



Birthday Crown



Crowns are not just for princesses, they are for anyone! This birthday crown is perfect for both boys and girls as it can be made in any colour scheme. I've chosen blues, greens and yellows but feel free to go wild with your colour choices. The unique thing about this crown is that the number is attached with Velcro, meaning it can be removed and another age can be attached next year. Also, as each year passes, add another candle to the cake and this crown grows with your child.

Because the crown is designed to grow with your child, the felt is not long enough to join right around the head at the back. Instead, a piece of elastic joins the sides of the crown together at the back, meaning this will fit your child for years to come.





You will need:

- Two large pieces of felt. For the front part of the crown (dark blue in the photographs) the felt needs to be 21cm long and 12cm high. You will also need a contrasting colour for the backing piece of the crown (light blue in the photographs) and this needs to be 21cm long and 14cm high.
- Scraps of felt for the decorations
- Sewing thread in coordinating colours. I've used Anchor Pearl Cotton thread because I like the texture it gives and it makes a feature of the stitches.
- Pompom trim for the top and bottom of the crown.
- Elastic approximately 15cm long
- Velcro approximately 2cm squared
- A needle or sewing machine
- Scissors

Finished size approximately 50cm in circumference but this depends on the length of elastic you use.

Instructions

1. Download and cut out the pattern pieces you need (crown front, crown backing, two circles, a number, cake pieces and the correct number of candles and flames.) Save the additional numbers and candles for next year.
2. Pin your pattern pieces to your felt and cut around them. For the larger crown pieces, fold your felt in half and place the dotted line on

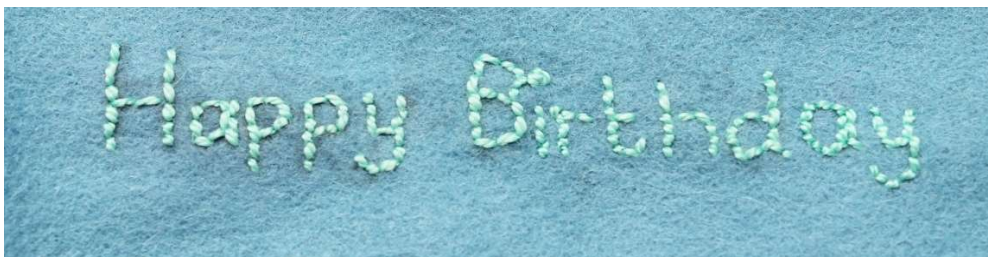


the fold of the felt. Pin in place and cut around it. When you open it out you will have a piece that is double the length of the pattern piece.

3. On the crown front piece, stitch the cake pieces on the right-hand side. I used a running stitch but you can use any stitch you like.



4. On the left-hand side embroider Happy Birthday. Either write the words directly onto the felt with a pencil or use chalk paper to transfer the design. To do this, place the chalk paper face down on the felt and the pattern face up on top. Trace over the lettering using a pencil to apply pressure to transfer the design. Use a back stitch to sew over the lettering.





5. To make the number, cut out the smaller and larger circle pattern pieces, pin them to your felt and cut them out. Do the same with the number. Place the felt number on top of the smaller felt circle and stitch in place (picture 1). Place this on top of the larger felt circle and stitch together (picture 2).

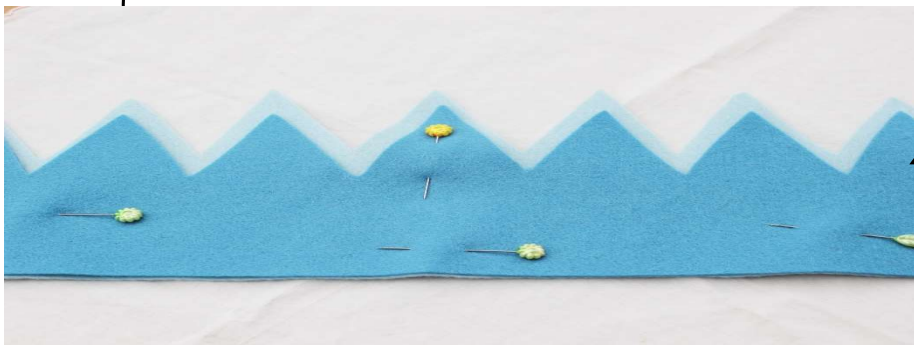


Picture 1



Picture 2

6. Sew some Velcro to the back of the layered circles and position the opposite piece of Velcro onto the crown front piece in the centre so you can attach your number.
7. Place the crown backing piece behind the front piece and line up the bottom edges. The backing piece is taller so it should stick up above the front piece. Stitch in place along the zigzag edge of the shorter piece of felt with a running stitch a quarter inch from the edge. Leave the sides open for now.



Sew here, a quarter of an inch from the edge, all the way along the zigzag.



8. Place the crown around your child's head and measure the gap between the edges. Cut a piece of elastic just slightly smaller than the gap. Place the elastic in between the two layers of felt at the sides and stitch the gap closed to secure it in place.



9. Attach pompom trim to the top and bottom edges. I used a whip stitch in between each pompom to secure it in place.





10. Your crown is complete! Wear it with pride!



Happy Sewing