

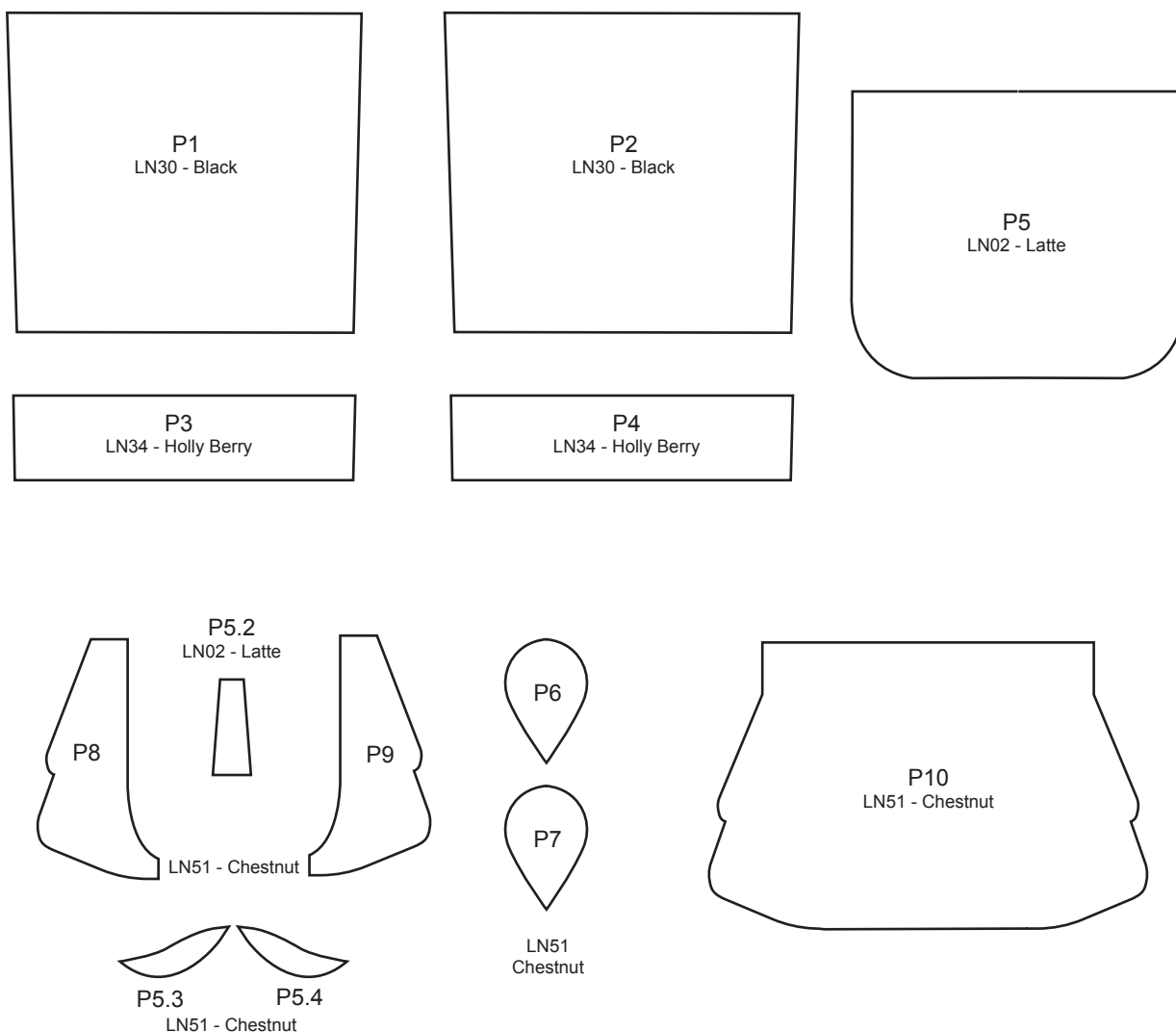
## Nutcracker Ornament

Use colours from any Eleganza™ 2021 Holiday Pack to create this wool appliqué ornament.

### Instructions:

1. To make this ornament, you will need the following pieces cut from wool fabric:

NOTE: If you are printing and cutting out the pieces below, remember to print this page single-sided so as not to cut into the instructions on the following page.

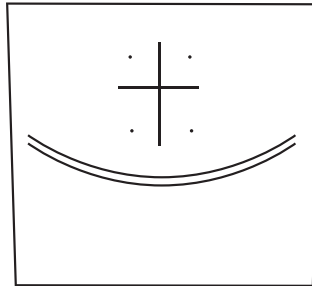


2. Using tailor's chalk or a disappearing marking pen, mark the following guidelines before sewing the decorative stitches.

a. Mark two intersecting lines near the top and center of piece 1, then mark a dot in each section as indicated in the graphic below.

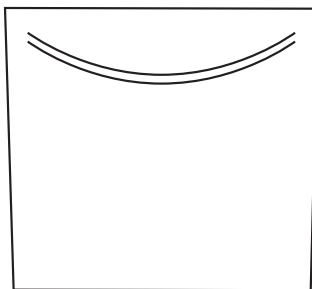
b. Mark two soft curves below the lines with a 3mm (0.1") space between them.

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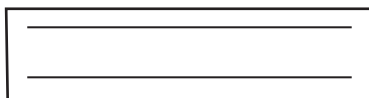
c. Mark two soft curves near the top of piece 2, leaving a 3mm (0.1") space between them.

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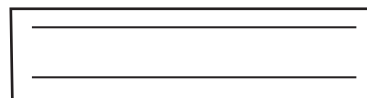


d. Mark two horizontal lines each on pieces 3 and 4.

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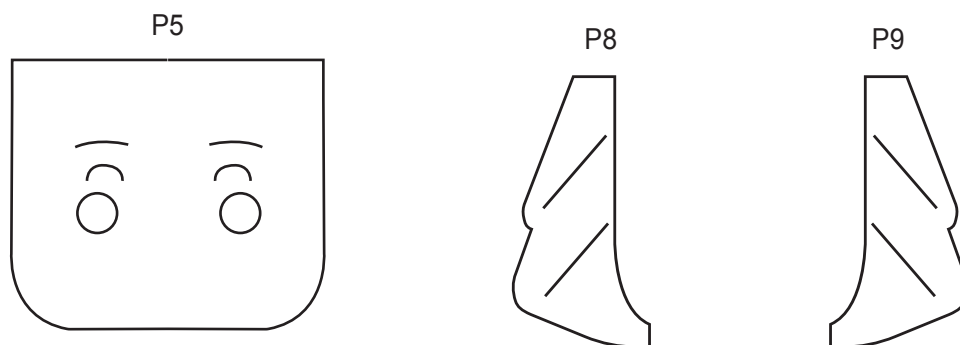


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e. Draw the eyebrows, eyes and cheeks on piece 5 as shown in the following graphic.

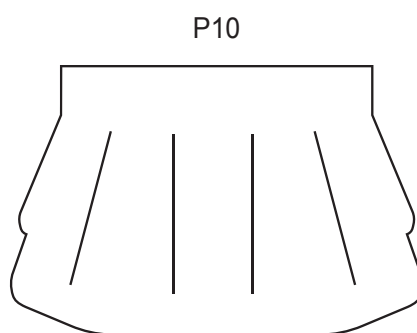
f. Mark two diagonal lines each on pieces 8 and 9.



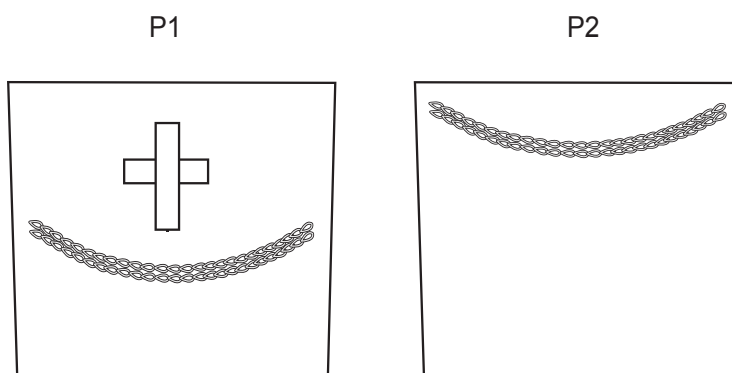
g. Mark a vertical line on the middle of piece 6. Then add two curved lines on either side.



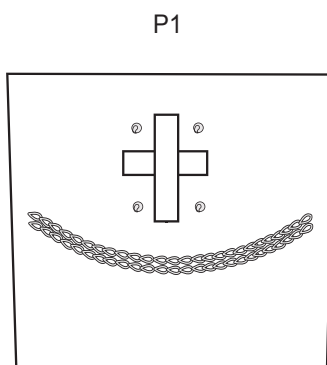
h. Finally, mark 4 lines on piece 10.



3. It's time to decorate with embroidery stitches! Start with pieces 1 and 2.
  - a. Following the guideline of intersecting lines on piece 1, stitch a satin stitch.
  - b. Following the curved guidelines, stitch a chain stitch on the two lines.
  - c. Embellish piece 2 with a chain stitch, follow the curved guidelines like on piece 1.



4. Stitch 4 french knots on each dotted guideline.



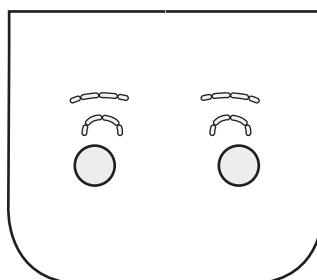
5. Stitch a herringbone stitch between the lines on pieces 3 and 4.



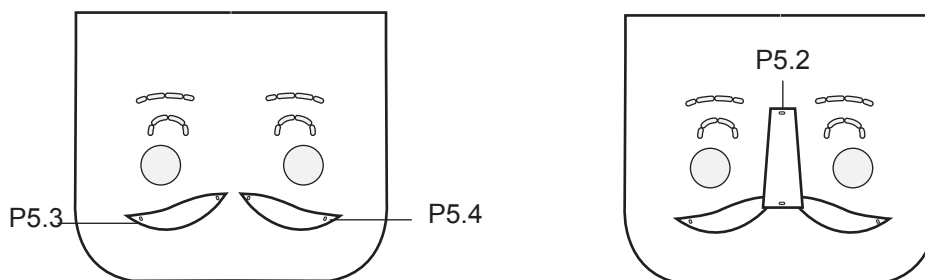
6. Embroider the nutcracker's face on piece 5:

- a. Stitch a back stitch on the eyebrow guidelines.
- b. Stitch a back stitch on the eye guidelines.
- c. Stitch a satin stitch on the circle guidelines to make the nutcracker cheeks.

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7. To complete the face, use an invisible stitch to appliqué pieces 5.3 and 5.4 to piece 5. Make sure to place them under the cheeks. Once the mustache is done, set piece 5.2 in the middle of the face to make the nose.

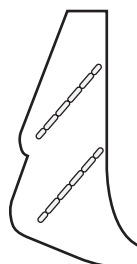


8. Stitch a running stitch on pieces 6, 8, and 9 following the guidelines.

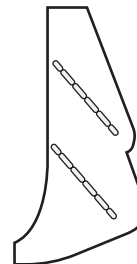
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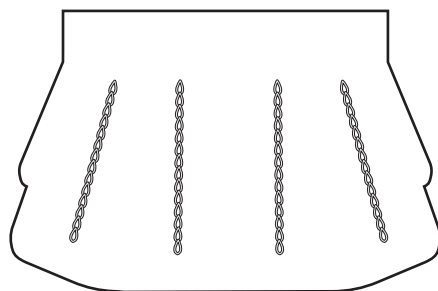


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9. Stitch a chain stitch on piece 10 following the marked lines.

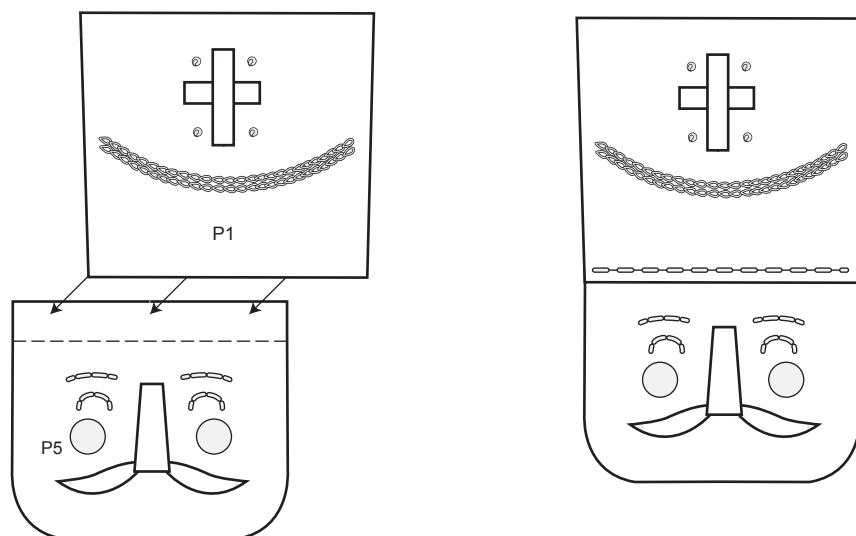
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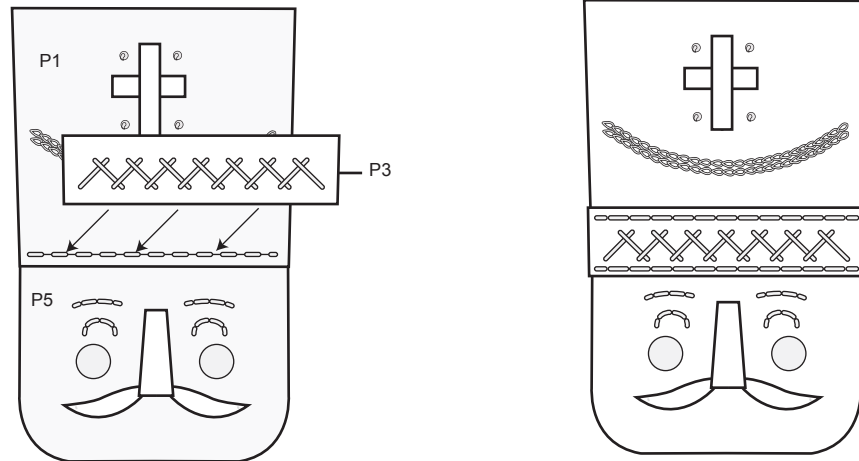
10. Every piece should now have its decorative stitching completed. Next, we can move on to assembling the pieces together into an ornament.

11. Assembling the front side of the ornament:

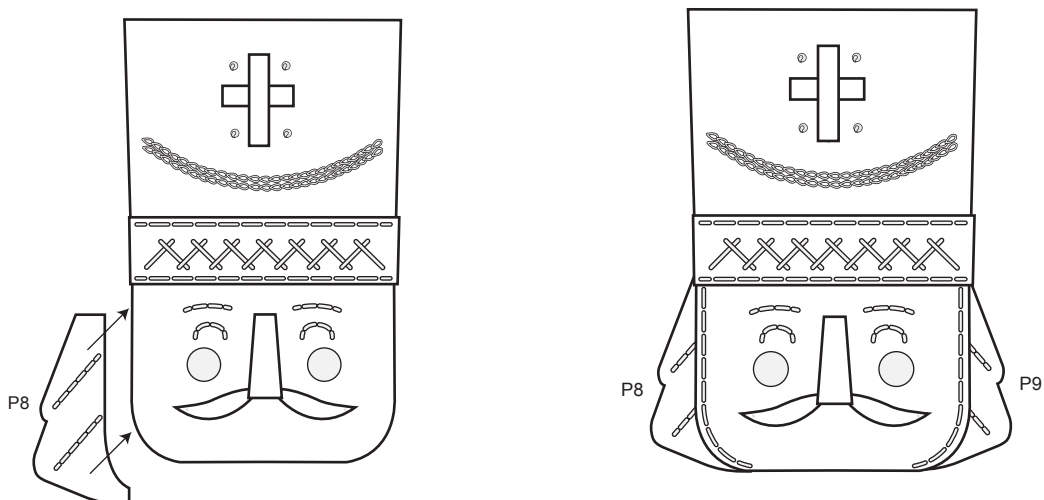
a. With a 0.5cm (0.2") overlap at the top of piece 5, place piece 1 on top of piece 5. Tack them together with a running stitch.



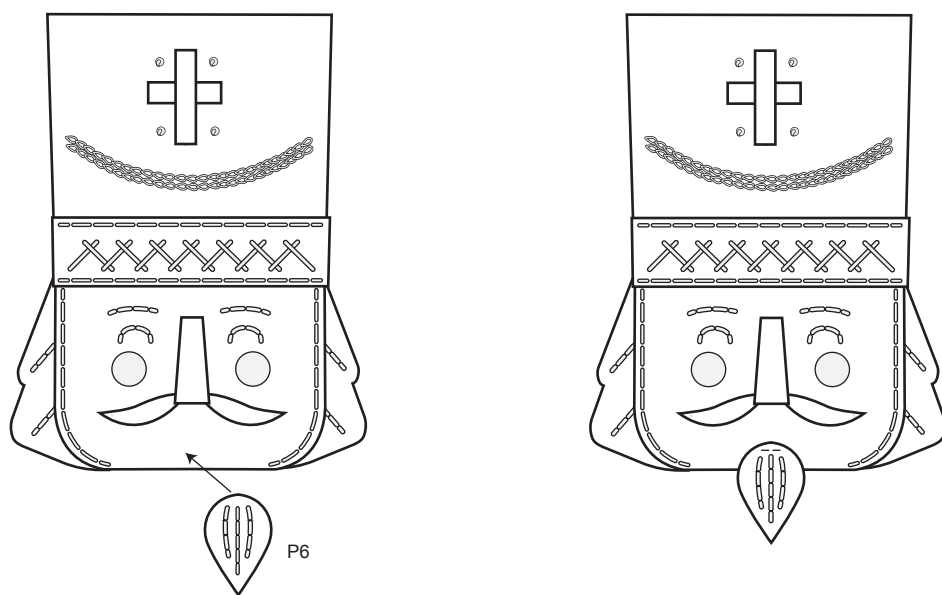
b. Place piece 3 on the base of piece 1. Stitch a back stitch along the edges of the piece to appliqué it in place.



c. Set pieces 8 and 9 under piece 5 and tack them in place with a back stitch.

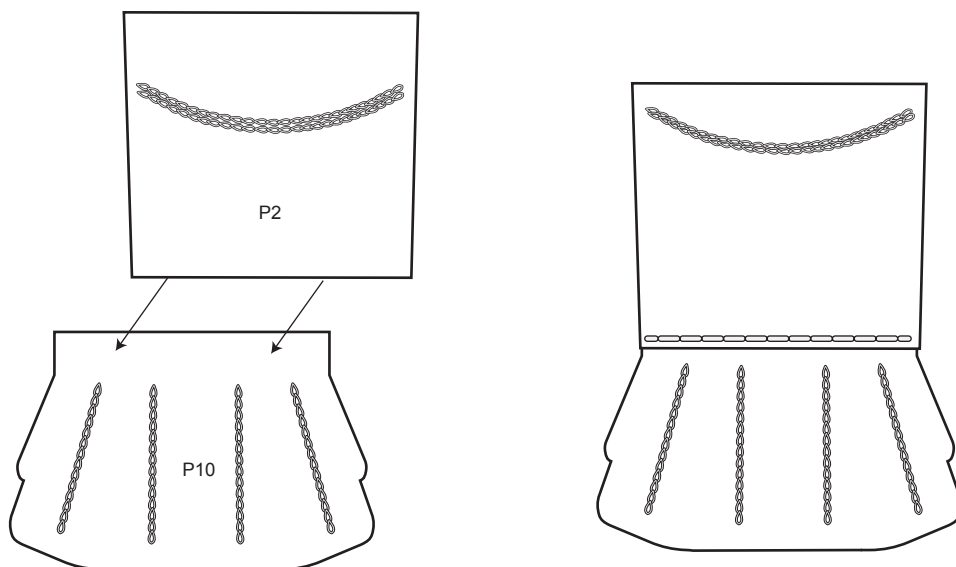


d. Place piece 6 at the bottom center of piece 5. Attach to piece 5 with a single stitch.



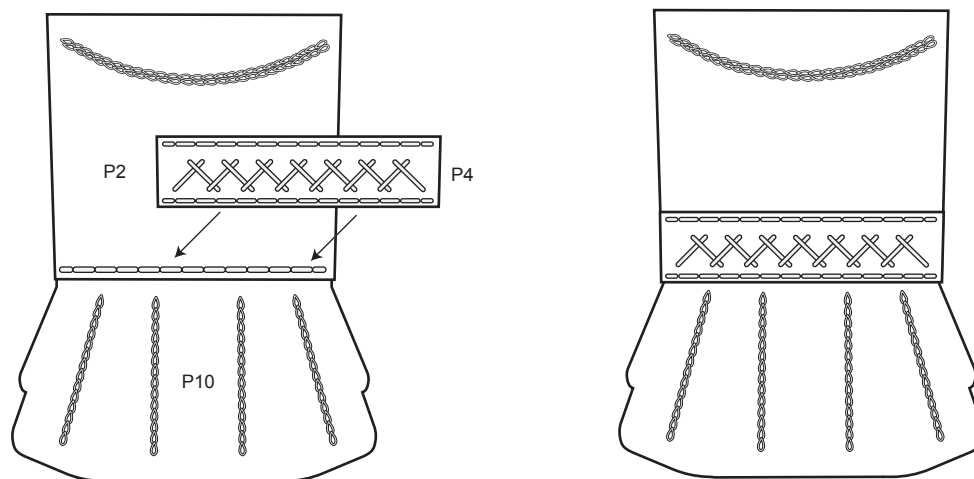
12. Assembling the back side of the ornament:

a. With a 0.5cm (0.2") overlap at the top of piece 10, attach piece 2 with a running stitch.

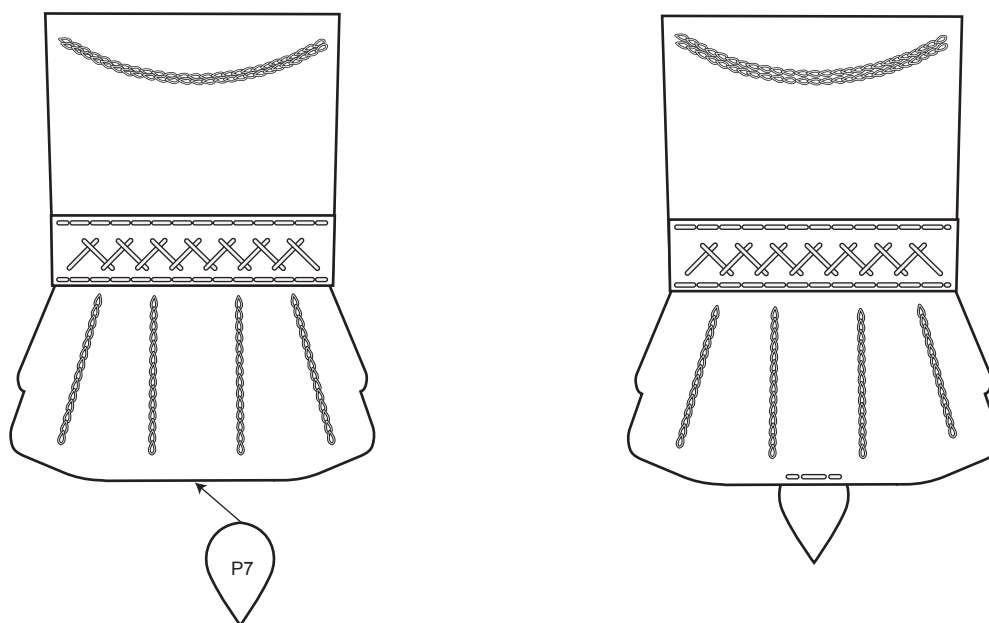




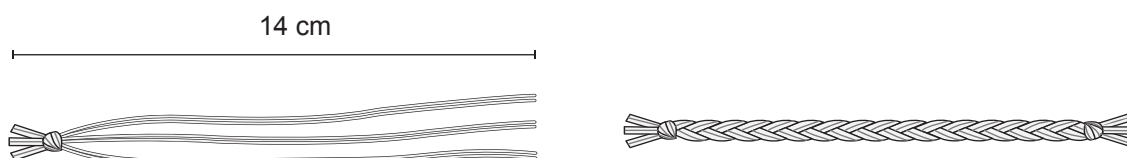
b. Place piece 4 at the base of piece 2. Stitch a back stitch along the edges of the piece to appliqué it in place.



c. Set piece 7 on the bottom center of piece 10 and tack it in place with a small stitch.

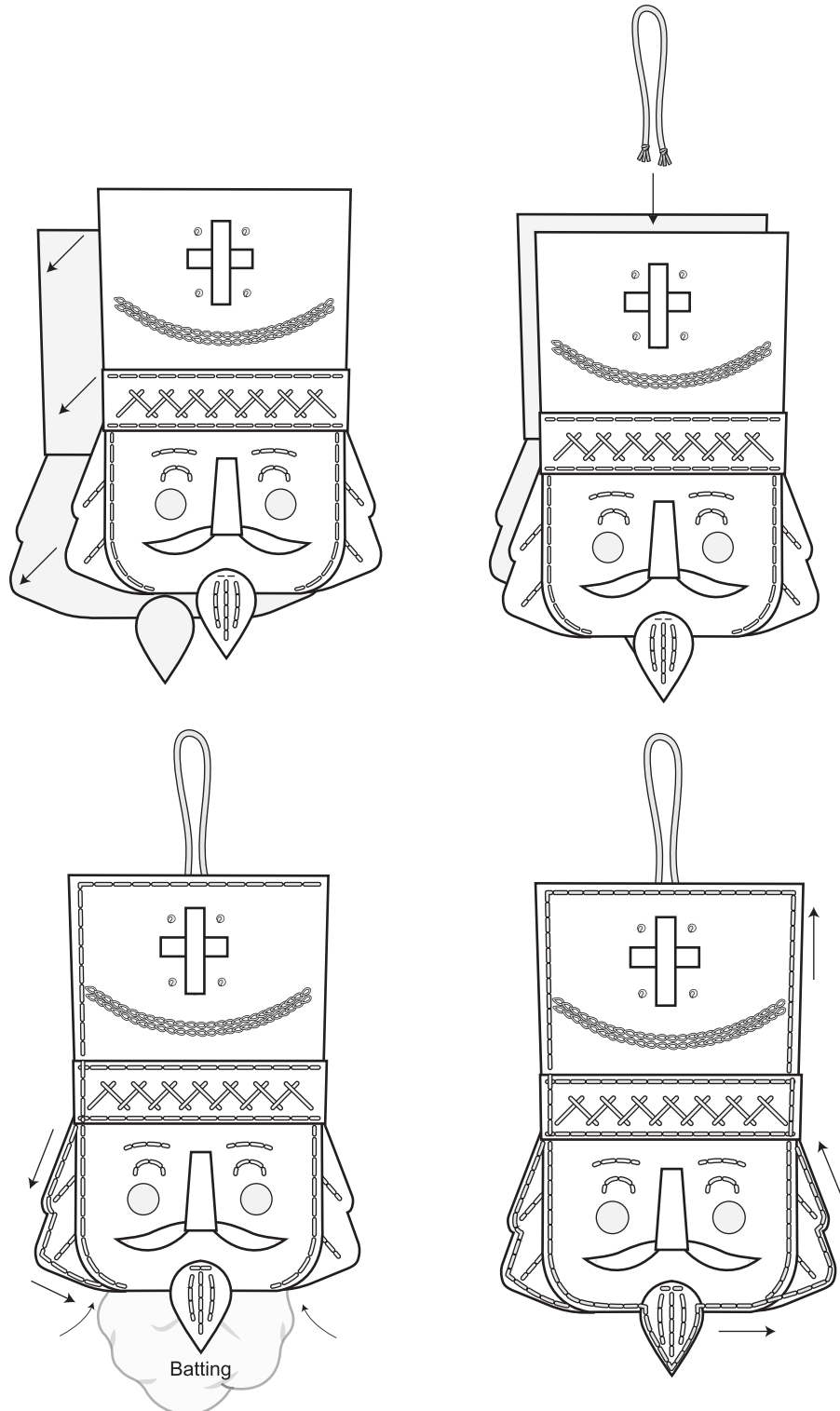


12. Make a braided strap ensuring you knot each end. TIP: After knotting the first end, tape it down to your work surface before starting your braid so that you can pull the braid tightly while holding the strap in place.



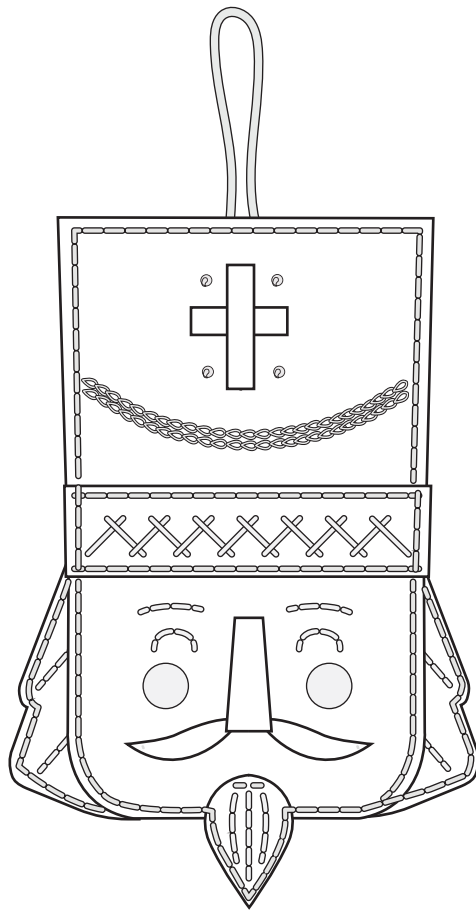
13. Once the front and back pieces are assembled, place the two pieces back sides together with the braided strap between the pieces centered on top. Tack the pieces in place with a back stitch from the top edge to the bottom edge.

NOTE: If you want a little bit of "puff" to your ornament, stitch almost all the way around but leave a small opening to stuff your ornament with batting or acrylic stuffing. Then continue stitching until the entire ornament is closed.



14. Your ornament is complete! This adorable hand-stitched piece is perfect to hang on the Christmas tree or gift it to your friends or family as a special keepsake.

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