

Christmas Bells

Quick and Easy free decorations from Meadowside Designs

Size: 4-6 inches

Supplies: Scraps of Christmas-theme fabrics, no smaller than 6 inches square; narrow ribbon; small bell or beads; silver or gold thread; card or plastic for template

Instructions to make:

1. Draw a circle template using something small and round such as a cup or mug. Use a circle that is no larger than 6 inches across.
2. For each bell, draw one circle on the wrong side of two different fabrics (outside and inside of the bell). Do not cut out yet.
3. Pin the fabrics right sides together and stitch almost all the way around on the drawn line, leaving a small gap to turn through.
4. Cut out the circle leaving a seam allowance of a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and turn right sides out.
5. Press the circles, tucking in the seam allowance at the gap and making sure you have rolled the seam right to the edge.
6. Top stitch close to the edge all the way around. This closes the gap.
7. Take a length of ribbon and fold it in half – the length depends on how much you want the ornament to hang. Tack the raw edges of the ribbon to the edges of the inside of the bell.
8. Thread beads or a bell onto a length of silver or gold thread – the length will depend on how far you want the ‘bell’ to dangle. Stitch the end of the thread to the edge of the ribbon.
9. Fold the circle in half with the inside fabric ‘inside’ and the ribbon loop at the top.
10. Stitch the two edges of the fold together with a whip or ladder stitch. Stitch about a quarter to a third of the way down and fasten off the thread.
11. Hold the bell by its ribbon and open out the bottom part. Give it a bit of a finger press (not too much) so it stays open and bell-shaped.