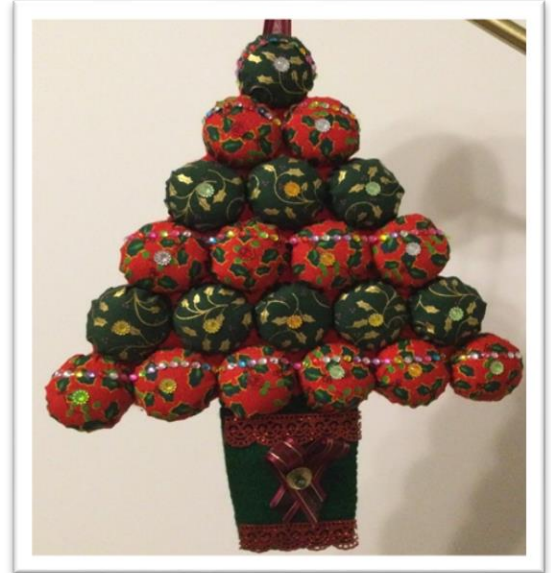


MILK BOTTLE TOP TREES

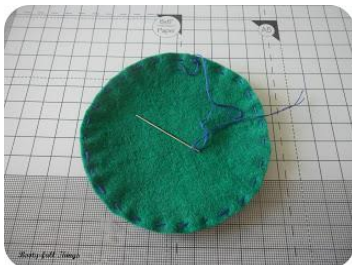
- Same number of each of (21) if bottom row has six puffs, plus 5 if making a base
 - Milk bottle tops
 - Cotton wool balls
 - Fabric / felt cut into 4inch circles.
 - A piece of felt to cover the back of the tree
 - If using fabric choose a same print.
- Plus
 - Small piece of card as template
 - Needle
 - Thread
 - A few buttons or sequins for decoration – optional
 - Fabric for tree stand if not using bottle tops
 - Glue



INSTRUCTIONS

Draw a circle measuring approx. 9 cm / 4inches across, on your scrap of card. Cut this out, it will be your template.

Using your template, cut 21 discs of fabric or felt



Tie a knot in a length of thread. Using a running stitch, stitch around the edge of one disc. Keep the needle attached, you will need this to sew in the ends.

Take the first bottle top and fill the middle of circle.



Fill the middle with 1 cotton wool ball

Place the filled bottle top upside down in the middle of your disc.



Pull the thread end tightly, to close up the disc around the bottle top. Sew a few stitches over the opening to make it tight and secure.



Repeat this process with the remaining discs and bottle tops until you have your required number of "puffs"



Lay out your puffs on the felt

The discs now need to be glued in place, using a glue gun or stitched together.

Place your glue the base of one disc and press it firmly into position. Take the next disc and do the same, but as you go, place a little blob of glue on the side of the disc already glued in place, to stick the puffs together as well as to the felt. This will help your finished decoration to be a little more ridged, otherwise it will be all floppy when you pick it up!

Alternatively, stitch the puffs in place and then to each other



Once all the puffs are in place and the glue has SET. Cut around the Tree.

This is usually easier to do from the back.





If you have one, thread a star button onto a length of twine.
This will be your hanger.
Knot the twine securely at the end.

Now It's time to decorate

A few ideas



A variation on the tree

Place two puffs back to back and stitch together
Cover the join with a ribbon

