

# Reindeer Jingle Bell Tutorial

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## Materials

- Large Jingle Bell –2” diameter
- Cotton Fabric or Natural Canvas
- Brown Felt or Wool
- Bead for Nose
- Black Paint (and Paintbrush)
- Ribbon
- Stuffing/Wadding

## Equipment

- Sewing Machine and Sewing Kit
- Fabric Stiffener (optional)
- Hot Glue Gun
- Crochet Hook



## Step 1. Print and Prepare.

Print the pattern on A4 paper and cut out all your pieces out of paper or card.

## Step 2. Cut Your Fabric.

You'll need 2 Head Pieces and 8 Leg Pieces. If you are using a different size bell you may need to adjust your shape size based on the size of your bell. Cut out two antlers out of brown felt or heavy wool fabric. If you prefer, you may paint the eyes on now. (see Step. 9)

## Step 3. Prepare to Sew.

Lay the head pieces right sides together and lay the antlers in place so that they are pointing inwards between the two layers. (There are marks on the pattern for extra guidance). Lay the leg pieces out right sides together, making four legs ready to sew.

#### **Step 4. Sew with a ¼" Seam.**

Sew around the perimeter of the head pieces with a ¼" seam, being sure to catch the bottom of the antlers at the top of the head, and leave at least a ½" hole at the bottom (for turning inside out). Sew legs around the perimeter leaving the top end open. (See pattern for guidance)



#### **Step 5. Turn out and Press.**

Using a large crochet hook or something with a blunt end, turn the pieces out and press.

#### **Step 6. Stuff It!**

Stuff the head and legs with wadding - stuff the legs only in the base – leave the upper bit empty.

#### **Step 7. Cut and Tie.**

Cut legs directly down the middle of the upper leg – stopping where the shape balloons out. Tie sides together tightly in a double knot.

#### **Step 8. Assemble.**

Using the blunt end of your crochet hook, stuff the legs into the four holes of the bell so that the knots fit inside and the legs slide through the grooves in the bell to rest at the bottom.





### Step 8. Assemble (con't)

Fit all legs into the four holes of the bell until all four legs are attached.

### Step 9. Give me Face!

Paint the eyes onto the head piece, using the back end of a paint brush to dot them on. (If you prefer you may do this before sewing- as in photo) Using your hot glue gun, attach a bead to the nose of your reindeer and then glue the head onto the body.



### Step 10. Hung Up!

String up with ribbon and hang!

### Floppy Antlers?

If your antlers are a bit floppy brush them with a few strokes of fabric stiffener and let dry.

### Can't find Jungle Bells?

try this with woven baubles, string baubles or other decorations.

