

Earth Bookmarks



Everyday can be Earth Day!

Celebrate our planet while crafting an Earth Bookmark using felt and simple stitches.

Felt Earth Bookmarks

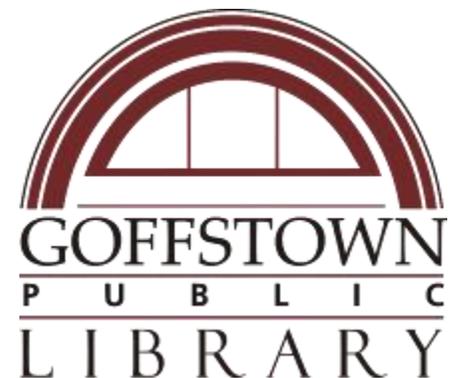
Supplies:

- Two (2) pieces of blue felt about four square inches (4"x4")
- One (1) piece of green felt about four inches by three inches (4"x3")
- One (1) length of thick elastic ribbon about nineteen inches (19") long
- Two (2) lengths of embroidery floss about three feet (3') long in green and blue
- Templates
- Permanent marker
- Scissors
- Glue
- Needle



Instructions:

1. Cut out the four (4) template pieces (**Fig. 1**).
2. Trace the Land Masses templates onto the green felt using permanent marker (**Fig. 2**). Trace the Water template onto both pieces of blue felt using permanent marker.
3. Cut out the five traced felt shapes on the inside of your line. Your project should look like **Fig. 3**.
4. Tie a knot in one end of the green embroidery floss; thread the opposite end into the needle. Using running stitches, sew the green felt Land Masses to one (1) blue felt Water. Your result should look like **Fig. 4**. End your stitches with a simple knot (**Fig. 5**). Alternatively, use glue to secure the Land Masses to the Water.
5. Tie a knot in one end of the blue embroidery floss; thread the opposite end into the needle.
6. Fold the elastic into a loop, overlapping the ends by about a half inch (1/2") as in **Fig. 6**.
7. Using running stitches, sew the overlapping ends of elastic together (**Fig. 7**). Go over your stitches two to three (2-3) times. End your stitches with a simple knot and cut away remaining thread.



8. Where the ends overlap, glue the elastic loop to the center of the blank blue felt circle as in **Fig. 8**.
9. Layer the felt circles with the Land Masses facing up and the elastic in the middle. Line up the felt edges. Your elastic should run through the North and South Poles of your globe (**Fig. 9**).
10. Once more, tie a knot in one end of the blue embroidery floss; thread the opposite end into the needle.
11. Pass your needle through the Water and Land Masses felt circle only, directly to the right of the elastic at the North Pole, as in **Fig. 10**. This will hid the knot in between the felt circles.
12. Using running stitches, sew around the edges of the felt circles. Take care to stitch into the elastic, firmly securing it in place (**Fig. 11**).
13. At your last stitch, pass your needle through the Water and Land Masses felt circle only (**Fig. 12**). Tie a simple knot and trim excess thread. Tuck the knot between the felt circles to hide.

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Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6



Figure 7



Figure 8



Figure 9



Figure 10



Figure 11

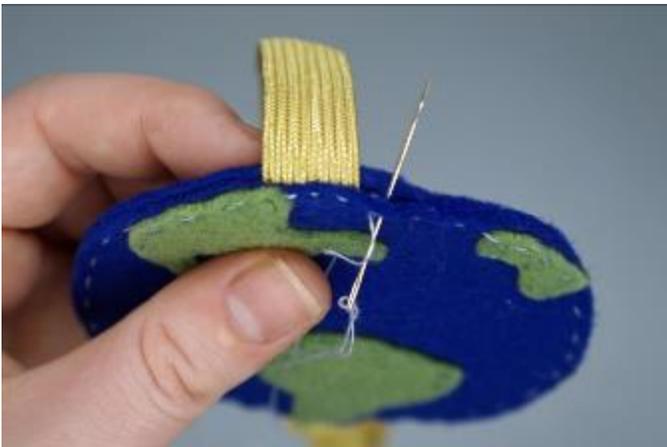
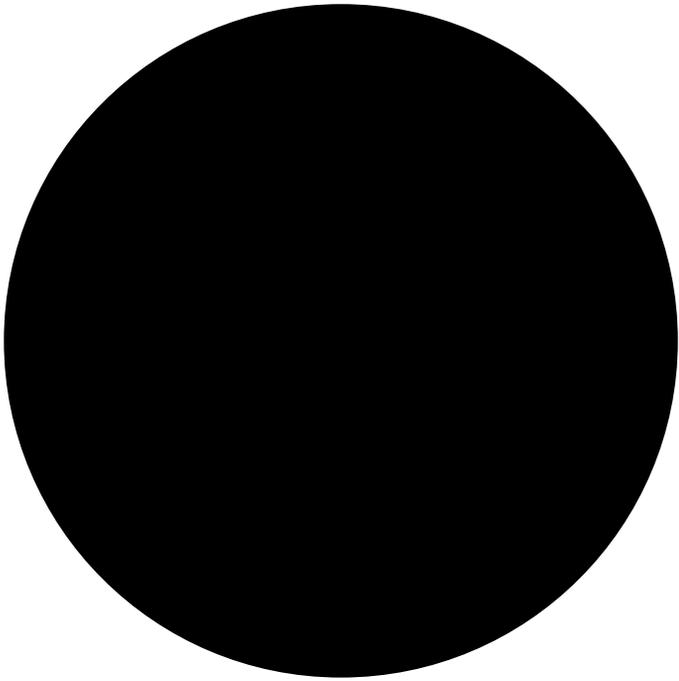


Figure 12

Template 1: Water



Templates 2-4: Land Masses

