

Tall Tales Ornament

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Finished Size: approx. 4 ¾" round

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Supply List

- Tall Tales Pattern (original, smaller size)
- Fabric scraps for book + 9" square for background
- 4" embroidery hoop
- 6" square of stiff felt
- 14" of pom-pom trim (I used 6mm diameter trim)
- 15" of baker's twine or ribbon of choice
- Pencil or marking pen
- Hot glue or craft glue

The Quilt Block

For this tutorial, you'll need my Tall Tales pattern in the original, smaller size. Print the pattern templates at 45% scale. When making the quilt block at this size, it's important to slow down and take your time to ensure you're accurately stitching on the lines. Finish the block with 2.5" borders (2.75" cut size) on all sides. Center and trim the finished block to measure approximately 5.5" square. Remove the papers from the back of the quilt block.

Ornament Assembly

- 1 Place your 6" felt square on a cutting mat and center the embroidery hoop on top of it. Using a pencil or marking pen, trace around the circle of the outside of the embroidery hoop. Trim along the marked line, and then lay the felt circle on top of the embroidery hoop to ensure the edges align nicely. Trim any excess felt that extends beyond the edges of the outer hoop. Set aside.
- 2 Loosen the screw on the embroidery hoop so that you can separate the inner and outer hoops. Place the inner hoop on a flat surface and center your finished Tall Tales block over top of it. Next, take the outer hoop and place it over the quilt block, ensuring you like the positioning of the quilt block. Push down gently over the inner hoop until the hoops are once again aligned. Tighten the screw to secure the inner and outer hoops together. (Fig. 1)



Ornament Assembly

- 3 Turn the hoop over and trim the fabric on the back, leaving approximately ½" of excess fabric all the way around the hoop. (Fig. 2)
- 4 Next, the excess fabric needs to be glued down. Using hot glue or craft glue, place a bead of glue along the inside of the back of the embroidery hoop. Then fold over and press the excess fabric into the glue, slowly working your way around the full circle of the hoop. (Fig. 3)



Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3

- 5 Still working on the back, take your felt circle and center it over the back of the embroidery hoop. Working a few inches at a time, lift the edge of the felt and place a bead of hot glue or craft glue on the back edge of the hoop. Press the felt gently down into the glue, securing in place. This backing gives the ornament a more finished look.
- 6 Turn the embroidery hoop over so that the right side is facing up. Grab your pom-pom trim, and starting on one side at the top of the hoop (either to the left or right of the screw), gently glue the trim in place along the entire outer edge of the hoop. As you get close to the other end of hoop, trim any excess length of pom-pom trim before glueing the last inch or two into place.
- 7 Nearly there! Thread a 15" length of baker's twine or ribbon through the middle of the screw, and tie a knot to create a finished hanging loop. Proudly hang your beautiful new handmade ornament on your Christmas tree or gift it to a good friend!