

# Dala Horse Ornaments



Make a collection of Swedish-inspired Dala horse ornaments to embellish your holiday tree or home décor. The ornaments are made from felt, with a contrast color of heat transfer vinyl applied for embellishment. The elements for the ornaments are all cut using your crafting machine, then sewn by hand after the vinyl embellishments have been applied. Instructions are for making one horse, and the finished size of one horse is approximately 5" x 5" (13cm x 13cm).

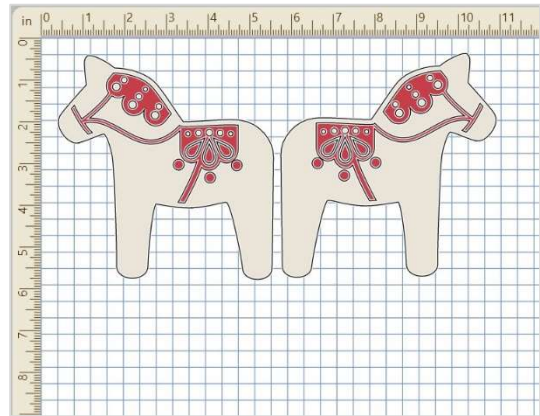
## What you need

- Felt (desired colors for each horse body)
- Heat Transfer Vinyl (for contrast embellishment on horse)
- Polyester Fiber Fill Stuffing
- Fabric Grip Mat 12" x 12"
- Standard Grip Mat 12" x 12"
- Rotary Blade
- Basic Blade
- Brayer

- Weeding Tool
- Heat Press or Iron
- Thread
- Hand Sewing Needle
- Chopstick
- Parchment Paper
- Painter's Tape (optional)
- Ribbon, Yarn or Monofilament Thread (optional, for hanging ornaments)

## Directions

1. Open the project in Canvas. Place the felt onto the Fabric Grip Mat. Use a Brayer to smooth out any wrinkles or bubbles. If desired, add a bit of Painter's Tape to help secure the felt to the mat at the corners to help prevent shifting during cutting.



2. Insert the Rotary Blade. Follow the steps to cut the desired number of horse shapes. You will need one front and one back for each complete horse ornament. Remove the cut shapes from the Fabric Grip Mat and set aside for now.
3. Place the Heat Transfer Vinyl onto the Standard Grip Mat. Insert the Basic Blade. Follow the steps to cut the vinyl embellishments for the horse front and back pieces. Use the Weeding Tool to weed the vinyl.

4. Place the vinyl onto the felt, taking care to leave a little “room” at the edges of the horse, so you have a place for the stitches. You won’t want to stitch through the vinyl. Place the parchment paper on top of all to protect the vinyl as you press. Use a Heat Press to apply the heat transfer vinyl elements to the horse shapes.



5. Thread a hand sewing needle with thread that matches the color of the felt. Place the horse front and back pieces together, with the vinyl sides facing outward. Hand-sew around the shape with an overcast stitch. Leave an opening at the ‘belly’ area of the horse for inserting the fiber fill stuffing.



6. Lightly stuff the horse ornament, taking care not to fill too much, as over-stuffing may cause the shape to distort or cause the felt to pull away from your stitches. You only need enough stuffing to provide a little bit of shape and dimension for the horse ornament. It may be helpful to use a chopstick to gently push the stuffing.



7. Hand-sew the opening at the belly where you stuffed the horse to finish. If desired, you can add a bit of ribbon, yarn, or monofilament thread/fishline to create a loop for hanging the ornament.

