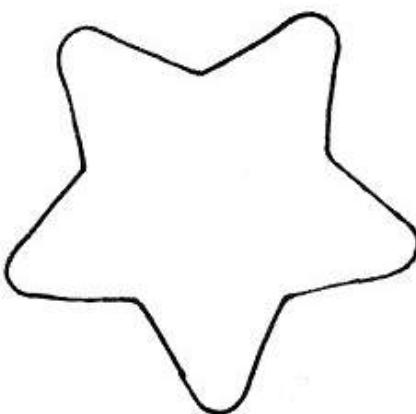
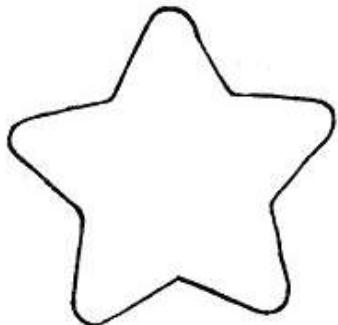
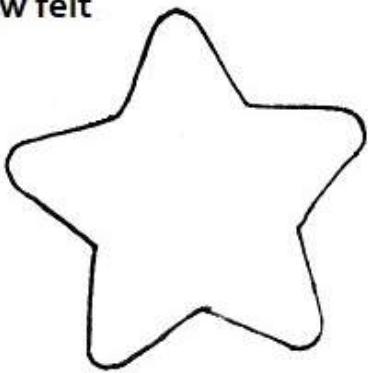
For each Christmas tree:



One of these stars: 2x yellow felt



Star for top of the tree
1x dark green



All the other stars: each 2x dark green
(or 1x white & 1x dark green)