

How to make a... Bauble Jumper

You will need:

- Jumper
- Basic sewing kit: scissors, needles, pins, threads, embroidery threads, iron
- Sewing machine (if you have one)
- Templates
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- Different coloured pieces of felt
- Toy filler/stuffing (obtainable from a craft shop) or any suitable material that can be used for stuffing.

To decorate the baubles, a selection of the following:

- Beads, buttons, sequins, bells
- Ribbons, ric rac (flat narrow braid woven in zigzag form, used as a trimming) and pompoms
- Anything else suitably sparkly and festive

Note:

If you want to re-use your jumper (without the decorations attached) after Christmas, do not machine sew the decorations to your jumper. Instead you should hand sew them onto your jumper to allow easy removal.



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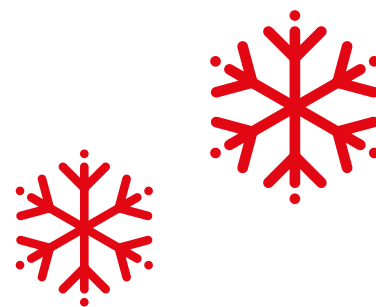


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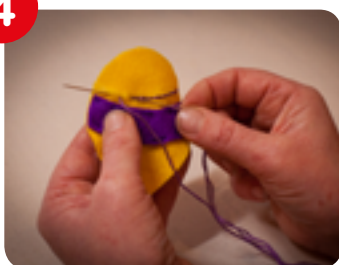
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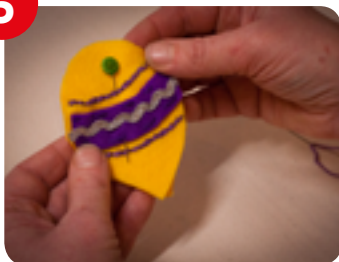
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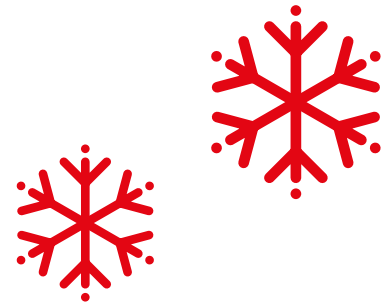
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Method:

- Cut out the bauble templates (loveyourclothes.org.uk/12jumpers) or create your own.
- Pin your templates to pieces of different coloured felt. You need to cut two matching shapes per bauble to make a front and a back. **(1)**
- Carefully cut around your templates, cutting as close to the edge as possible. **(2)**
- Unpin your paper template from your felt baubles.
- Choose some decorations for each bauble. For example, you could use a strip of felt in a contrasting colour. **(3)**
- Attach your felt strip using an embroidery stitch such as backstitch (loveyourclothes.org.uk/12jumpers). **(4)**
- Add some sequins, sparkles, rickrack, ribbons etc to decorate.
- Some of the decorations can be attached with a sewing machine, alternatively you can use a needle and thread to hand sew them on (see note above). Carefully stitch on each item using small stitches, keeping the stitches as hidden as possible. Attach each item securely, especially if the jumper is for a young child. **(5)**

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- Be creative with your designs; they can be really sparkly! **(6)**

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- Lay the decorated side of the bauble face up on to the back bauble piece (placing wrong sides together), matching the edges. Pin together securely.

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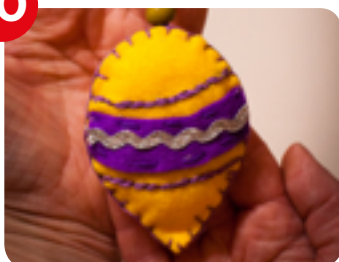
- Cut a 20cm length of ribbon and fold it in half. Slip the two cut ends of ribbon in between the two layers of bauble at the top edge and stitch in place. This ribbon will be used to hang your bauble. **(7)**

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- Using blanket stitch (loveyourclothes.org.uk/12jumpers), sew around your bauble, leaving an unsewn gap of 4cm to put the stuffing in. Leave your needle and thread attached. **(8)**

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- Fill your bauble with toy stuffing or similar equivalent, then continue the blanket stitch to close the gap. Secure your threads well and snip off. **(9)**
- Thread the ribbon through a bead, bell or button if you wish. It will sit at the top of the bauble. **(10)**
- Hand sew the folded top of the ribbon to your jumper. You can put a button on top of it to hide the stitching.
- Repeat this process for all your baubles.