



Bison Ornament

“The American bison was named the national mammal of the United States on May 9, 2016. This majestic animal joins the ranks of the Bald Eagle as the official symbol of our country—and much like the eagle, they’re a symbol of our American identity and one of the greatest conservation success stories of all time.”

- U.S. Department of the Interior website

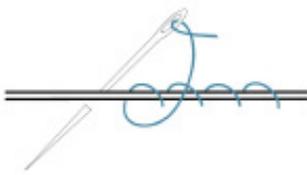


Supplies Needed:

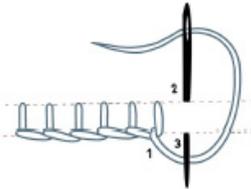
- Dark brown felt (8" x 4")
- Light brown felt (12" x 4")
- Cream felt (2" x 3")
- Dark brown thread (36")
- Light brown thread (48")
- Cream thread (24")
- Pattern
- Scissors
- Needle
- Cotton balls
- Pencil or pen
- Fabric glue (Optional)

TIP: Before threading your needle, separate embroidery floss into single strands. Then, tie a knot onto one end and leave the other loose through the eye of the needle, this will allow you to switch thread colors and still be able to use the remaining later. When beginning a stitch, try to start from the back side of the fabric. We will be using the following stitches:

Whip Stitch



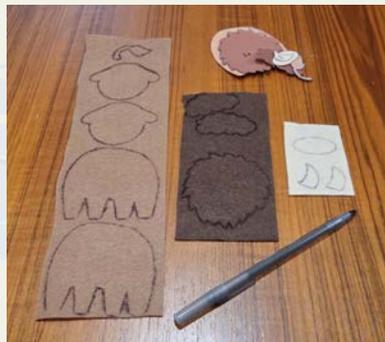
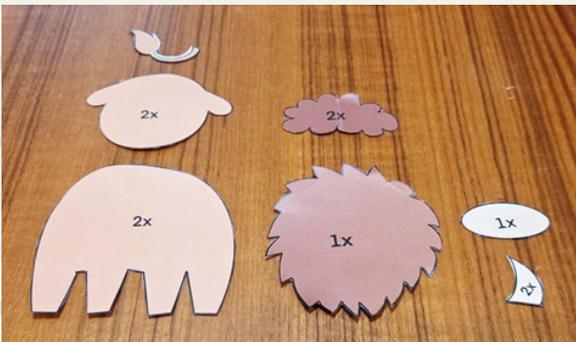
Blanket Stitch



Back Stitch



Step 1: Cut out the paper stencils. Trace each stencil onto its corresponding felt color. Shapes with '2x' should be traced twice, making two matching shapes. Cut each out of the felt.



Step 2: Let's make the head! Attach the cream oval muzzle onto the lower part of one light brown face piece as shown. Use a whip stitch and cream thread to secure the edges of the muzzle to the face.



Lightly draw nostrils on the muzzle and eyes right above. Embroider over the drawings with back stitches using the dark brown thread.



Lay the newly embroidered face piece onto its match and sew together using light brown thread to blanket stitch around the outside. Leave a small opening to stuff the head with cotton before completing.



Now for that adorable, distinctive hair! Whip stitch (or glue) the horns onto the front of one dark brown hair piece using dark brown thread. Layer the other hair piece on top and sew together with a blanket stitch (or glue).



Sew the hair onto the top of the head, between the ears, by using a whip stitch on the back layer of the hair and the front layer of the head. You've got your bison's head!



Step 3: Next we will create the body. Attach the tail to the inside of one body piece using light brown thread and a whip stitch (or glue). Now layer the other body piece on top and sew the edges together using a blanket stitch. Before completing the entire edge, stuff some cotton into the opening, then complete the stitches around the body.



Sew the dark brown mane onto the body as pictured, with dark brown thread and a whip stitch. Try to sew only into the top layer of the body so it does not lose its puff. It is okay for the edges of the mane to be loose. It'll give your bison more character!



Step 4: Whip stitch the head onto the mane and body using dark brown thread, sewing close to the outer edge of the back layer of the head, to keep the stitches hidden. Your bison is complete!

Personalization: You can sew a simple loop using ribbon and extra thread to hang as an ornament too! Enjoy!



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Happy Cra~ing!

