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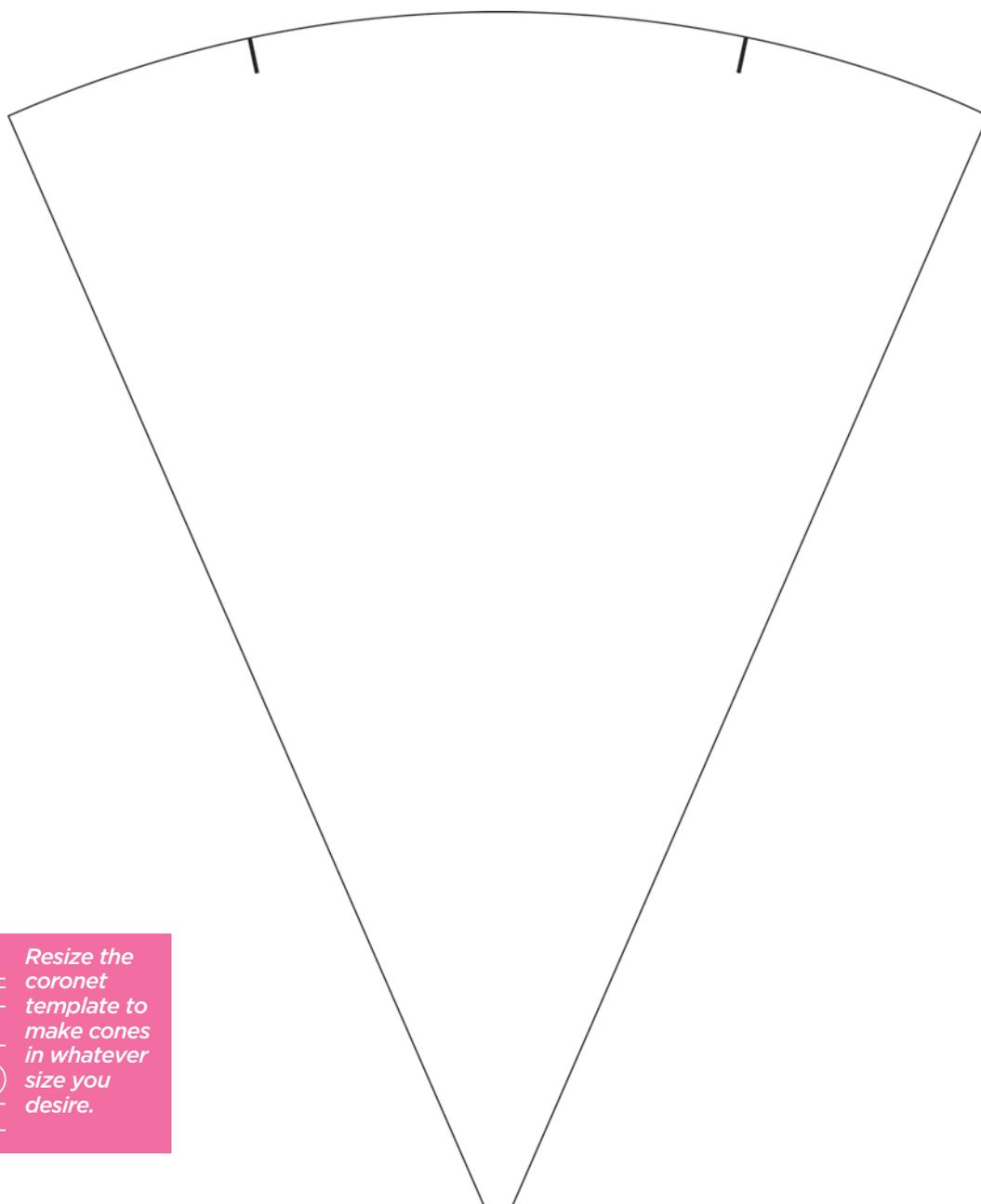
**Title:** Christmas coronets

**Designer:** Mia Underwood

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Made in pretty Scandinavian-style printed fabrics, these sweet hanging cones are easy to make and look a treat. Use the template to create the lined coronets, complete with ribbon and ric rac handles, then fill them with sweets, tiny presents or whatever you desire. Hang them on the tree or why not sew more and create an advent calendar?



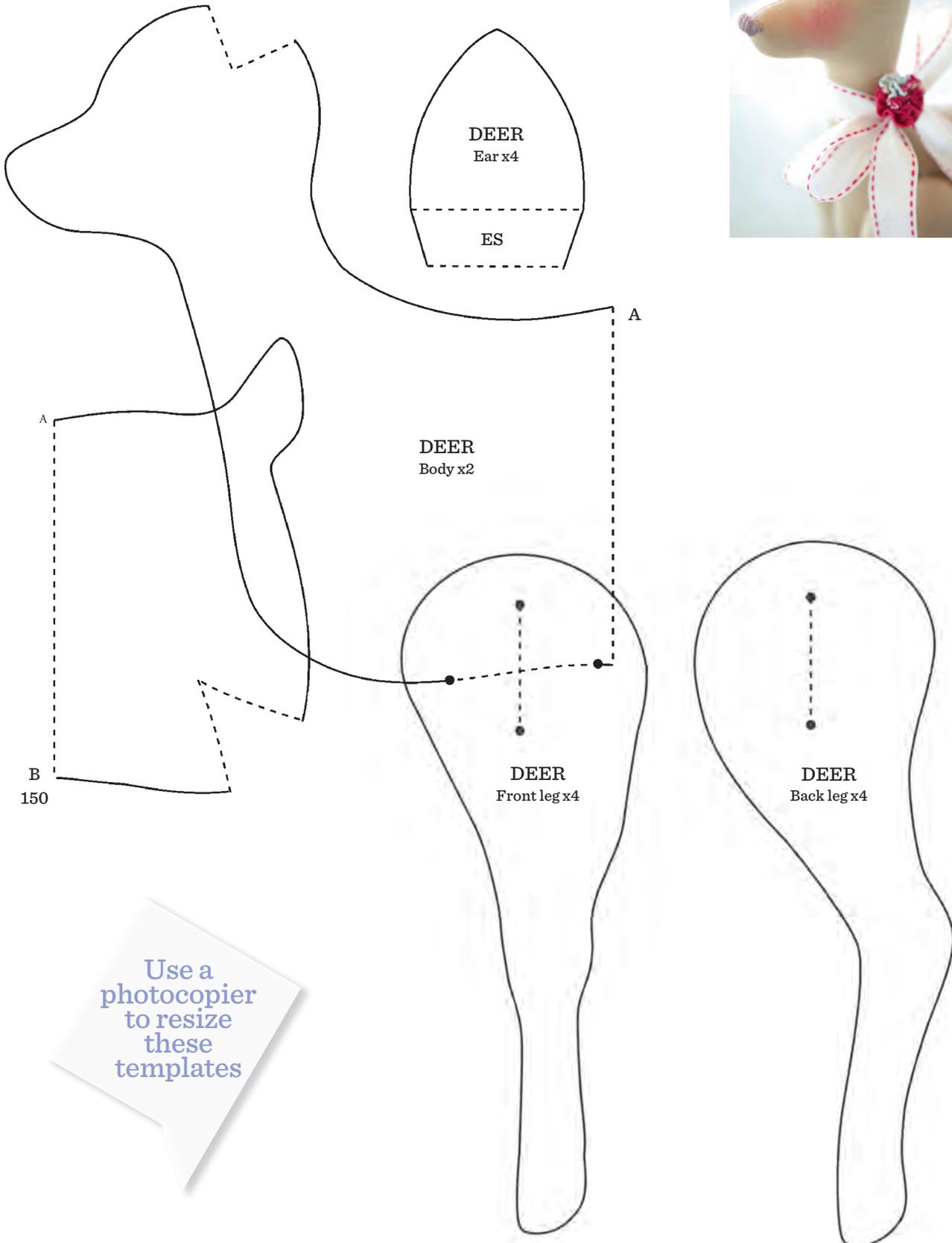
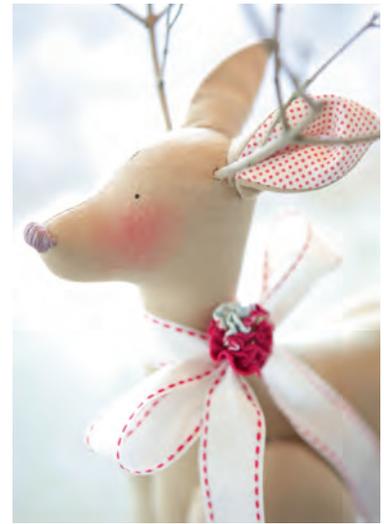
**HOT TIP**

*Resize the coronet template to make cones in whatever size you desire.*



**Title:** Bambi decoration  
**Designer:** Tone Finnanger  
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This adorable deer ornament from designer Tone Finnanger would make a stunning mantelpiece decoration. With Tilda's trademark flushed cheeks, inner ears in a pretty print and a dandy ribbon tied proudly around his neck, Bambi is sure to be a talking point among your Yuletide guests.



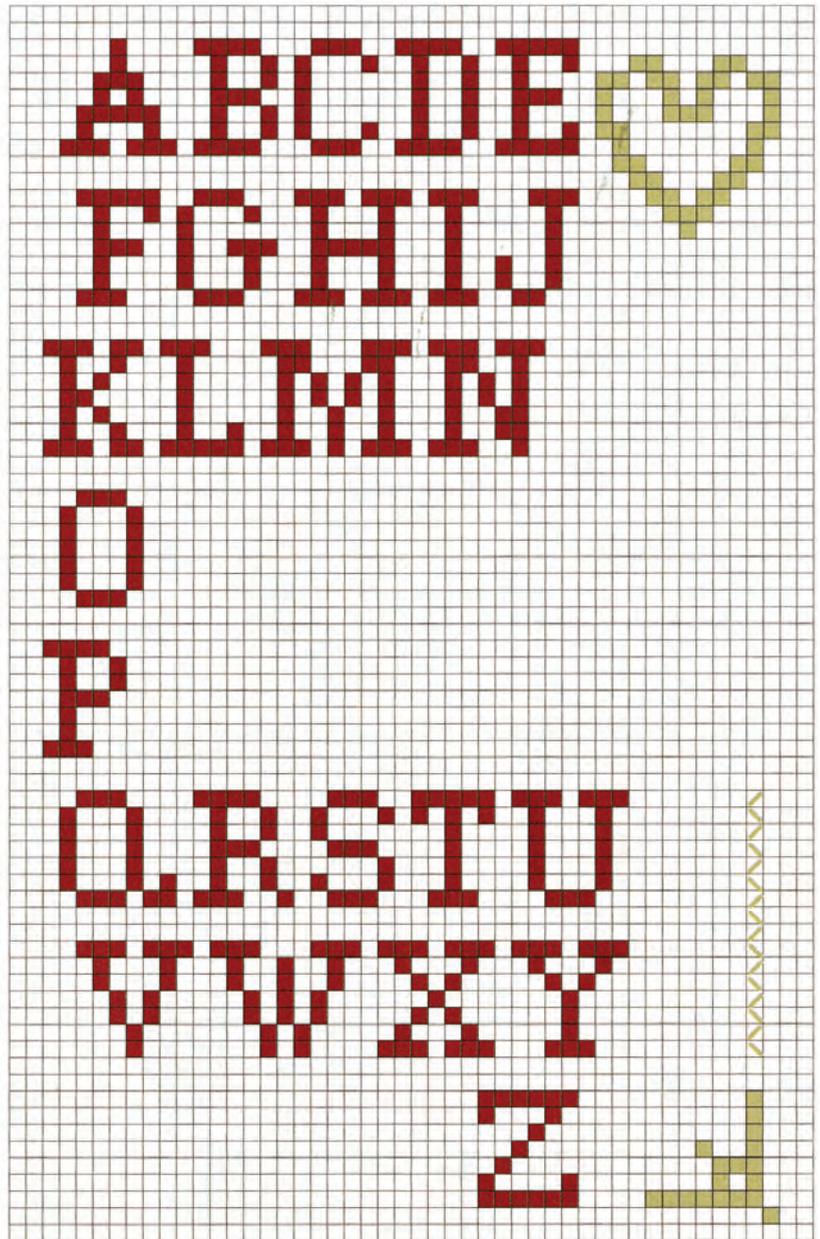
Use a photocopier to resize these templates

**Title:** Embroidered book cover  
**Designer:** Eline Pellinkhof  
**Page:** 12

If you love to cross stitch, then this beautiful book cover is an ideal present for an avid reader. Follow the chart to form the stitched alphabet on aida, then use vintage linen and oddments of pretty lace and delicate buttons to sew a truly thoughtful gift that's sure to be treasured for years to come.



Embellish  
your cover  
with vintage  
buttons and  
trims



## FOR CROSS STITCH SUCCESS

TOP TIPS...

- 1 Make sure you sit in good light - staring at plain fabric or aida trying to count the tiny stitches in front of you can be tricky, more so if you're not able to see your work clearly.
- 2 Always try to stitch the cross of each stitch in the same order, to keep a neat, uniform appearance.
- 3 Use an embroidery hoop to hold your fabric taut and flat. This will allow you to create even, neat stitches.
- 4 Store your unused thread by wrapping it around a bobbin - whether you use shop-bought ones or create your own from cardboard, it'll keep your yarns neat, tidy and untangled.



**Title:** Felt decorations  
**Designer:** Linda Lum DeBono  
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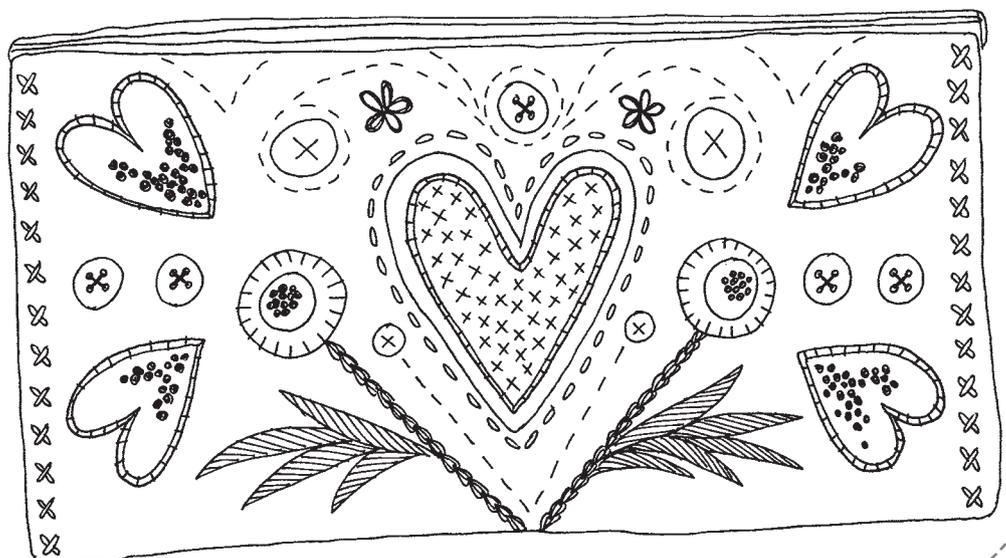


These sweet decorations are so easy to make. Simply use the templates to cut the shapes from coloured felt, then embroider the squirrel's features and create hanging loops from sparkling beads. Why not create a whole range of festive decorations from felt and embellishments from your stash to hang on your tree, or create a seasonal garland?



**Title:** Appliqué pencil case  
**Designer:** Karin Holmberg  
**Page:** 18  
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Stitch up this delightful gift for a friend or loved one to take pride of place on their desk. Follow the guide and use a combination of appliqué and embroidery techniques to create the design pictured, or why not have fun creating your own using similar elements? Finish your make with beads and embellishments from your sewing box for a stash-busting make that's practical too.





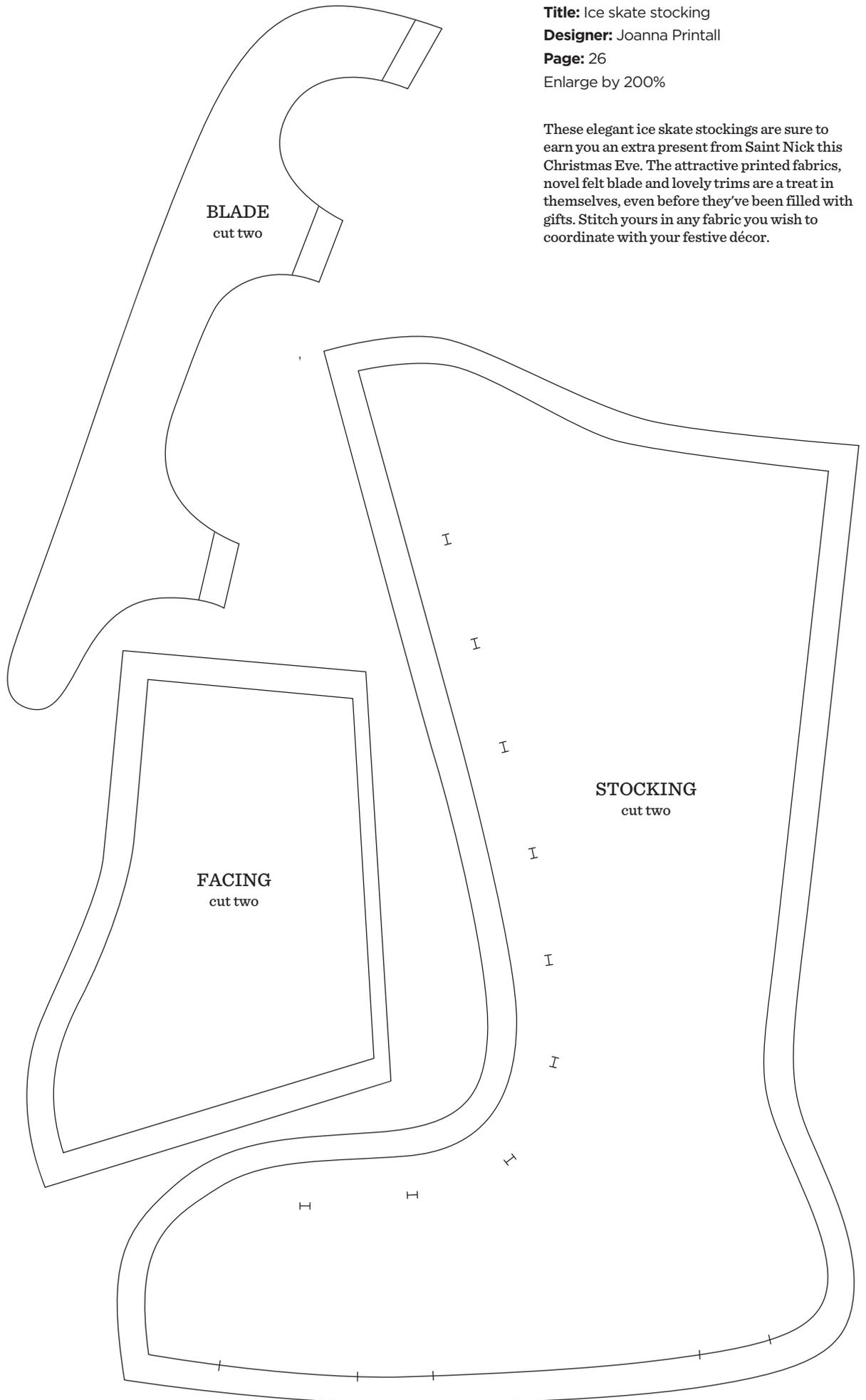
**Title:** Ice skate stocking

**Designer:** Joanna Printall

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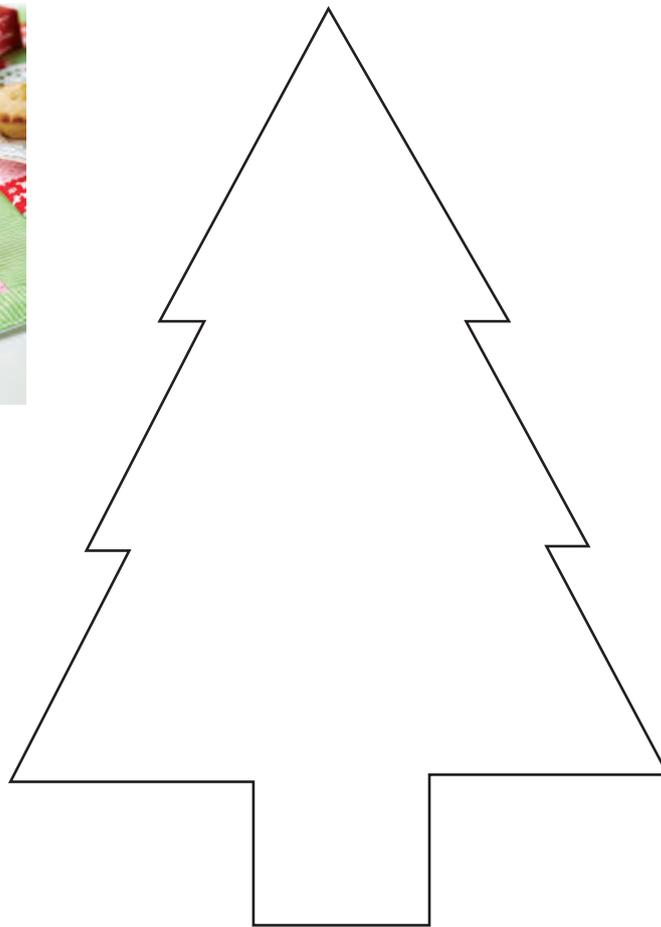
These elegant ice skate stockings are sure to earn you an extra present from Saint Nick this Christmas Eve. The attractive printed fabrics, novel felt blade and lovely trims are a treat in themselves, even before they've been filled with gifts. Stitch yours in any fabric you wish to coordinate with your festive décor.





**Title:** Table runner  
**Designer:** Corinne Bradd  
**Page:** 29

This heirloom table runner stitched using Westfalenstoffe fabrics is sure to take pride of place on your Christmas setting. Although it looks impressive, the patchwork is reasonably simple to piece; it's made from coordinating strips and squares, then use the motif here to appliqué the larger blocks. Plus, it's machine washable, so don't worry if uncle slops the gravy again!

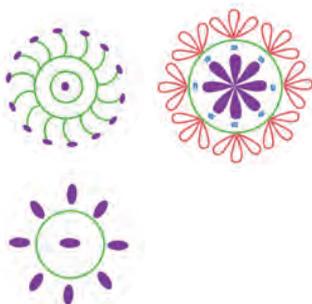


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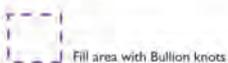
- 1** Measure twice and cut once! A sharp blade will make cutting accurately much easier too.
- 2** Remember to press the seams to the side at each stage using a dry iron or just a little steam.
- 3** Always use the same weight of fabrics in one quilt otherwise it may not drape properly.
- 4** Wash and iron your fabrics before you begin to prevent shrinkage or colour bleeds.
- 5** Make sure you buy everything you need before you start, making sure you allow plenty for mistakes as most patchwork fabrics are only available for a limited period of time.

**Title:** Reindeer pillow  
**Designer:** Clare Youngs  
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Made from soft, felted wool, this cuddly cushion is just what you need for cosying up this Christmas. Transfer these guides using carbon paper and work the folk-style reindeer motif using white thread and a mix of embroidery stitches for a striking effect. Plus, the lively contrasting label is a delightful finishing touch.



-  Fern stitch
-  Whipped back stitch
-  Seed stitch
-  Chain stitch (detached)
-  Bullion knot



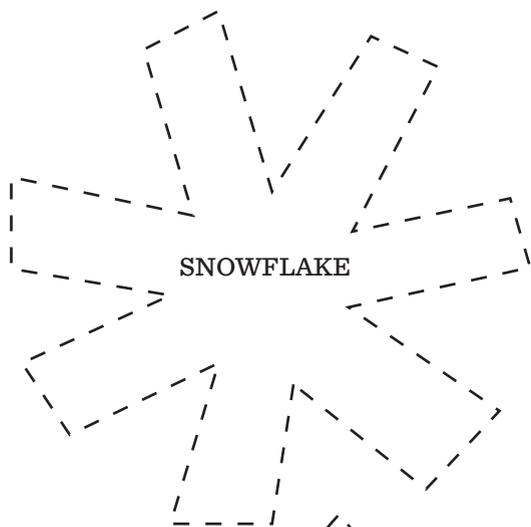


**Title:** Festive bird

**Designer:** Madeleine Millington

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This cute bird decoration is certainly something to tweet about. Stitch it using felt scraps and embellish with beads and buttons of your choice. Why not make a whole flock in different colours?



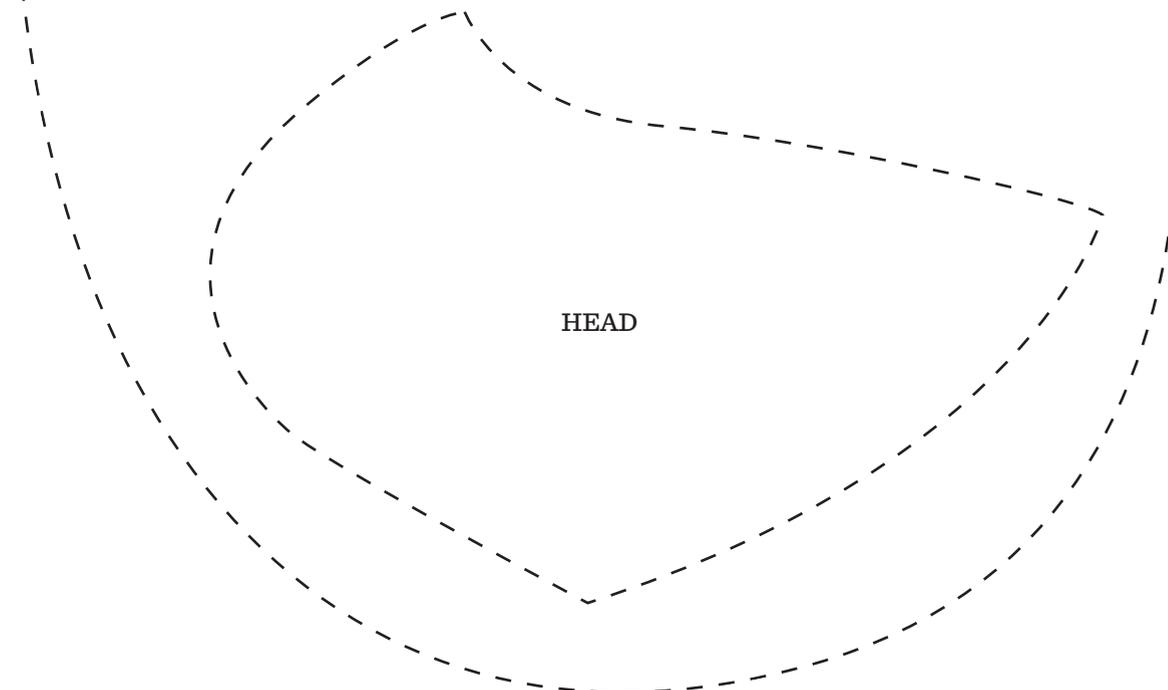
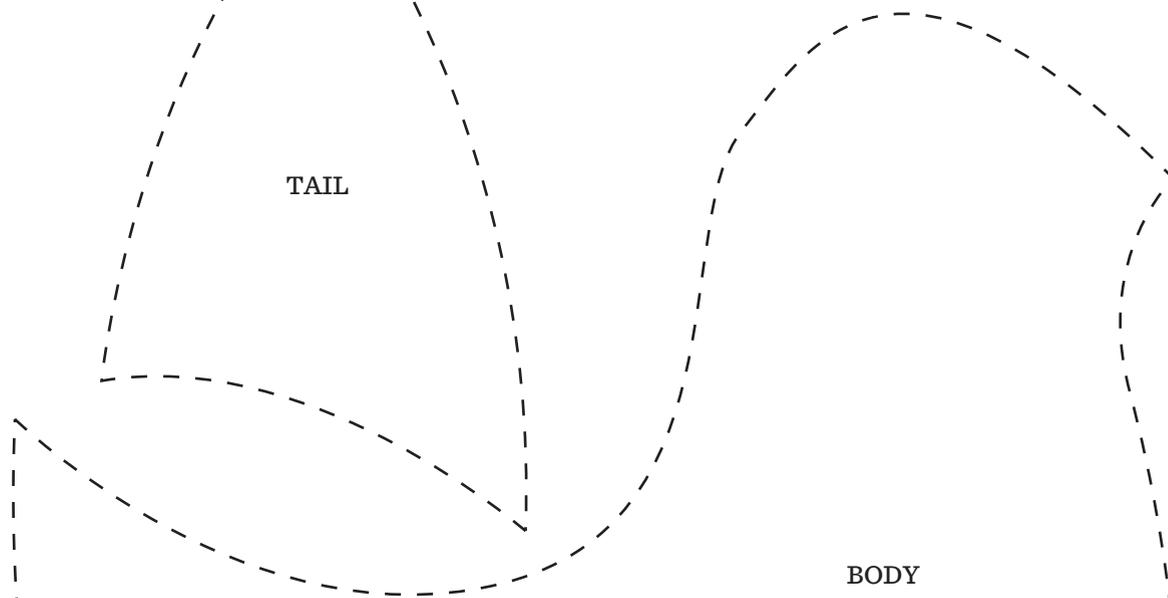
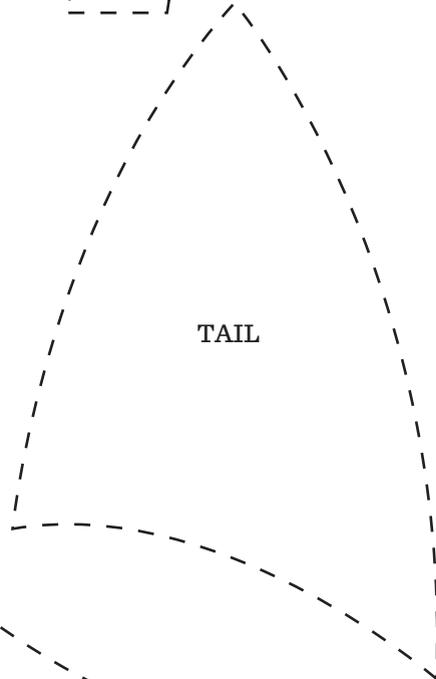
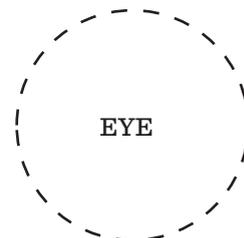
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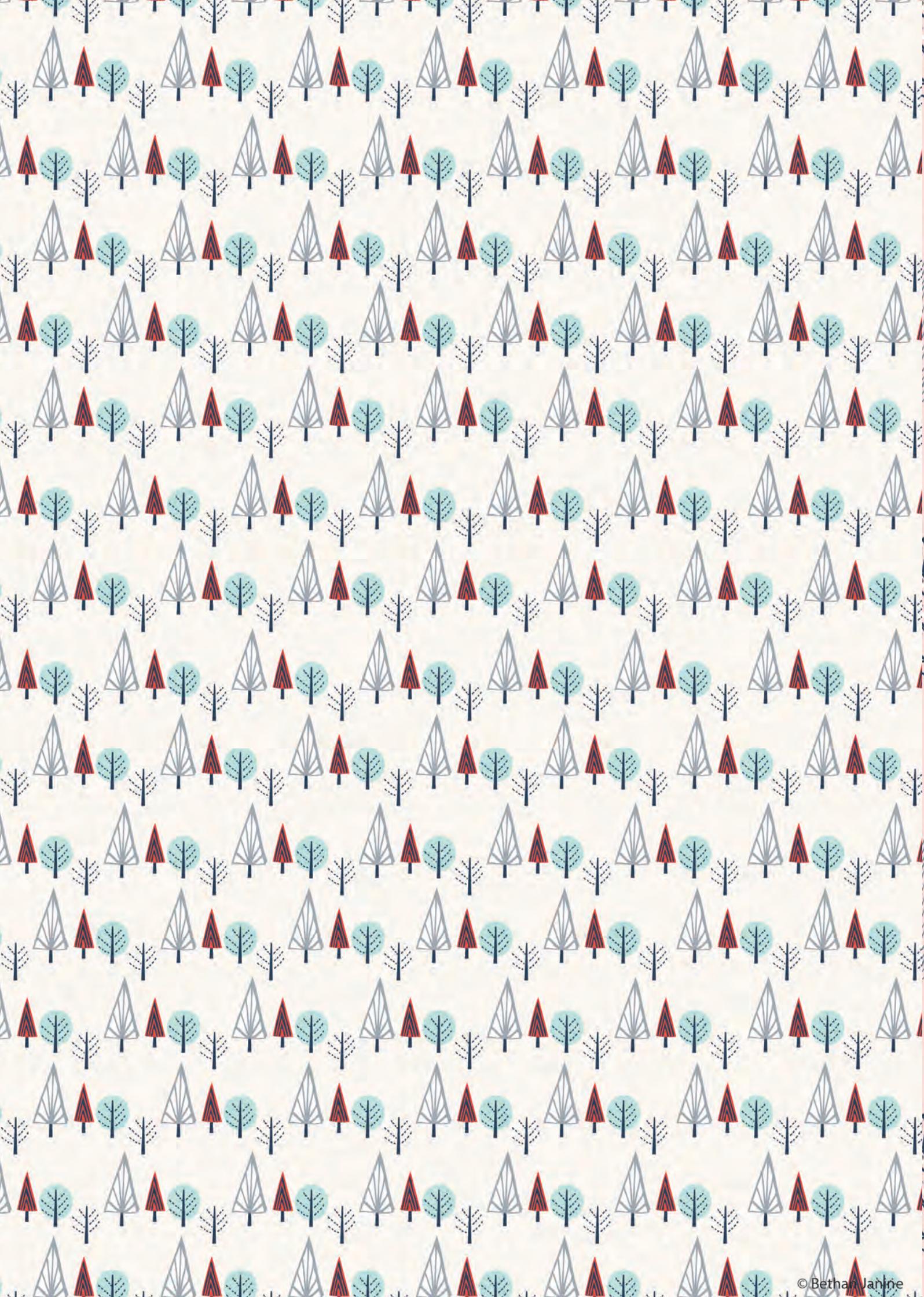
**Title:** Rose hip mittens  
**Designer:** Karin Holmberg  
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Protect your digits this winter with a pair of gorgeous embroidered mittens. Use woollen threads in various colours to work long stitches to form the motif provided onto an existing pair of gloves, or create your own from knitted fabric or broadcloth.

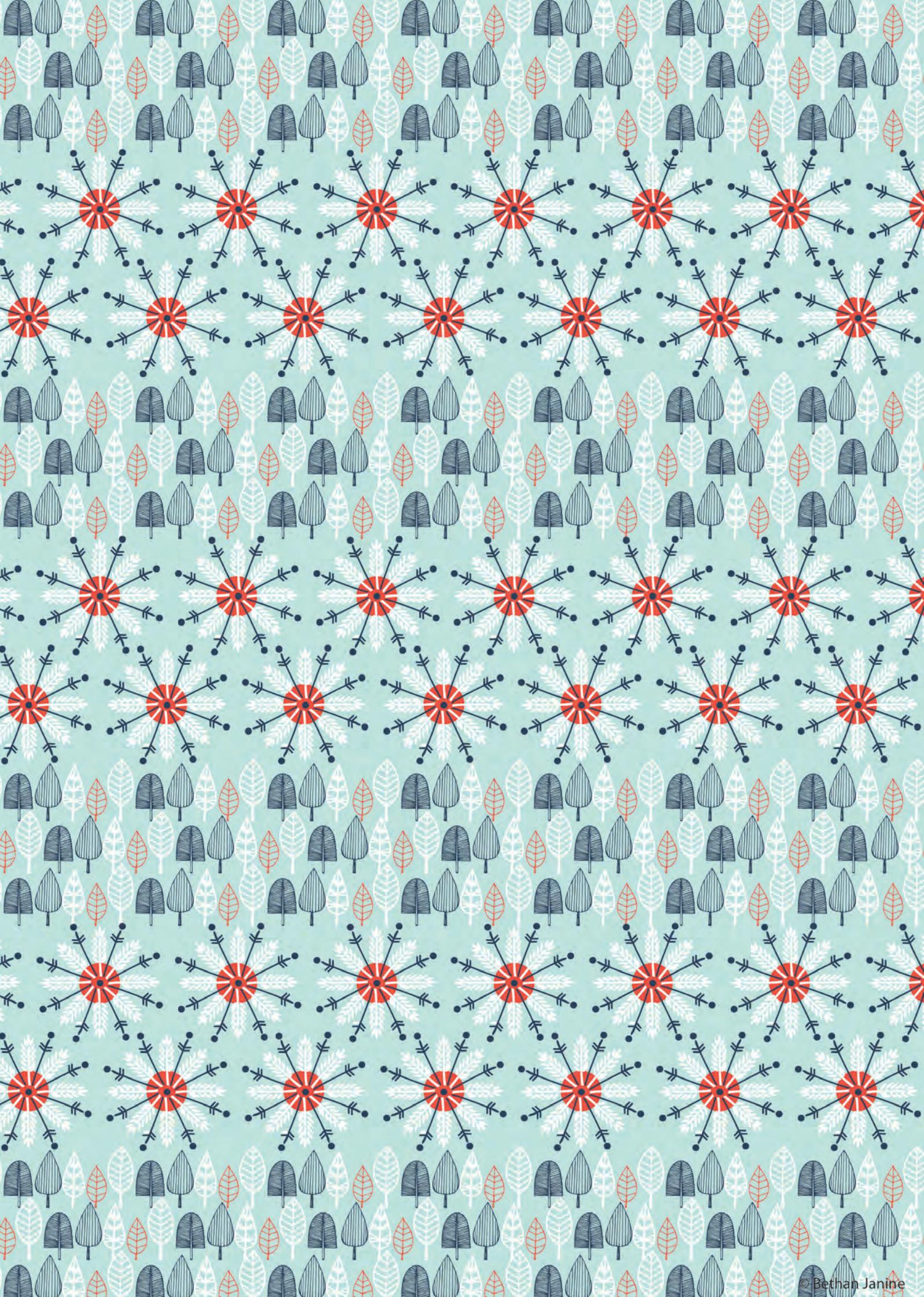


**HOTTIP** Embroider other winter warmers like hats and scarves in the same way to make a complete set.











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The traditional patterns and motifs of **Scandinavia** lend themselves perfectly to cross stitch, which is why we've created these **exclusive** designs for you to sew. Use them to adorn the front of an extra-**special** greeting, or frame your handiwork and use them as striking festive **decorations**.

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