

# RUSTIC ORNAMENTS

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*LOVELY PROJECT FOR BEGINNERS*

## Tools & materials:

Final size: 9 cm x 9 cm,

✿ Pattern, cut out in cardboard or paper (seam allowances included):

**Front,** 7 X 7 cm

**Short Edge,** 8 X 2.5 cm

**Back,** 10.5 x 10.5 cm

**Long Edge,** 2.5 x 10 cm

**Hanging Loop,** 2.5 x 26 cm (create a bias tape with this pattern or use a ribbon instead)

✿ Fabric scraps (or fat quarters);

✿ Matching thread;

✿ Stuffing ;

✿ Ribbon, 26 cm (or follow the instructions to create a hanging loop from bias tape);

✿ Sewing machine;

✿ Sewer's chalk;

✿ A chopstick for stuffing;

✿ Iron + ironing board;

✿ Scissors;

✿ Pins;

✿ Sewing needle

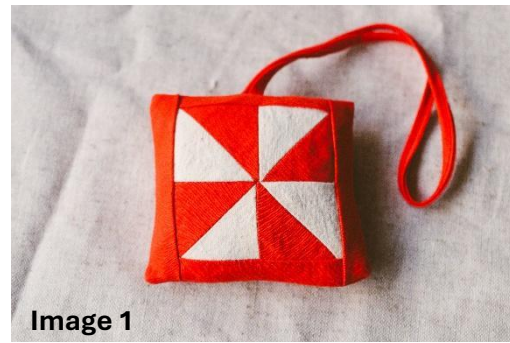


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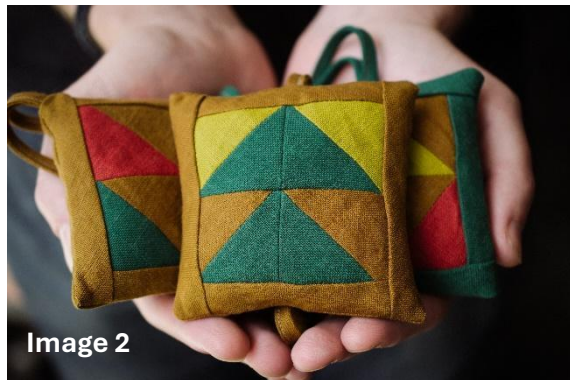


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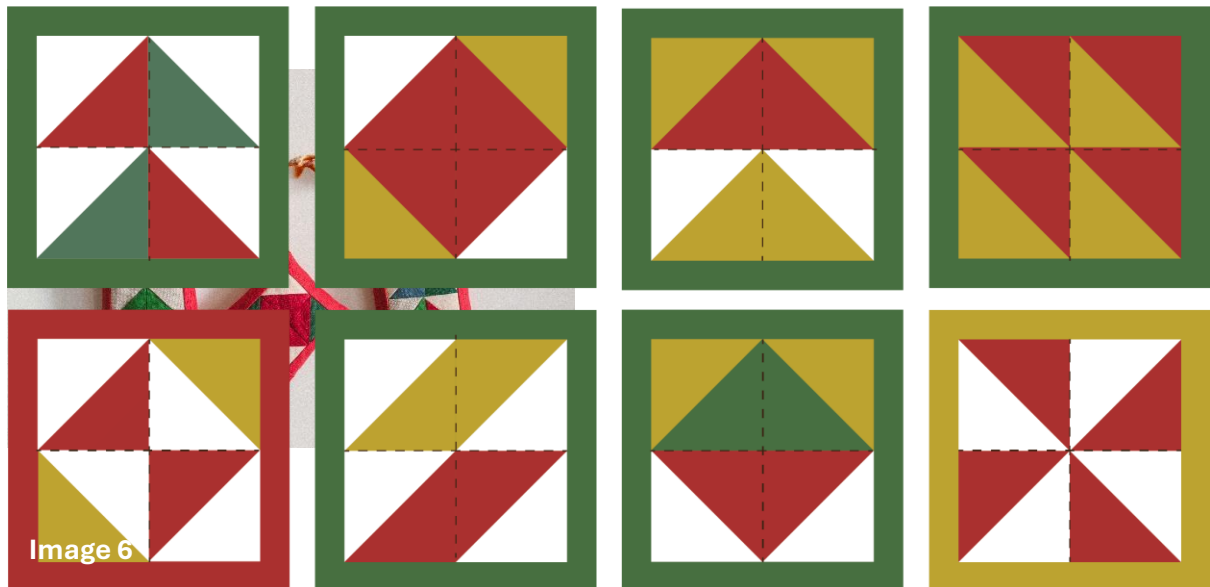


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## Instructions:

The instructions will cover the red & white colour combo ornament, but feel free to explore other colour choices and patchwork square arrangements.

Here are some diagrams for the reference:



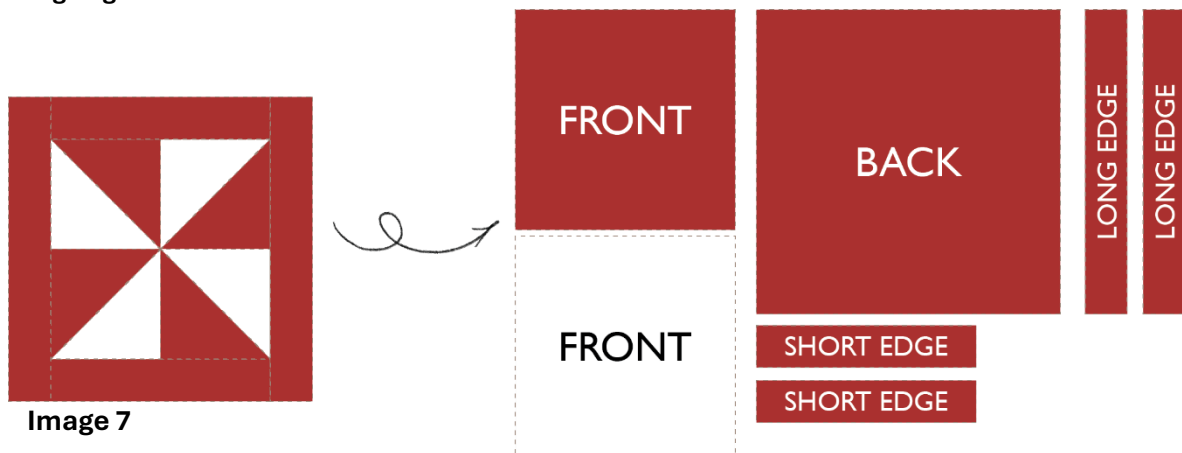
1. Cut out all fabric pieces (excluding Hanging Lopp which will be covered in later steps), iron well.

**Front** – cut 2 in red and white

**Short Edge** – cut 2

**Back** – cut 1

**Long Edge** – cut 2



2. Pin the red and white Front pieces right sides together.

3. Sew around the perimeter - 0.5 cm from the fabric edge. Trim the edges and cut corners off diagonally.



**Image 8**

4. Mark diagonal lines with chalk (corner to corner), cut along them.



**Image 9**



**Image 10**



**Image 11**

5. Iron seams well. You can either open the seam on both sides or iron the fabric allowance to the darker side.



6. Lay out your design consisting of four squares.

7. Sew ornaments together, 0.5 cm from the edge, two pieces at a time. Make sure to always match seams as you're sewing pieces together. Iron each seam as you go along. Never skip the ironing part.

### **Image 12**

8. Pin two Short Edge pieces to the main piece, sew along, 0.5 cm from the edge. Open seams and iron. Do the same with the Long Edge pieces.





Image 13



Image 14

9. Skip this step if you have a ribbon.

Cut your Hanging Loop piece on bias (diagonally) of your fabric piece. Fold in half and iron. Fold both edges toward the ironed centre. Iron the folded edges. Then fold in half once more and stitch 2 mm away from the edge to keep the sides together.



Image 15



Image 16



10. Pin the hanging loop to the front centre face of the patchwork piece.



Image 18

11. Pin the Back piece right sides together with the patchwork piece, loop tucked in neatly inside (so it doesn't get caught in seams). Stitch around the perimeter, 0.5 cm away from the edge, leaving the opening of about 3 cm (for turning inside out and stuffing).

Cut the corners off diagonally before turning inside out (so they're neat and pointy).



12. Turn the ornament inside out. Use a chopstick to help turn the corners out.



13. Stuff with the fibre of your choice.

Tip: if you've got any leftover fabric cut offs, too small to use for anything, mix them with the fibre. It will create a bit more weight to the ornament.



14. Close the opening with a ladder stitch if you want it to look super neat. Otherwise do an overcast stitch for a rustic feel.

**Tip:** if you have kids who can do a little stitching, allow them to decorate the back of the ornaments. They can embroider their name on a separate cloth that can be attached to the ornament. This way it will become a sweet memento to gift to grandparents or just hang on a tree.



Enjoy the result!