

Web Exclusive: No-Sew Ornaments



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SKILL LEVEL
BEGINNER

Finished Ornament Size
4" [2³/₄" diameter

Note: Templates for large and small ornaments are at end of pattern.

Planning

Ellie's fabric ornaments have been a family favorite holiday project for years, and this year she decided to update her technique to make them easier than ever. Instead of stiffening fabric by carefully gluing it to paper, she applied a liquid fabric stiffener product for the same effect. Our pattern is for 1 large ornament; where directions for the small ornament differ from those for the large ornament, they are given in brackets, [like this].

Project Requirements

Woven cotton fabric* 10" x 12" [8" x 9"] piece**
 Ribbon, 1/4"-wide 1/4 yd.
 Stiffy® Fabric Stiffener by Plaid®
 Freezer paper or moisture-proof work surface
 Small plastic ruler or old credit card
 Teflon® sheets for non-stick pressing
 Template plastic
 Craft glue
 12 beads (optional)

*Ellie used metallic cotton textures and plaids.

**For ornament made with 1 fabric. If using multiple fabrics, adjust accordingly.

Preparing the Circles

1 Lay fabric right side up on freezer paper or moisture-proof work surface. Spread generous amount of fabric stiffener on fabric, working it in with edge of plastic ruler or old credit card. Allow fabric to dry completely, and remove from freezer paper. Press, using non-stick pressing sheets to protect iron and ironing surface.

2 Trace Templates A and B [C and D] on template plastic. Cut out on traced lines. On wrong side of stiffened fabric, use plastic Template A [C] to trace 20 circles. Cut circles out, being careful to trim just inside marked lines.

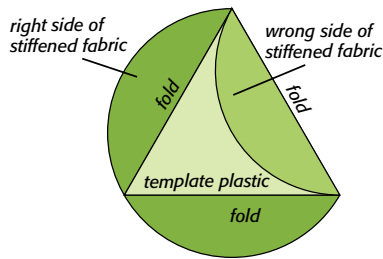
3 Place plastic Template B [D] on right side of fabric circle. Tips of triangle should just touch circle edge. Fold fabric up along template edges (Diagram I). Remove template and sharpen creases with edge of ruler or credit card. Repeat to fold 20 total circles.

Assembling the Ornament

4 Using craft glue, glue together wrong sides of 1 tab each from 2 folded circles. In same manner, add 3 more circles to make 5-circle unit (Diagram II). This creates a domed shape with an inner star point, which will not lie flat. Make 3 units. Referring to photo, glue units together, aligning tabs, to make an incomplete sphere with 5 open

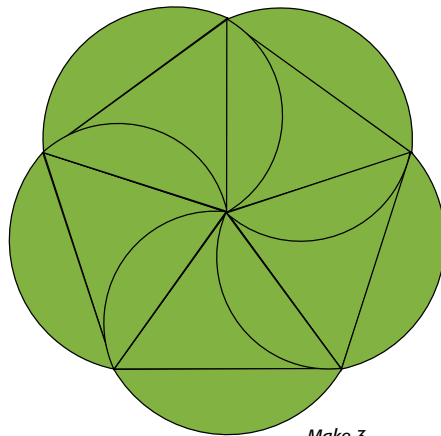
spaces. Fill in spaces with remaining folded circles. Before gluing last circle in place, knot ends of ribbon and glue to inside corner of the last opening, with ribbon loop to the outside of ornament. Glue in last circle to complete ornament.

5 **Optional:** Use craft glue to attach a bead at each joint if desired (see photo).



Make 20

Diagram I

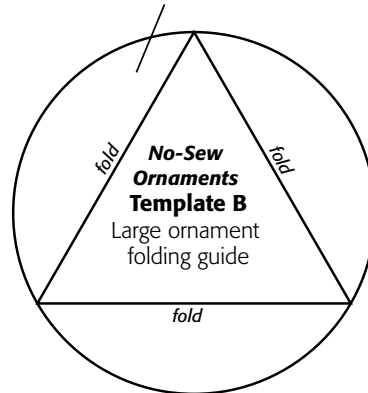


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Diagram II

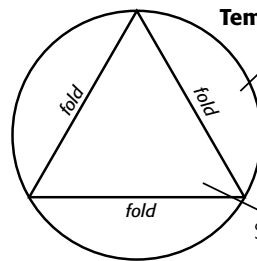
**No-Sew
Ornaments
Template A (entire circle)**

Cut 20
Large ornament



**No-Sew
Ornaments
Template C (entire circle)**

Cut 20
Small ornament



**No-Sew
Ornaments
Template D**
Small ornament
folding guide