

PIXIE

I am not sure what this little pixie is up to but she seems very happy. Do you think she might be helping Santa with the gifts?

YOU WILL NEED

Felt:

- 15 x 15cm (6 x 6in) of marl turquoise
- 12 x 10cm (4¾ x 4in) of red
- 8 x 4cm (3 x 1½in) of beige (or skin tone of your choice)
- 2 x 1cm (¾ x ½in) of yellow

Embroidery threads in brown, red, white, beige, yellow and turquoise

1m (39in) length of yellow (or other hair colour) tapestry wool

10g (½oz) of toy filling

Templates from page 64

INSTRUCTIONS

1 Transfer the templates to the felt and cut **two coat pieces**, one base and four arms in marl turquoise; one head in beige; two hat pieces, two hand pieces and two buttons in red; and two yellow pompom circles.

2 Start by embroidering the facial features on the centre of the head piece, using the markings on the template as a guide. Make the eyes in brown thread with two curved lines of backstitch and sewing little straight stitches for the eyelashes. Make the mouth with a curved line of red backstitch.

3 Shape the head piece as a cylinder and close at the back with a small whipstitch, overlapping the edges slightly.

4 Sew the two pieces of the coat together at the sides with turquoise blanket stitch, leaving the top and bottom open. Place the coat over the head piece, matching the necklines. The turquoise felt of the coat should slightly overlap the bottom of the face. Sew together with small turquoise whipstitches. Sew each button onto the front of the coat with two white straight stitches.

5 Sew the arms together in pairs with turquoise blanket stitch almost all the way around, leaving the hand sections open. Stuff the arms with toy filling. Insert a hand into each arm opening, between the two pieces of turquoise felt, and then sew the arm openings closed with turquoise blanket stitch, through all three layers. Sew the arms onto the coat at the shoulders, using the template marks as a guide. You only need to stitch into the curve of the shoulder, the rest of the arms stay loose.

