

Christmas Bells

You will need:

- 2 contrasting square pieces of Christmas fabric – 5" x 5" (12 x 12 cm)
- 13" (33 cm) trimming braid
- 4.5" square piece of iron-on Vilene
- Decorative bits and bobs, bells, flowers, beads to hang inside
- Gold or co-ordinating thread
- Crochet cotton or narrow ribbon for hanging
- Templates - 4.5" (12 cm) diameter circle x 1 and 4" (10 cm) diameter circle x 1

1. Using the larger template, cut out a circle from each of your Christmas fabrics
2. Using the small template, cut out a circle of the Vilene
3. Place the Christmas fabric circles, right-sides together and with small stitches sew as close to the outer edge of the Vilene as you can, leaving a 1" (2cm) opening. See Diag. 1.
4. Carefully turn right-sides out, through the opening.
5. Push out the edge of the circle seam with the edge of a spoon or similar to neaten.
6. Stitch up the opening with small stitches.
7. Press well to get a neat firm edge.
8. Take 13" (33 cm) of your trimming braid and attach it to the edge of the circle (on the right side) using small over-sewing stitches. Begin and end where the circle opening was so that it won't show when you overlap the pieces to form a cone. Diag 2.
9. Gently fold one side of the circle over the stitched opening and the braid ends so that they are hidden and you have formed a cone shape. Mark the tip with a pin to show the position for the hanger. Diag 2.
10. With the circle flat, stitch a hanger in place on the inside of the bell where the pin is Diag 3.
11. Make a small decoration of small baubles, bells, beads or flowers to hang on the inside of the bell Diag 3.
12. Check how this will look by re-folding the circles and adjust as necessary.
13. When you're happy, stitch the decorations into place Diag 3
14. Then re-fold the cone shape and stitch it down the overlapping edge to secure it Diag 4.

