

free projects

Button & Felt Flowers

Pick a bouquet of Button & Felt Flowers to share with your friends any time of the year—or make a bunch ahead for giving little handmade gifts at Christmas time. This simple project is one of dozens of original gift and decorating ideas in *Gooseberry Patch Christmas, Book 11*. The 160-page annual book also presents 100 delicious recipes for holiday entertaining and gifts.



The Button & Felt Flowers project is from the Gifts to Delight section of the Oxmoor House/Leisure Arts book, *Gooseberry Patch Christmas, Book 11* (#108488 soft cover). With exciting projects for gifts and decor, plus fabulous recipes for yummy foods, volume eleven of the Gooseberry Patch Christmas series helps readers celebrate the season as never before! This 160-page colorful book is chock-full of 98 creative inspirations and how-to's for decorating and gifts. Decorating themes include snowman figures, Santa silhouettes, peppermint-inspired kitchen decor, using a live Christmas tree, felt ornaments, and a variety of stockings to make. Gifts include handmade jewelry, a quilted tote bag, a knit pillow, baby booties, and pet items. How about fun ways to present these original gifts? The Greetings and Gift Wrap section offers lots of great ideas for cards and cheery designs that convey sweet thoughts of the season. Since no Yuletide is complete without an abundance of delicious dishes, readers will be delighted to find 100 recipes for meals, snacks, desserts, entertaining, and gifts. Food themes include Tried and True, Friendship Tea, Just Mix It!, Simply Wonderful, Delightful Desserts, and Food for Friends. More than 200 lovely photos will inspire readers to get creative for Christmas this year! Ask for the newest *Gooseberry Patch Christmas* at stores nationwide or find it online at www.theleisureboutique.com.

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- marbled wool felt
- paper-backed fusible web
- tracing paper
- large-eye needle
- 22-gauge brown plastic-coated wire
- wire cutters
- assorted flat and shank buttons
- 16-gauge silver wire
- hot glue gun (optional)
- glass jar with flower frog lid
- Design Master® Wood Tone Spray

1. To stabilize the felt, fuse web to the back of each felt color; fuse a same-color felt piece to the back. Use the patterns on page 3 and cut felt flowers and leaves. Pierce 2 holes $\frac{1}{8}$ " apart through the center of each flower and one hole through one end of each leaf with the needle.

2. For each flower, thread half of a 1-yard brown wire length through one hole in the flower, one side of a large flat button (or 2) and through a shank button. Thread the wire back through the other side of the flat button and the flower. Wrap the brown wire ends around a 9" to 12" silver wire stem, attaching leaves to the stem as you go.
3. Add hot glue to the base of the shank button as desired for stability.
4. Remove the lid from the jar. In a well-ventilated area, apply wood tone spray to the lid. Pour buttons into the jar and replace the lid. Arrange the flowers in the jar.

Felt Flowers & Leaves Patterns

