

Kreinik

Retro Felt Ornament

Remember the 1950s, 60s and 70s when handmade felt ornaments were all the rage? Filled with sequins, their shimmer made a Christmas tree fanciful and fun compared to satin-covered, solid-colored ball ornaments. We have reproduced a common motif, the gift-wrapped box, in felt, sequins and metallic threads for a modern-day ornament.

Materials needed:

- Kreinik Fine #8 Braid in 003 Red and 002 Gold
- Crewel needle (a sharp needle with a large eye, large enough to accommodate the metallic Braid)
- Felt:
 - white, two pieces each cut to 2.75 inches by 2.75 inches
 - red, four cut into stripes that are 2.75 inches high by 1/4 inch wide
 - metallic green (or your favorite color), cut to fit the template, and two stripes that are 2.75 inches by 1/4 inch.
- Kreinik Treasure Tape, two 4" x 6" pieces (heavy duty double sided tape)
- about 14 small gold sequins

Instructions:

1. Lay your green and red felt pieces on one of your white squares to test the layout. Trim some of the strips if desired (see our model, where we varied the width of the red strips).
2. With gold #8 Braid, attach sequins to two red strips using French Knots.
3. Using double-sided tape, adhere red and green strips to the front side of one of your white felt squares. See our model for placement suggestion.
4. Using red #8 Braid, make large cross stitches on top of the green strips.
5. If desired, add other decorative stitches with your Braid.
6. When stitching is complete, adhere the second white piece of felt to the back of your decorated piece using the double-sided tape (this gives greater stability to the ornament).
6. Sew a length of gold or red Braid through the top and tie off to work as an ornament hanger.

