

# Sewing Angel

## Supplies:

Felt  
Embroidery thread  
Sewing thread  
Selection of yarns for arms, legs, and hair  
Buttons, beads, charms, confetti to decorate the Angel  
Small stick (small skewer, popsicle stick, etc.)  
Cotton wings: cotton fabric, interfacing or felt for stiffening the wings

## Tools:

Embroidery needles  
Scissors  
Pins

### Step 1:

Cut out pattern pieces from felt (2 of each piece). It's easiest to cut out one of each first, then use each felt piece to cut out the second piece. That way, the second piece will be exactly the same as the first. I find it hard to cut two pieces of felt at the same time with much accuracy.

### Step 2:

Embroider/embellish face on head; embroider/embellish body and wings.

### Step 3:

Cut the yarn into the length you want for the legs and arms. Use regular sewing thread to baste them onto the back of the body. Work from the right side of the felt, so you can take the threads out after the doll is finished (the yarn should go IN BETWEEN the two pieces of felt!). It doesn't matter if you attach the yarn to the front or the back of the doll.

Lay yarn onto head and determine length of hair. It's easiest to loop the yarn up and down, rather than cutting it to length. Baste yarn onto head. Trim yarn if desired.

### Step 4:

Cotton fabric wings:

Draw the wing pattern onto the RIGHT side of the cotton (the line will get covered up by your embroidery); DO NOT CUT OUT THE WINGS YET! Layer the cotton wrong sides together with felt or interfacing between the two layers. Chain stitch around the wings, following the pattern line. Cut close to the chain stitching without cutting any stitches, then using a very close buttonhole stitch, go around the outside of the wings. Instead of knotting new threads, slide the needle and thread under existing stitches, and start the thread by going through the edge of the last buttonhole stitch. End up the same way, threading the needle through existing stitches, and clip thread close.

Felt wings:

Sew together using a blanket stitch; I usually attach one felt wing to the body first, then sew the wings together. This hides the attaching stitches, and it's not too difficult to sew the wings together with a blanket stitch.

### Step 5:

Attach wings to back of doll, BEFORE sewing her together! using the centerline.

Step 6:

Now take the small stick and attach it to the inside of the back body so that part of the stick “sticks up” above the body. I try to stitch it onto the body so the wings will hide any stitches. The head will go onto the “sticking up” part of the stick. Sew the head together, leaving a loose area at the neck to slide the stick into; use a blanket stitch to sew the head together.

Step 7:

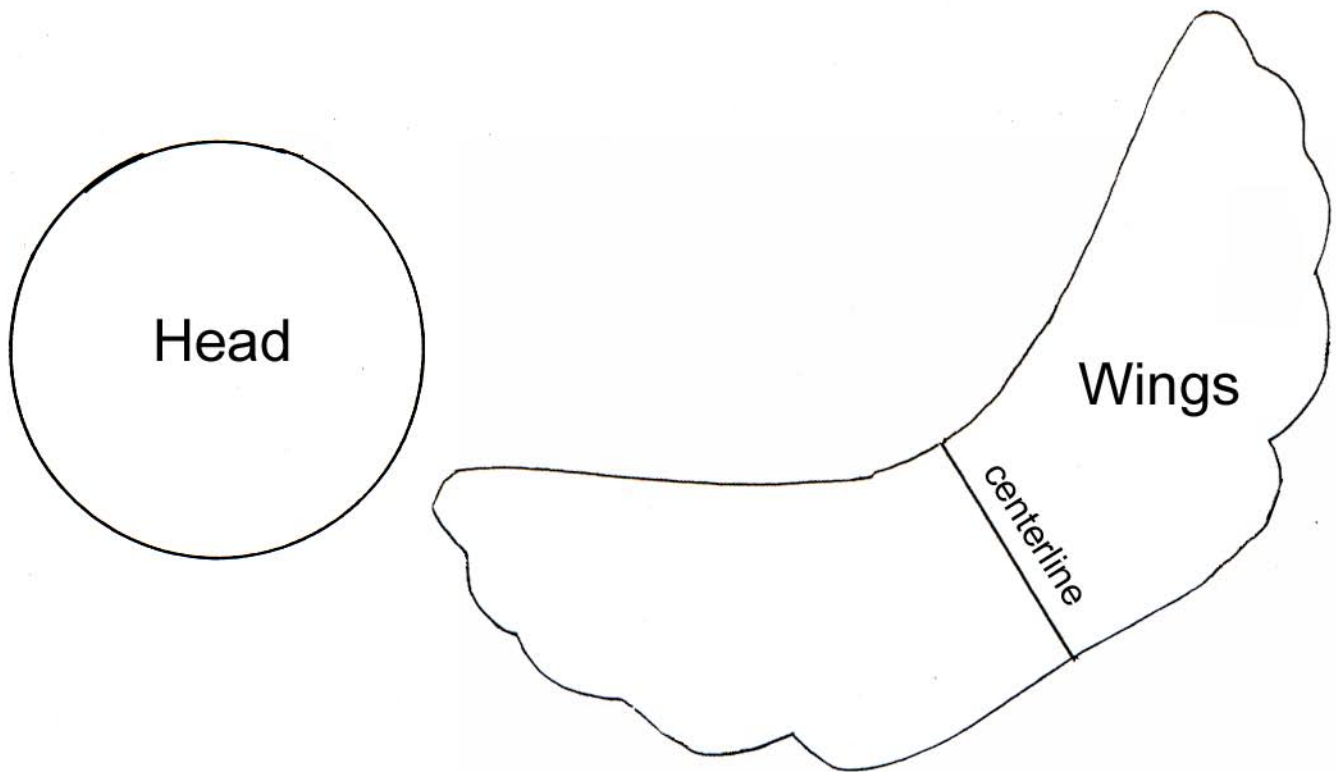
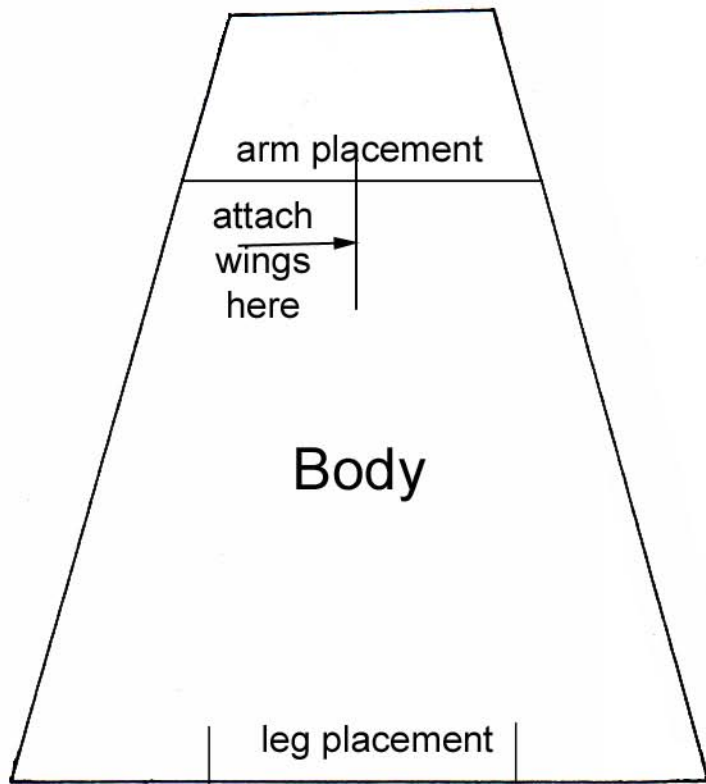
Use a blanket stitch to sew the body together. Attach a loop to her head for hanging, or a pin back to wear on your lapel.

Voila! Your sewing angel is ready to protect you from the pricks and cuts of sewing!

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Based on "Dangerous Women", by Aisling D'Art,  
<http://www.wildartdolls.com/free-doll-patterns/patternpix/dangwomen.gif>