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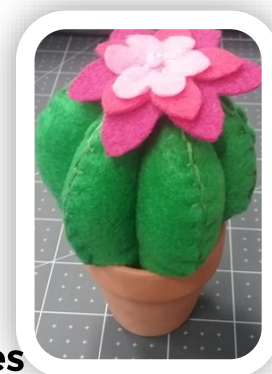
Creative You! craft kit

Adult crafters!! Get creative and enjoy a fun, carefree, and stress-relieving activity with our *Creative You!* craft kit.

Each kit contains supplies & a step-by-step guide to help you with the craft's creation.

Mini Felt Cactus

This handmade craft is a fun & creative way to spend an afternoon & can be used in a variety of ways, such as a paperweight, a pincushion, or as a fun decoration to brighten a desk, shelf, or window sill.



Your craft kit includes:

Paper templates for cutting out your cactus and flower pieces

Wool felt pieces: 1 green for the cactus & 3 pinks for the flower

1 mini terra-cotta pot

Embroidery floss

Poly-fil

Small pebbles

3 push pins

1 needle

1 bead



Additional supplies needed:

Hot glue gun

Fine, permanent marker

Pencil

Ruler

Scissors

White thread

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Step #1: Cactus

Cut out your cactus paper template.

Now cut out 6 pieces of felt for your cactus – this template will give you a nice, round shape for your cactus pieces. The bottom portion of the template is the same diameter of the mini terra-cotta pot so when you're finished creating your felt cactus it should fit perfectly inside the pot.

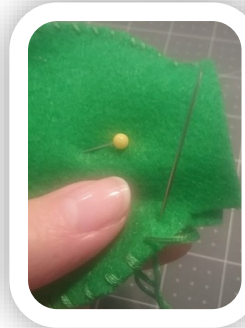


Step #2: Sew (pt. 1)

Pin 2 cactus pieces together, one on top of the other – once all are pinned you'll have 3 cactus pieces.

Trim any uneven areas with your scissors.

Now, stitch all around the curved edges of your 3 cactus pieces, leaving the bottom open.



Here are steps for creating a nicely secure blanket stitch around your cactus pieces:

Measure about 30 inches of embroidery floss to stitch each cactus piece.

Tie a knot on one end of your embroidery floss & insert the needle at the bottom of the felt cactus from the inside, through one piece of felt to hide the knot.

Now, bring your needle around to the front of the material and insert it through the top felt at the same point, this time going through both layers of felt.

Pull the floss through until a small loop remains & thread your needle through it from the front.

Tug the rest of the floss through, making your first blanket stitch. Yay!

Now you can continue to do the blanket stitch all around your material's edge:

- **Start from the back, sticking the needle through both layers of felt.**
- **Pull the floss until there's a small loop.**
- **Now, thread your floss through the front of the loop and pull tight.**
- **Continue the stitch around the shape with equal spacing between each stitch.**



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Step #2 Sew (pt. 2)

Once you're finished stitching you'll have three round shapes.

Now, place them in a pile on top of each other with all of the edges matching – Don't worry! although there are lots of layers, felt is easy to stitch through.

Use 2 pushpins to help keep the cactus pieces together in a secure pile.

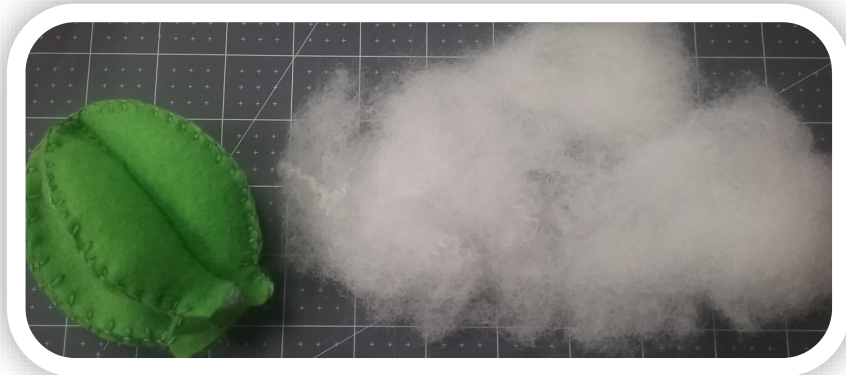
Now, take a ruler & a fine, permanent marker & lightly draw a line down the center on the front & back. This will help you to stitch a straight line up the middle as shown.



Step #3: Cactus Stuffing

Now it's time to add the poly-fil stuffing into your cactus!

As the holes for each section of the cactus are small and narrow, you'll need to use something thin (like the eraser side of a pencil) to push the poly-fil stuffing inside the six sections of the cactus.





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Step #4: Flower

Cut out your paper flower templates.

Cut out a different color of felt for each size flower.

Use your thread & apply the bead to the needle, then stitch the 3 layers of flowers together, one on top of the other.

As an added detail you can stitch simple lines radiating from the center of the flower.

Now, stitch the flower to the top of the cactus.



Step #5: Terra-cotta pot

To add weight to your cactus craft place the small pebbles into the terra-cotta pot. Now you're ready to attach the cactus to the terra-cotta pot!

Once your glue gun is hot, apply glue around the bottom of the felt cactus and on the inside of the terra-cotta pot.

Push the cactus down into the pot until it's where you want it to be.



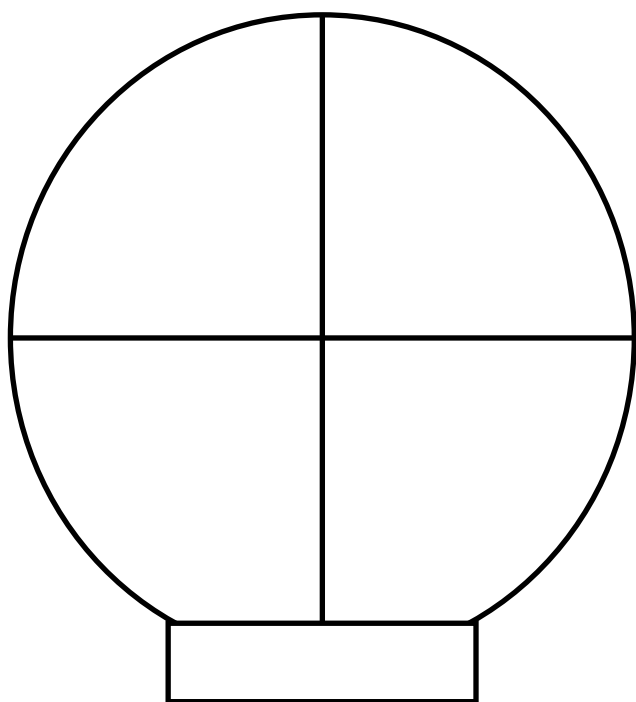
You did it! 😊 You've created a decorative handmade item that you can keep or give as a gift.



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Felt Cactus Template:



Flower Templates:

