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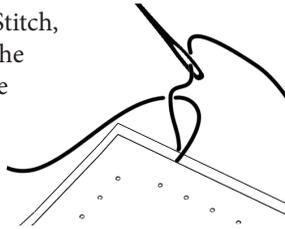
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49	Red Links
19	Green Links
15	Green Connectors
1	Belt Tip
1	Stainless Steel Tweezer
	Floss, Needle, & Instructions

## Stitches Needed

### Blanket Stitch

To make a Blanket Stitch, thread a needle with the floss and knot one of the two ends of thread.

The starter stitch begins between the two layers of wool felt. The needle is inserted



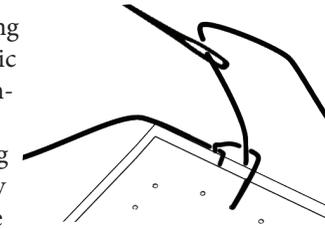
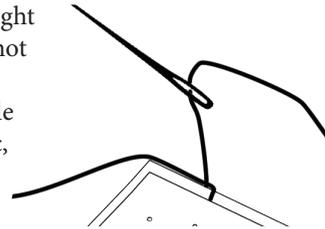
between two layers, then down through the bottom layer and up over the tail.

Pull the thread tight which will set the knot between the layers.

Insert the needle down into the fabric, through both layers, and up inside the loop. Then, pull tight.

Repeat this along the edge of the fabric until you have completed the edging.

The stitching should be evenly spaced and have the loop along the seam between the two piece.



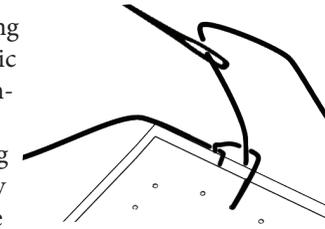
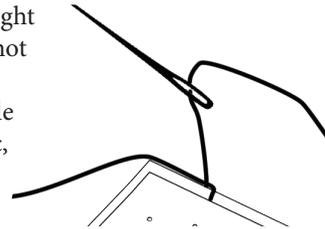
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### Assembly

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Take a red link and fold one end only in half lengthwise.

Insert the tweezers through both slots in the green link.

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The sequence is start with green, build a chain 6 links long. Then add a connector. Build three more links, add a connector and repeat until 15 connectors are used. Then add 5 links plus the belt tip. Finally, put one red link on the bottom of each connector.

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### ***Finishing***

Blanket Stitch the belt tip with red floss. Blanket Stitch each of the red hanging ends with green floss. Ornaments can be hung with either floss or ribbon ¼ “ to ½” wide.

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