

How to

Make an Angel for Christmas



7 Angel Crafts

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Letter from the Editors

Hi Christmas Crafters,

Christmastime is a joyous part of the year that celebrates both faith and festivities. One of the most beautiful images associated with these themes is the Christmas angel. They come in all shapes and sizes, and can go anywhere from a Christmas tree to a mantel. Get into the Christmas spirit by learning to make your own angel crafts from your favorite craft materials. No matter what kind of background you come from, there's a special little craft angel waiting for you to make it. These projects are fun for all ages, and will last for many Christmases to come.

We've gathered full tutorials from some of our top bloggers, so you'll not only receive the best instructions and images, but amazing results. You don't have to spend money to have quality Christmas designs, so save money this year with the projects in our eBook.

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Happy Crafting,

The Editors of AllFreeChristmasCrafts

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Lace Angels

By: Debra for [Creative Ramblings](#)

Nothing says grace and elegance like lace, which makes them the perfect material to use to make an angel. You can use this design in so many ways!



Materials:

- Lace
- 1 inch pom poms
- Sewing needle
- Thread (to match lace)
- Gold cord
- Gold thread
- Embellishments, such as rosettes, ribbons, buttons, etc
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun or craft glue
- Pin backs



Instructions:

1.) Cut your lace. Depending on the width of the lace you are using, you'll be cutting the lace anywhere from about 4 to 8 inches in length. It depends on how full you want the dress to be. Thread your sewing needle and knot the end.

2.) You're going to start at the upper edge of the lace and run the thread through the lace, like you would a basting or running stitch, accordion style. Once you've reached the end, push the lace to the knotted end, so that it's gathered together tightly. Keep it pinched together and run your needle through again and pull tight to secure. Don't fasten off.



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3.) Cut two lengths of lace for the angel's wings, probably about half the length of the dress.



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4.) You can experiment a bit here. You might want to fold the lace in half, or you might use a smaller width lace, it depends on what you like. Run thread through the edge of one wing and then the remaining wing. Pull thread tight and then run the thread through the gathered edge of the dress and fasten off.

5.) Use either a hot glue gun or craft glue and attach the pom pom head.



6.) Cut a piece of gold cord to make the angel's halo. Glue in place at the back of the head.

7.) Choose your embellishment for the front of the dress and glue in place.



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8.) Depending on how you want to use your angel, you can glue on a pin back or magnet, attach some gold thread to use as a ornament or package decoration, or glue angels to some ribbon to make a garland. Be creative! Happy Crafting. :)



Easy Angel Carolers

By: Gail for [That Artist Woman](#)

Greet guests with a whole set of adorable angel crafts for any room. Use your own creativity to give them each their own looks and personalities.



Materials:

- [A pattern template](#)
- Some cheap batting fabric
- Some sheet music ([try here](#))
- Tacky glue
- A 2-3 inch Styrofoam ball
- Flesh colored acrylic paint
- Pink acrylic paint
- Some garland
- A white pipe cleaner
- A fine sharpie
- Some white cardstock or posterboard
- Some sequins or embellishments

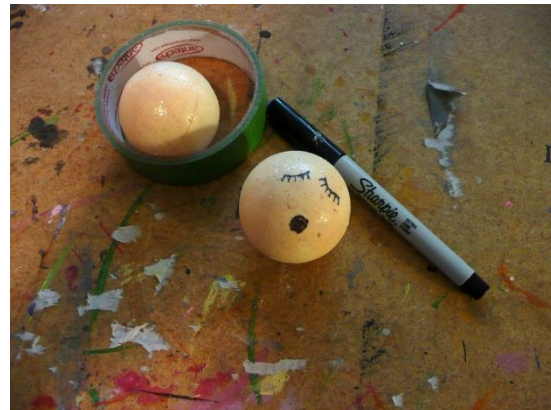


Instructions:

1.) First you need to paint your Styrofoam ball. We also added some glitter for a bit of sparkle.



2.) After it has dried use your fine sharpie and put in the eyes (closed) and the mouth. Now you could paint these in if you wanted but I find young kids have more control with the sharpie.



3.) Take your pink acrylic paint and using the end of a pencil dot the cheeks.

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4.) Take the pattern and trace and cut out of posterboard, cardstock, or manila tag.



5.) Cut the same pattern out of the batting fabric, but this time **do not** cut out the notch in the center.



6.) Staple your posterboard cone together.



7.) Put glue all around the edges of your fabric on the wrong side. (non sparkle side).



8.) Cover the cone and just tuck in the fabric in the center.



9.) Take your white pipe cleaner and make a loop at each end for the hands.

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10.) Cut a piece of batting fabric 3"x7", lay your pipe cleaner in the center, put glue along one edge of the fabric, fold in half.



11.) Take an 8 inch length of garland and wrap into a circle.



12.) Glue onto the head of your angel.



13.) Put some glue on the center of your cone and secure the head.

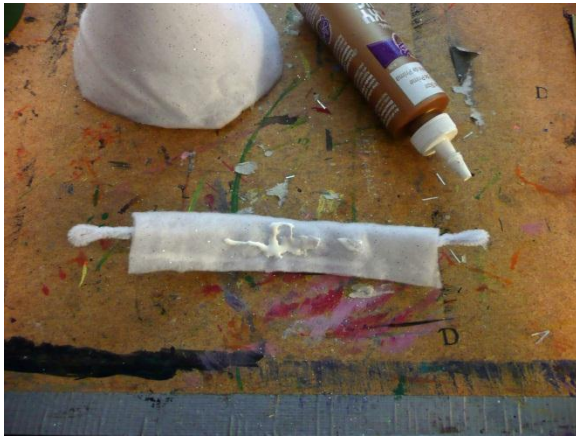
You may have to hold for just a minute while the glue sets up.....



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14.) Put some glue on the center of your arms.



15.) Attach to your angel. Try to make them come from the shoulder area...I find kids often want to have the arms coming out of the waist.



16.) Now you can decorate your angel a bit with extra garland, sequins, snowflakes.....



17.) Cut out a strip of music about 3 inches long and the width of the bars.



18.) Glue into place..I like to have the music facing out but you can also glue 2 strips together so you can see it from both sides.



19.) If you want wings you can cut some from a gold or silver doily or even 2 petals from an artificial flower.

Secure on the back of your angel.



And that's it.



Colorful Sewn Angel

By: Joanne for [Craft Passion](#)

Whether you're looking for a standout decoration or an ornament that really pops with color, you'll love this adorable little angel. Your crafting skills are sure to grow from the different techniques used here.



Materials:

- Fabric – skin color or tea-dye fabric 6" x 4"
- Fabric – red or any festive color, 5" x 12"
- Fur or Felt – white color, 5" x 8"
- Lace, ric rac, & ribbon
- Fur yarn or doll hair
- Halo
- Poly-fill for stuffing
- Black fabric paint
- White fabric paint
- Blusher or pink fabric stamp pad
- Plain white paper in letter size

Tools:

- Sewing machine
- Sewing needle and pins
- Pencil
- Erasable fabric marker
- Iron
- Fine tip paint brush

- Printer
- Scissors
- Tweezers

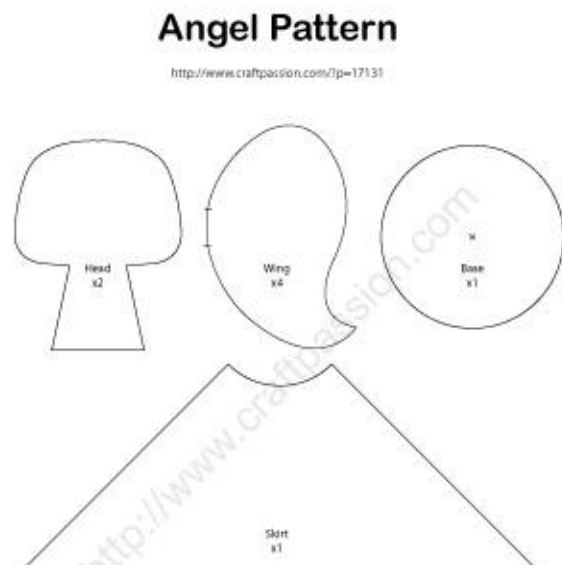
Seam Allowance: 1/4"

Finished Dimension: 4 1/2" (W) x 6" (H)

Instructions:

1.) Download the [Angel pattern](#) in pdf document and print it with your printer. Feed the letter size paper into your printer and print the pattern without setting any scale on the printing.

{the pdf download will either open in new tab or open a small window asking you to save it as file. If you can't find the saved file in your computer, the default folder usually is in "/downloads"} {If you can't download the pdf pattern, probably you don't have acrobat reader, download the latest version for free, [here.](#)}



2.) Get ready all the materials require to sew an angel.

If you can't find a readymade halo, you can always wind one yourself by using gold color aluminum wire.

Cut the paper pattern out after you have printed it out.



3.) Fold the skin color fabric into half with right side facing each other.

Trace the head pattern on it.



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4.) Sew along the trace line except the bottom line. Cut out the head pattern from the fabric with 1/4" seam allowance.

Clip curve on seam allowance.



5.) Turn the fabric right side out by using a pair of tweezers since the opening is quite small.

Smooth out the seam.

Press with iron so that the fabric is straight and smooth.

Draw the facial on the head with fine tip brush. Practice on stash fabric before the actual work on the angel face.

Be it a big eye timid angel like mine, sleeping angel, caroling angel, smiling angel... give each angel a different expression to personalize their character.

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6.) Fill the eyeball with black and add some white spots to make the eyes “sparkle”.

Dab the cheeks with blusher or pink stamp pad ink.

Set it aside to let the paint dry.

Heat set the paint with warm iron or as per fabric paint instruction.



7.) Cut the skirt and base pattern out from the fabric with 1/4” seam allowance.



8.) Add ric rac or lace by top-stitching them on the skirt. You may add more if the skirt fabric is plain.



9.) Add lace trim on the skirt hem, fold the lace end in on the seam line. Top stitch to the folded hem.

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10.) Baste the lace to the top so it won't get stitch-up when you sew the base at the bottom of the skirt.



12.) Turn the skirt right-side out from the top opening with a pair of tweezers.



11.) Sew base to the bottom, be careful not to catch the lace on the sewing.



13.) Stuff the head and skirt with poly-fill by using a pair of tweezers.

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14.) Insert the neck of the angel head into the skirt's top opening.

Sew then together with slip stitch.



15.) Roll 2 bunches of fur yarn with fingers to make hair for the angel.

The back part of the head is shorter, roll a smaller bunch.

The side part of the hair is longer, measure from side to side.



16.) Sew the back bunch of hair to the back center-top of the angel head.



17.) Sew the center of the side bunch of hair to the center top of the angel head.

Make a few stitches around the head to catch the hair securely.

Trim hair if needed.

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18.) Tie a ribbon bow on the neck of the angel; make a few stitches to secure it.



19.) Fold the white fur into half. You can use felt if you can't find white fur.

Trace the wing pattern in the wrong side of the fur.

Sew along the seam line except the opening. Allow a wider opening if using fur.



20.) Cut wing out with 1/4" seam allowance, clip curve.

Turn the wing right-side out from the opening by using tweezers.

Stitch-up the opening.



21.) Sew to join both wings together at the middle.

Sew to attach the wings to the back of the angel.

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A complete angel for your Christmas..... May she bring love, joy and peace to you and your family.



22.) Attach halo to the angel either by sewing it on or gluing it with permanent adhesive.

Sew a string loop to the head if you plan to hang the angel on your Christmas tree.



Pasta Angel Ornaments

By: Jessica for [Craftily Ever After](#)

This has to be one of the most popular angel crafts out there this year. It's super easy, very thrifty, and enjoyable for all skill levels. No one would ever guess these gorgeous ornaments were made from household items!



Materials:

- A 20mm wooden bead
- Rigatoni (the big tubes) for the dress
- A wagon wheel for the collar on the dress
- Elbow macaroni for the arms
- Stars (Stelline) for decorating the dress
- A bow-tie for the wings
- Ditaline for the hair

Instructions:

1.) First, hot-glue the wagon wheel to the tube. (Craft glue works too, but I'm impatient enough that I will put up with having to remove all the pesky hot-glue strings.)



2.) Next, glue the head bead to the center of the wagon wheel.



3.) Then attach the bow-tie to the back of your angel, just underneath the collar.

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4.) Glue the elbow macaroni either to the sides of the dress or to the underside of the collar, whichever works best for your particular macaroni. Because mine were so twisty, I tried both ways and they both looked great.



5.) For the hair, glue a row of Ditaline on the head-bead. In this picture, you can see that I have the holes in the Pasta facing sideways. I also made some with the holes of the curls facing frontwards. Both were cute!

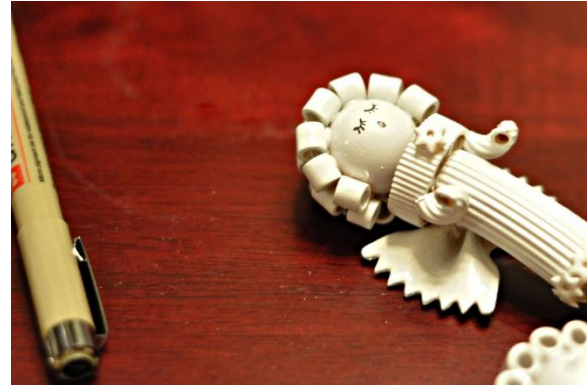


6.) Fill in the back of the head with curls.



7.) Decorate the dress with stars! Here I put one star in the center of the collar and also used them as a trim.

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And there's lots of room for making them your own! If you like a demure all-white angel, you could run a ribbon through one of her curls and stop there. You would have something like this!



Or for a little extra sparkle, you could paint the stars gold (I did mine with a paint pen) and attach some gold seed beads strung on a wire to look like a halo.

8.) Now the fun part! Seeing them turn white! To spray-paint them evenly, I jabbed some pencils and take-out chopsticks into the frozen ground and stuck the angels on top of them. They got shot with three coats of glossy white spray paint.



9.) After they dry, use a fine-tipped permanent pen (I used a scrapbooking one) to draw their faces.

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And that's it! A fun and easy project that won't break the bank. And I have a budget for craft supplies, but when they come from the grocery store, you don't even have to count them, right?!



Ribbon Angel Christmas Ornament

By: Eileen for [The Artful Crafter](#)

Your tree will sparkle like never before with a beautiful fabric angel ornament hanging on it. Grab your favorite colors and make a whole choir of these regal-looking tree decorations.



Materials:

- 2.5 cm wooden bead
- Ball of cotton batting to form hair
- 10 cm 26 gauge "gold" wire for halo
- Gold spray paint
- Skin tone acrylic paint
- Black permanent marker
- 7 inches gold thread or cord for hanger
- 11 inches thin gold ribbon for necktie
- 11 inches 1 ½ inch-wide gold ribbon for wings
- 1 foot extra-wide (5 to 6 inches) fancy ribbon for dress

Tools:

- Hot glue gun
- Scissors
- Paint brush

Instructions:

Head

1.) Paint wooden bead your choice of skin tone and set aside to dry.

Hair

2.) Scrunch ball of batting into an appropriate shape for the angel's hair.

3.) Lay ball on the center fold of a piece of newspaper. Since the ball is so lightweight and would be "blown away" by the plume of spray paint, secure the ball gently by placing your left/right hand behind the loosely folded newspaper.

4.) Spray thoroughly using your other hand. [Do this outside or in the garage to avoid inhaling the fumes as well as to avoid gold spray on other surfaces. The very fine mist does travel!] Rotate the ball of batting gently to get all the surfaces.

Dress

5.) Fold dress ribbon in half with best side out. Loop necktie ribbon around fold to form top of dress.

6.) Tie necktie tightly to gather the dress at the neckline. Tie the ends into a pretty bow.

Optional: Cut the bottom of the dress on an angle to make it appear more flowing, as an angel's gown might be. 3.) Screw the eye hook into the hole.

Wings

7.) Make a loop with the ribbon you've chosen for the wings. Tie the ends of the gold hanger cord together using an overhand loop.

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8.) Loop the cord loop over the center of the wing loop with the knot close against the wing loop. You want the knots of the hanger loop to be hidden "in the wings".

9.) Scrunch the wings at the center as shown in the photo below and tie a second overhand loop tightly to hold the wings in shape. Here are [complete instructions](#) for the overhand loop and tightening an overhand loop.



Halo

10.) Make the halo by doubling the gold wire around a circular object (like the top of a small bottle of Elmer's Glue) and twist the two ends together.

11.) Bend the circle at a right angle so the halo will sit properly above the angel's head.

Face

12.) Hold the "hair" onto the wooden ball and pull it into the shape/length you want.

13.) Use a pencil to draw the angel's eyes and mouth as illustrated below. Trace over the pencil with the permanent marker.

[Not to worry if you mess up - since you haven't glued the hair on yet, you can just turn the ball to the other side and try again.]



Assembly

14.) Heat up your glue gun.

15.) Glue hair to head. Place a dab of glue on the stalk of the halo and jab it into the hair.

16.) Glue the wings to the top of the back of the dress (with the hanger cord facing up).

17.) This should form a nice "platform" on which the angel's head can perch.

18.) Glue the angel's head onto the platform.



Little Wooden Angel Ornament

By: Kat for [Just Crafty Enough](#)

Wooden doll pins are the perfect craft material to use to make an angel come to life. Use your best embellishments to create an adorable ornament that crafters of all kinds can do.



Materials:

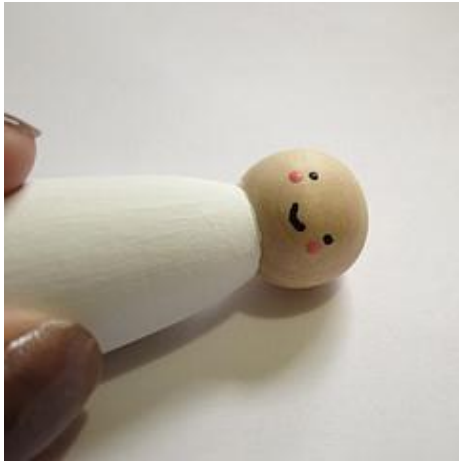
- [2" wooden doll pin](#)
- White, black, pink and yellow (or whatever color hair you would like) acrylic paint
- Small paint brush
- Polyurethane (optional) Glue
- Two small feathers
- Tacky glue
- Silver cord (I found it with the embroidery floss. It is usually used for stitching on plastic canvas)
- Embroidery floss for hanging

Instructions:

1.) Paint the base and body of the doll pin white. It'll take a couple coats. Let dry.

2.) Paint on the face. I found this easy to do by dipping the tip of a knitting needle or pencil in the paint. Let dry.

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3.) Paint on hair. Let dry.



4.) Coat with polyurethane. You can skip this step, but I like the little shine and protection it gives it.



5.) Find two feathers of approximately the same size. Trim them to fit on the back of the angel and just stick out about 1/2-inch. Glue the feathers to the back of the angel at an angle.



6.) Cut a small piece of the silver cord just big enough to go around the angel's head. Dab a little glue on the ends of the cord to keep it from unraveling. Glue to the top of the angel's head. If you want to attach a hanging loop, make a small loop from embroidery floss and glue it to the back of the angel's head where it will lie underneath the halo.



The Kitchen Angel

By: Ros for [RosMadeMe](#)

The kitchen is often ignored in comparison to other rooms in the home when it comes to Christmas decorations. Thankfully, this angel looks right at home on any countertop.



Materials:

- A cup of black tea
- A 12" square of Calico
- A 6" x 12" piece of cotton ticking and the same again of gingham
- 6" x 6" wadding
- Greaseproof paper
- Sewing machine
- Soft stuffing, e.g. Kapok
- A ruler, a water glass and pens
- Scrap of wool
- Crewel needle
- Scissors including pinking shears
- Iron and ironing board
- Twigs
- Hairy string

Instructions:



1.) First make your cup of black tea, and place it in a contained where you can put in your calico and ticking. The longer you leave it in there, the more aged your angel will look (aged but not drudge like). Let the fabric dry.

2.) While this is happening, we will make our template for the body using the greaseproof paper for our patterns, take a water glass and draw round it (I used one with a 3" diameter) ½ " below it, draw a rectangle of 3½" x 4" – this will be your body.

3.) For the wings, if you are artistic draw them freehand, if you like me were told that perhaps art was not the O level for you, then look in your craft books – you know the ones that you buy in September when you know you will simply make everything for Christmas – there will be a shed load of wings for you to choose from!



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4.) Iron your fabrics and pin out the pattern pieces, cut two bodies in calico, two sets of wings in the ticking and one set in wadding.



5.) Sew the body together using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, leaving a hole at the base. * Around the top of the head and anywhere that has a curve, cut little triangle with the points almost at your running stitch as this will ease the fabric and give you a smoother finish. Now put the stuffing into the angel.

6.) Whip stitch the opening closed (this is over stitching with attitude) when you are happy with the shape of your body. You are now going to use the twigs as arms and legs, attach these to the back of the body by over stitching onto the fabric where legs and arms would sit.

However, I had another idea, if you have smalls in your house and are worried that they might injure themselves on the twigs take a length of hairy string and run it through the top of the body for the arms and loop it through your base opening for legs. Make a knot on each piece of string to represent knees, ankles, elbows and wrists.

7.) To make the hair, take your wool and with the crewel needle sew French knots from half way up the face just below the seam of the head and the go back on the other side of the head in between the first row of French knots.

You are now going to make her lustrous locks by taking a piece of cardboard and winding the wool around the cardboard, go to the top and sew over three pieces of wool then back under two, continue to do this until you reach the end of the "hair", now be brave and cut along the bottom of the wool. You now have an angel's wig! Pin this on the back of the head and sew it in place, trim as necessary.



8.) Draw on your face, two dots for eyes (in the middle of the face), two dots for the nose, a broad smile and I used a pink eye shadow to create the cherubic cheeks.



9.) Now think back to how you made dresses for your dolls when you were little... if like me you were not Coco Chanel or Vera Wang, try this. Draw a rectangle 9" across by 6" down on your greaseproof paper, mark the paper an inch down and draw a line 2" in and then down to

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the base. Fold the pattern in half and curve the line around the under arm of the dress. Make a gentle curve from about 1.5" to create the neckline.

10.) Pin this out on your gingham fabric, cut out two pieces and sew together using $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, cut the hem and sleeves with pinking shears. Slip the dress over the angel's head... the dress is rather mahoosive, isn't it? You are now a window dresser, make a fold at the back of the dress and catch it with a couple of stitches.



11.) Errr... the neckline looks rather grim, so we will gather it, make a knot at the end of a double thread and stitch a line of running stitch across the neckline, pull it tight to make a neckline gather, sew it off firmly.



12.) Make a wing sandwich, with ticking, wadding and ticking, to make it look really homemade I stitched the wings together using blanket stitch; you could use your machine to do this with a running or embroidery stitch. Turn the angel over and pin the wings onto the dress and body and sew firmly onto the angel.



13.) Use two short lengths of string as bows on each sleeve.

14.) Cut out a piece of fabric, 6" x 4", stitch both sides, then fold over the top and fold over $\frac{5}{8}$ ", then pink the base of the apron. Run a piece of string through the casement you have created at the top of the apron, ruche the apron and tie it up at the back of the angel.



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