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Felt Wristlet



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What You Will Need

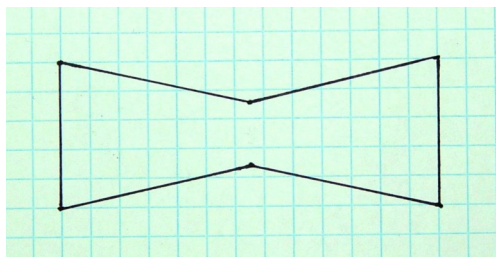
Materials

Graph paper with 1/4-inch grid
Three 9 x 12-inch sheets of craft felt in coordinating colors
Cardboard or cardstock
1/2-inch masking or invisible tape
Sewing thread
Two 3/8-inch sewing snaps

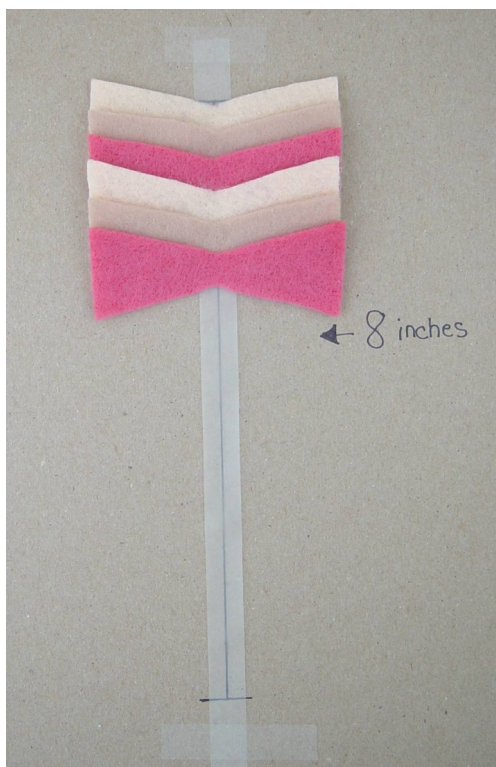
Tools

Pencil
Ruler
Dressmaker pins
Scissors
Sewing Machine (Optional)
Hand-sewing Needle

Let's Get Started

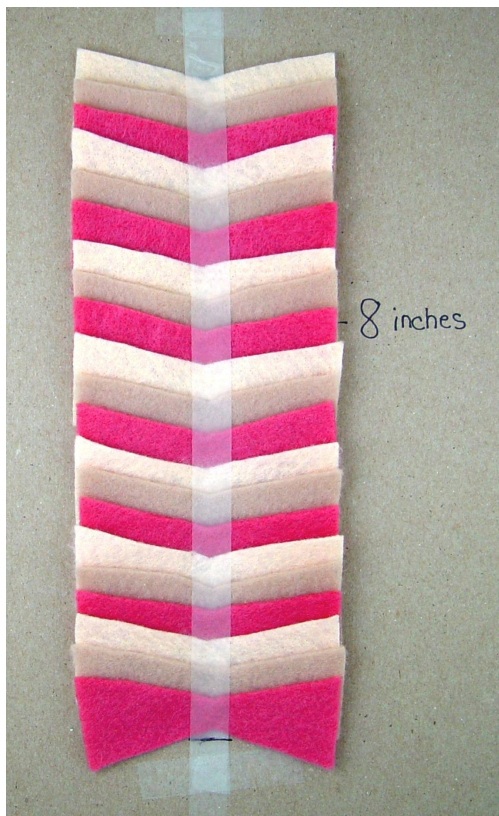


1. Using the template as a guide, create a pattern for the felt shapes on the graph paper. You could also make a pattern from cardstock or cardboard. For an accurate transfer, plot the end points and draw the pattern with a ruler. Cut out the pattern and pin it to the felt. Next, cut the felt. Repeat, pinning and cutting until you have cut 7 pieces of each of the three felt colors.



Tip: You may want to try some shapes of your own. You can dramatically change the look of the wristlet by changing the felt shapes and/or size. You could also embellish the felt with beads, buttons, or hand stitch-

2. With your ruler, draw a straight, 8-inch line down the center of the cardboard. Attach a piece of 1/2 inch tape sticky side up. Space each felt piece evenly along the tape, keeping each piece centered on the tape and mixing the colors. Adjust the placement of the felt pieces, if necessary, for even distribution. When all of the sections are in alignment, they should cover a distance of approximately 8 inches. This will create a bracelet that fits an average sized arm.



3. When you are satisfied with the placement, attach another section of 1/2-inch tape over the top of the felt for added security. Remove the felt from the cardboard. Cut two 1 x 10-inch pieces of felt in the trim color of your choice. Sandwich the strip of taped felt pieces between the two 1 inch lengths of trim felt. Leave a 1/4-inch tail at the first end of the taped strip where the first piece of colored felt is on the top. (The long end of the tail should be at the end where the first colored piece is on the bottom. This orientation will work best for attaching the fasteners.



4. Pin the three sections together along the center line, making sure they are centered and aligned on both sides. Leave a 1/4 inch seam allowance and stitch along the length of one side. Remove the pins and tape. Then sew the other side and the ends in the same manner.

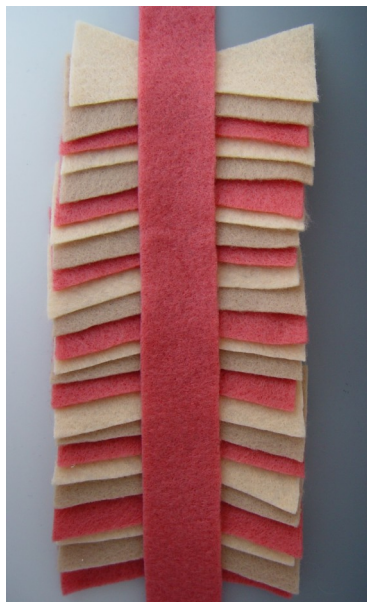
Tip: The pattern will flow without interruption if the snaps are placed correctly.



5. Using a buttonhole stitch, attach the first female snap to the long end of the tail very close to the end. Attach the second one approximately 1 1/4-inches down, from snap center to snap center. On the opposite side/end of the bracelet attach the male snaps. Place the first male snap at the point where the first shape emerges from the trim and where the alternating color pattern and spacing are consistent. Measure 1 1/4 inches down, from snap center to snap center and sew on the second male snap.



This bracelet is very comfortable to wear and easy to make. Some shapes and color combinations are shown below. Use this tutorial as a framework to create your own unique design.



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