

# Gumball Machine Tutorial

step-by-step guide:

Materials Needed: DMC Needles <https://amzn.to/4gU46Vr>

If you are brand new to embroidery, welcome! Start here with these youtube videos.

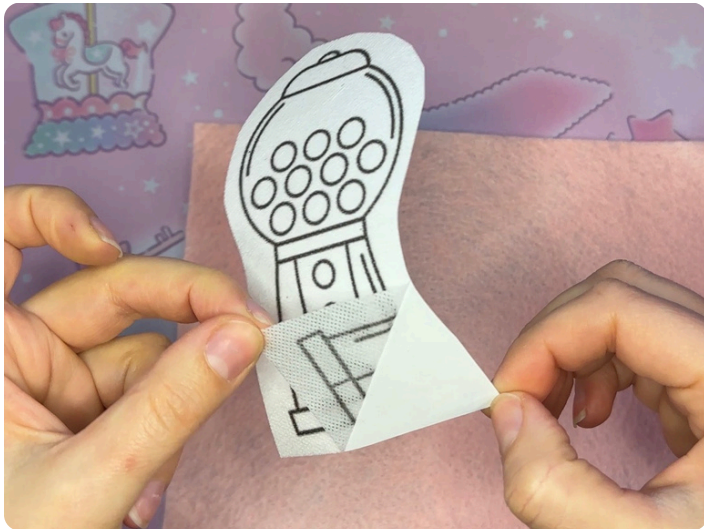
learn how to thread your needle: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8W6RXTqPP44>

learn how to do backstitch: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqj\\_1Uo1tJo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqj_1Uo1tJo)

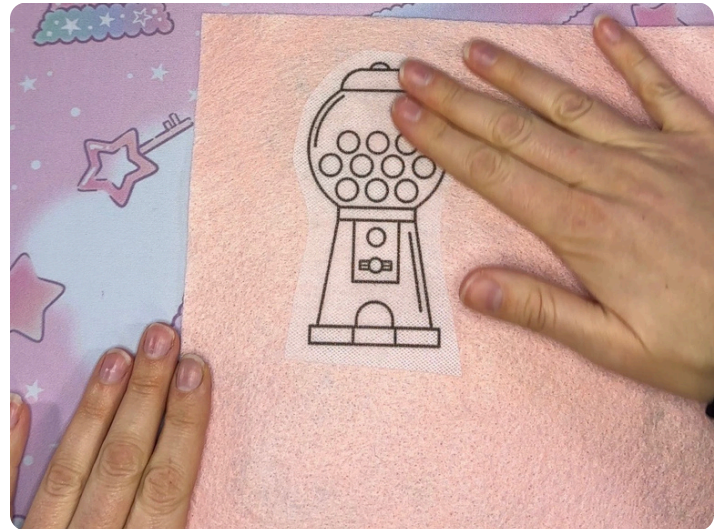
learn how to do satin stitch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FzAumfcqpWE>

learn how to blanket stitch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Yoo-VCtBqU>

## Prepare Your Felt and Design

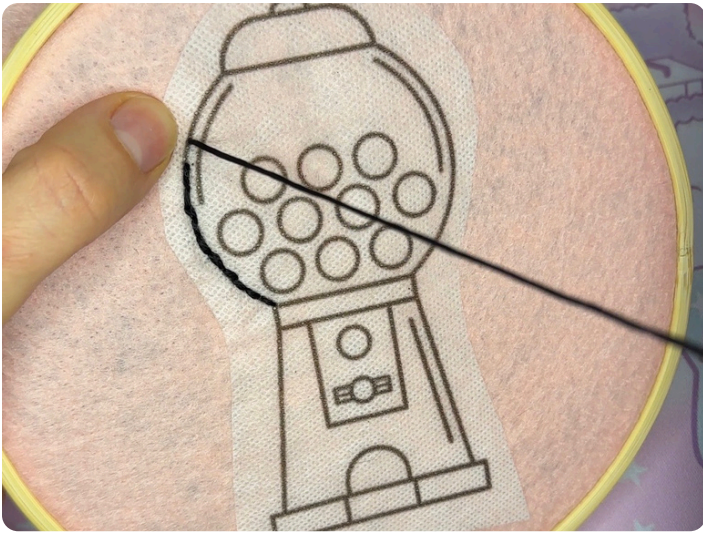


Peel the backing off the stick-and-stitch design and adhere it to the felt where you want the ornament design to be

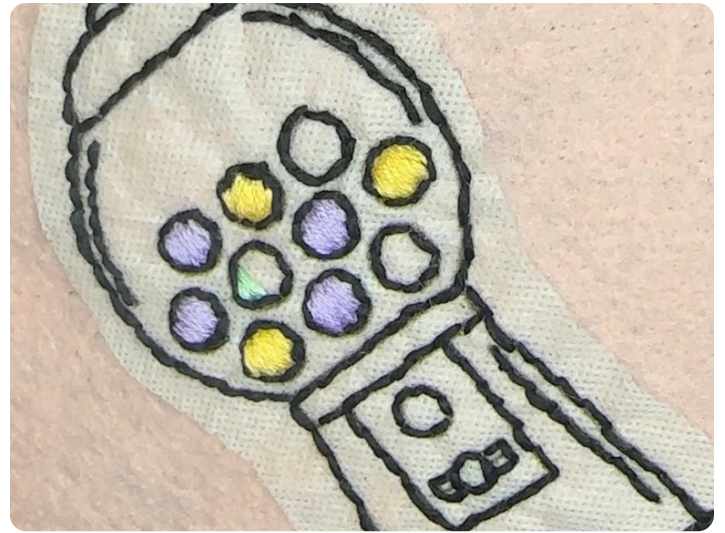


Place the felt fabric in the embroidery hoop, ensuring it is taut and smooth

## Embroider the Gumball Machine



Use all 6 threads of the embroidery floss and backstitch to outline the black details of the design. This adds definition and structure



Embroidery floss is made up of 6 threads, you can separate them to your preference. For this step, you will use 3 of the 6 threads. Use a satin stitch to fill in the gum balls, choosing bright, fun colors for each one

### Remove the Stick-and-Stitch Design



Once the embroidery is complete, unhoop the felt carefully



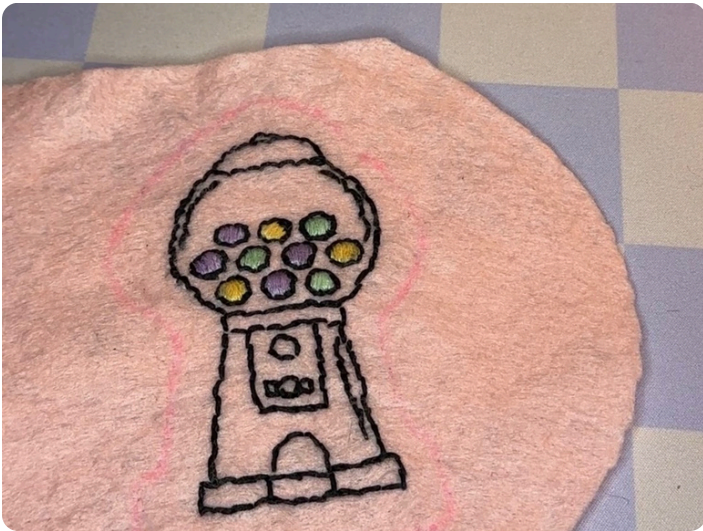
Run the embroidered design under warm water until the stick-and-stitch stabilizer dissolves completely





Gently pat the felt dry with a clean towel and let it air dry completely before proceeding. Once dry, trim the back of any loose threads

### Cut and Prepare Felt Pieces

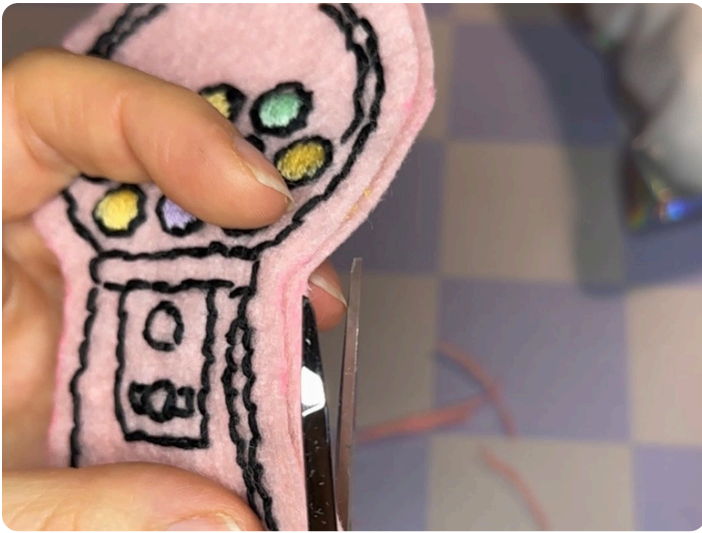


Cut out the gumball machine design, leaving a 1/4-inch seam allowance around the edges. You can draw a line around the perimeter for easier cutting.



Cut an identical piece of felt for the back of the ornament.

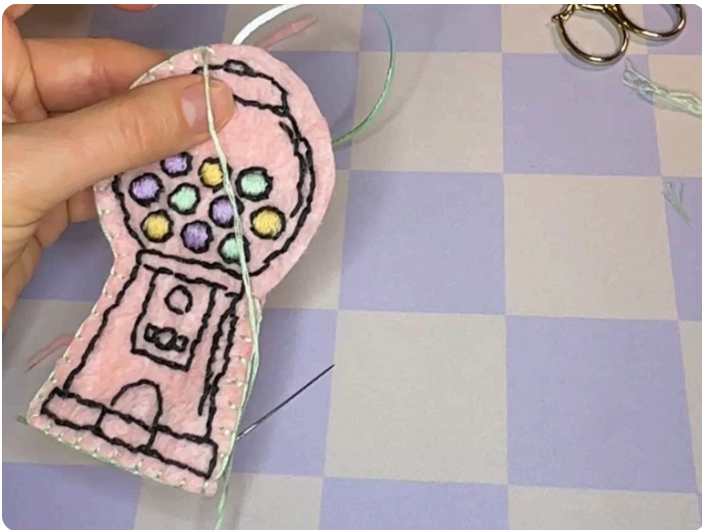
### Assembly



You can hold the two pieces of felt together or pin or clip the two pieces of felt together, with the right sides facing out



Using 4 of the 6 threads in the floss, use a blanket stitch and sew around the edges of the gumball machine, but be sure to leave an opening at the side for stuffing.



When you blanket stitch to the top of the design, cut a piece of cord to your preferred length and insert one side of the cord where you want it to hang and secure it with a stitch



Stitch the other side of the cord in accordingly





Continue to blanket stitch around the edges and leave an inch opening

### Stuff and Close the Ornament



This is where you will add your stuffing



Fill the ornament with stuffing to your desired fullness



Once stuffed, close the opening with a blanket stitch

### Final Touch



Continue stitching around the edge to close the ornament completely



Ensure all stitches are secure, and trim any excess thread.



Hang your new gumball felt ornament and admire your handiwork!