



HANGING FELT SHAPES

We love the felt look of our Ready to Crawl and Read to Play logos! The felt look of our certificates inspired us to create stuffed felt logo pieces that can be used to create a display of cradle roll members in your corps, a baby mobile, name tags, Baby's first Christmas ornaments and much more.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

Printed copies of the shape pattern you choose
Sharp scissors
Pins
Felt in different colours (white, yellow, pink, or colours of your choice)
Embroidery floss in colours that complement the felt pieces
Twine/string/yarn to hang
Needle with a large eye for the embroidery floss
Stuffing (e.g. cotton balls)
Fabric Marker (optional)



INSTRUCTIONS:

Two pattern options are provided: basic shapes; and one page for a cloud with smaller stars hanging from it. These can be scaled up/down in size using a photocopier if desired.

1. Roughly cut two pattern pieces of each item you wish to create.
2. Pin the pattern pieces to felt and cut neatly around the shape.
3. Pin the two felt pieces together and stitch around the shape in just a little from the edge (roughly 1/4" or 0.5cm) using the embroidery floss. Use a basic running stitch leaving gaps that equal the length of the stitch. Be sure to leave an opening.
4. In the opening add stuffing, making sure to fill points and corners. Use small amounts of cotton batten or pulled apart cotton balls to give a bit of shape.
5. Once stuffed, finish stitching around the shape.

IDEAS FOR USE:

Create a **VISUAL DISPLAY** of members/families to pray for using a bulletin board. Cover the board with blue paper (or felt), cut a green field shape to go across the bottom (see the Thanksgiving or Dedication Certificate for inspiration), and add some white felt clouds at the top.

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Write or stitch the name of a child or family onto each star/balloon. Add a felt shaped shield with a shield shaped paper fitted inside that encourages those passing by to pray for these children/families.

BABY MOBILE

Cut and stitch together clouds, stars, balloons, and a shield. Use an embroidery hoop as a ring and hang the shapes from different lengths of floss, keeping them distributed evenly around the ring.

To hang the mobile, tie 4-6 light twine/string/yarn cords about 12 inch long to the hoop, then tie the other ends to a central metal ring (e.g. key ring). Loop a longer length of string through the key ring so parents can hang this from a hook attached to the ceiling in the baby's room.

Give as a gift to a new parent (be sure to include a heavy-duty command hook or a metal screw-in plant hook they can use).

Check out Pinterest for more ideas to inspire you.



Example mobile by sewcraftyme.com

BABY ORNAMENT

Pick one or two shapes you wish to use, then cut, stuff and stitch the shapes together. A star or shield would work best for Christmas. Write "Baby's First Christmas" plus the year on the shape using a fabric marker. Alternatively, you could cut the numbers for the year from felt, and sew/glue/fuse tape them onto the shape before stuffing and stitching.

You might like to string a couple of shapes together. Add a satin ribbon to the ornament so it can be hung on a tree branch.





