
Fabric Circles Necklace with Annabel Wrigley

Chapter 1 - Introduction

Overview

- I love looking at fabric and thinking of ways to transform it into great pieces of jewelry. Because we can never have enough jewelry, right? - Yeah. - So this is a great project for that because we can use up all our fabric scraps that we have lying around. And we have a lot of fabric scraps. The really fun part about it, turn it over, it's completely reversible. We have a bit of felt on the back. We used scraps of that as well. I promise if you can sew in a straight line, you can make this project. It's fun. It's quick and it's easy.

Chapter 2 - Materials

Materials

- We're going to talk about the supplies that we need for this project now. We don't need to many, and a lot of the stuff is what you might have lying around. We're going to start with a stack of felt scraps. I use wool felt, but you can use any kind of felt that you want. And we're going to need eight pieces. I've got three different colors, so I'm going to be cutting two in each color. I have a little stack of fabric scraps. I like to mix it up. I have some really bright ones, and then some more muted ones. I really love this gray one right here, it's really sweet. I'm going to be just using a simple toilet roll. I have my erasable pen, which is the Pilot FriXion pen, and that comes off with the iron. If you don't have one of those, or you can't get one of those, you can just use a regular erasable pen. We need a pair of scissors, neon twine. This is a nylon twine that I just picked up from The Home Depot, and it comes in a million different awesome colors. And we're going to be using this great new product called Phoomph. It's a stiffener that goes between fabric, and it has adhesive on both sides, so it's really easy to use, and you don't need an iron for it. If you can't get your hands on that, you can always use a stiff interfacing that's fusible with the iron, that's no problem at all. And of course, we're going to need a sewing machine for this project.

Chapter 3 - Prep Circles

Trace and cut circles

- We're gonna start by tracing our circles onto our foamth material and you'll see this paper on both sides and then there's kinda like a foam core on the inside that's got adhesive on both sides. So we're gonna use a toilet roll and a pencil. We're gonna trace around the toilet roll and we're gonna trace eight circles. Make sure you trace close to the edge of the foamth because then you can save the extra for another project. Great job! So now we gonna cut these out, maybe we can cut a few each, right? So cut that out. And then we have this piece that we can use for another project. There's some for you. Don't worry if your circles are a little bit off I'm just making this one a little bit more circular. It's still gonna look really great. We have our eight circles now and we're ready to move on. So what we need to do is grab your fabric scrap and turn it with the right side facing down. We wanna be working with the wrong side of the fabric. And I'm gonna take one of my circles and I'm gonna carefully peel off the backing paper on one side and this is sticky to the touch. And I'm gonna place it down and give it a little press on to the fabric. And then I'm gonna give this to your Ruby 'cause I want you to cut around the circle. There you go. And whilst she's doing that I'm just gonna go ahead and place the circles on to all the fabric pieces and get them ready for

Ruby to cut. And while Ruby finishes working on the last two circles I'm gonna work on the other side which is attaching the felt. We're gonna peel the backing off this fabric circle. You'll see that there's paper on the back of this one as well. So I'm gonna peel that off. And that's sticky as well. I'm gonna put it down in the center of our felt. And I'm gonna continue doing this just like before Ruby's gonna be the cutter and I'm gonna be the sticker. Have a look at the fabric and felt combinations that you're using and it's fun to try and match them up with something that looks good on the other side. So I think I like this green with the gray.

Chapter 4 - Create Necklace

Sew circles

- We've cut all our circles, you'll see we have eight here and now we're gonna move on to sewing this really sweet snowflake pattern onto each one and I've done that in a neon thread, but you can use any colored, kind of bright colored thread looks best. You can eyeball this snowball because you're only really sewing straight across and in between, but if you're worried about that, you can always use your trusty erasable pen. You can draw a snowflake pattern onto your circle just by drawing straight lines in a cross to start and then you're gonna draw a line in between each one just like that and we're gonna use that as our stitch line if you're a bit nervous about doing it the other way. We're gonna take the snowflake design on our circle and we're gonna sew that, so remember how we want to sew on the line like this, and we're just gonna sew all the way to the center. (sewing machine whirring) Great, so we're gonna lift up the foot, turn the hand wheel to bring the needle out, and we're gonna pull it out and trim nice and close and then we're gonna put it under again and we're gonna sew in the opposite direction. (sewing machine whirring) Okay. And you're gonna sew on those opposite lines as well now. (sewing machine whirring) Do your best with this part, but it doesn't have to be perfect, it kind of adds to the sketchy quality of it, which I really like. Make sure that you trim your threads as you go along, Ruby's just doing them as she gets to them. And let's finish our last one and then we'll trim off all the rest of the threads. (sewing machine whirring) So we're just gonna trim off the last of our threads. This is a really great beginning sewing project because it's straight lines but you can be very free-form with it, it doesn't matter if you make mistakes, it's gonna look great anyway. But if you're a little bit worried about it, you can always go back to my infinity scarf project and you'll see that there's a great exercise in there to help you get really confident with your sewing skills. So we're gonna continue on and we're gonna do all the rest of our circles in the exact same way. For this one Ruby's just gonna eyeball it. (sewing machine whirring) Always start off with a nice long tail of thread before you begin. (sewing machine whirring) And just one more to complete the snowflake. (sewing machine whirring)

Sew bib

- We're finished sewing all of the snowflake patterns onto our little circles. Remember, if you used a pen, just iron it with an iron so that, that mark goes away. We're gonna work now on creating the design for our necklace. There's a really simple pattern that we're gonna follow to put all of this together to make our necklace. We start off with one. I'm gonna put that right there. And then our next row is going to be two circles. And I like to use different colored felt, because when we flip it over to be reversible, we don't want the same colored felt beside each other, so I have a white, a blue, and a yellow here. Our colors of our fabric are all different, so they all work well together. And then our next row is going to be three. Just making sure that nothing is together. Let me put that there and this one here. And then to finish it off, we're going to put one here, and one here. And this is where

we'll be attaching a string for hanging around your neck. We're gonna be joining our rows of circles together, and we're gonna start with our first row of two right here, and we're gonna take them to the machine. And we're gonna put the blue one in first, and put that foot down. And then we're gonna butt this one up right beside it, and we're gonna start sewing. We wanna make sure that these two are together as we sew are line through, and we're gonna sew right to the end. And it really doesn't matter if you stay on these snowflake lines. They're gonna get all lining all over them anyway, and that's part of the beauty and part of how gorgeously sketchy this necklace is. So let's just sew this one, Ruby, and we're gonna go right to this end. And she's just got those two joined together, and we're gonna stop at the end, put the needle down. You might wanna go back a little bit. Yep. And then we're going to lift the foot, and turn it around, and go back again to where we started. And that's just gonna create a nice strong join right here. Perfect. And you can just take that out. And that's our first row done. So now we're gonna do the exact same thing with our third row right here, this row of three. Try to remember the order that you put your circles together. Because when you laid them out and you had them in the right order so that the felt colors went side by side. So, I just put them here so they're in order. And as that moves through the machine, we're gonna add the third one so it's ready to go. And once again, we're gonna right to the end and stop right there, put the needle down, lift the foot, turn it around, and head back in the same direction. Great. And this is our third row finished. And now we wanna work on attaching that second and third row to each other, before we attach these singles on there. So, we're just gonna work by sewing a little zigzag pattern. We're gonna start from the center of this one. We're gonna go down like this in kind of zigzag pattern, and then go back over it once more time. So, this looks good. I think we're ready to move it over to the machine and get sewing. Starting right here, that's perfect. Put the foot down, and then we're gonna put this second row in there, and we're gonna kind of work. Let's just put that on an angle a little bit. We're gonna work and sew down to this center of this green one right here. Great, and then we're gonna lift the foot and turn it. And we're gonna sew to the center of this one. And you'll see a really lovely pattern emerging on here from all the stitches. It's looking really sketchy and fun. I love it. Keep going. Great. Put the needle down, and then we're gonna turn around and just go back the way we came. And that's just gonna make it extra secure. Look at how great that is looking. I think it looks really beautiful. And if you flip it over, you can see how amazing that looks on the back. So, the last thing that we wanna do to finish off this main part of our necklace is to attach these singles. We have these two. We're gonna start off by attaching the bottom one here. And we're gonna do that by sewing from the center of this one down there, up there, and then back again. Really simple. We're gonna put that one in there, and remember we're gonna keep it butted up really close, and we're just gonna sew down to the center of the pink one. Awesome. And then we're gonna lift that foot, and we're gonna turn it around, and we're gonna head back again. I always want you to go over each little section twice just to make sure that the stitching between each circle is really secure, because you don't want our necklace falling apart. Great. I think that's looking pretty good. One more right there. And then we're just gonna attach the last two. So, for this one, we're gonna take from the center of the top just to here and back twice and the same again on this side. And here's your last one. That's looking great. You'll see you have a lot of threads coming off it, so we're just gonna trim those threads. I'll do that for you. But I think it's looking fantastic. What do you think? Yeah.

Add cord

- You're almost at the end of this project and all we have left to do is attach the string on either side

of the necklace. We're just gonna sew that on with the sewing machine here. Cut a length, cause we're gonna make it adjustable, I'm gonna take this twine and I'm gonna cut it in half like this. I think that's gonna be plenty long enough. We're just going to attach the twine right here. We're gonna hold it down with our finger and Ruby's gonna give that a really quick stitch. We want to make sure as we hold that down that we sew right down the center and then maybe do a little backstitch as well. Just do a couple of stitches, perfect. Go backwards, maybe do that one more time and back again. Perfect, now take that out. Excellent, and that should be pretty secure right there. We're gonna go ahead and add the string to the other side just like we did to the first side and then you're done. You've actually finished this gorgeous necklace. It's beautiful, right? - Yeah. - I think you should wear it and I think you should go home and collect all of your fabric scraps and felt scraps and make them for all your friends, make them for gifts, and just go out and rock your awesome necklace. I think it looks great.