

Cuddle® Santa Gnome

Approximate Finished Size: Short Legs: 9" x 20"; Long Legs: 9" x 30"

Prop this little gnome on your mantle to keep watch over all the joys of the holiday season. And make a few for little ones to cozy up with, as well!

Fabric Requirements (as shown)

- ½ yard Cuddle® 3 Scarlet, for Body, Arms, Legs, and Hat
- ¼ yard Cuddle® 3 Black, for Mittens, Boots (short & long), Belt
- ⅛ yard Luxe Cuddle® Sherpa White, for Arm & Leg Cuffs, Hat Band
- 6" x 6" square Luxury Shag Fur White, for Beard
- 3" x 3" square Cuddle® 3 Latte, for Nose

Suggested Notions

- Felt: gold glitter, 2" x 2", for Buckle; green, 8" x 8", for Holly Leaves
- Heavyweight stabilizer, 6" x 5", for Body Support (such as Pellon Peltex),
- Pompoms, ½" red glitter
- 18" heavy gauge, bendable wire, for Hat shaping
- Templates, provided
- Polyester fiberfill
- Weighted stuffing beads
- Glue, white or school glue
- 90/14 stretch machine needle and polyester thread
- Heavyweight thread & large eye hand sewing needle
- Felt tip marker or ballpoint pen, plus silver-tip pen
- Rotary cutter and mat
- Micro-serrated scissors and/or craft knife
- Long, flower head pins and/or fabric clips
- Stiletto
- Walking foot

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DIRECTIONS

Read *Cuddle® Basics* before beginning.
Seams are ¼", unless noted.

Cutting

*Note: For gnome with **Short Legs**, cut Short Leg Boots. For **Long Legs**, cut Long Legs and Long Leg Boots.*

Label all pieces after cutting.

- From Red Cuddle®, cut:
 - Body*
 - Exterior Base* (for Body)
 - Arms, 2 (2½" x 6¼")
 - Hat*
 - Long Legs (if using), 2 (3" x 7").
- From Black Cuddle®, cut:
 - Belt, 1" x 16" strip
 - Mittens, 1 (8" x 8") square
 - Boots (templates are used later):
 - for Short Legs, 1 (8" x 8") square
 - for Long Leg, 1 (8" x 8") square
- From White Sherpa, cut:
 - Arm Cuffs, 2 (2" x 4")
 - Leg Cuffs, 2 (2" x 4")
 - Hat Band, 1 (2¼" x 12½")
- From Luxury Shag Fur White, cut:
 - Beard* (choose: Long or Short)
- From Tan Cuddle®, cut:
 - Nose*
- From Gold Glitter Felt, cut:
 - Buckle*
- From Green Felt, cut:
 - Holly Leaves*, cut 3
- From heavyweight stabilizer, cut:
 - Body Support*

* Use template.

Assembly

Body

- Pin Body sides right sides together.
- Sew each side with a ¼" seam, leaving the top and bottom open.

Stabilize the Base

- With right sides together, match and pin the solid triangles of the Base to the side seams of the Body. Pin the remainder of the base.
- Sew the Base to the Body.
- Turn the Body right side out.
- Slide the stabilizer into the Body and onto the Base.

Note: The stabilizer provides support when weighted stuffing beads are added.

- Stand the body upright with the Base flat. Use a funnel to pour in 1½ cups of stuffing beads. Tap to even out the beads.
- Add fiberfill on top of the pellets, using chopstick to tuck it into the Base area. Add enough fiberfill to round out the body.
- Using heavyweight thread, take a running stitch ½" down from the top of the Body. Pull to gather and close off the top. Secure the thread.



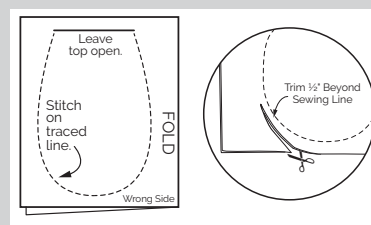
Making the Mittens & Boots

To make it easier to manage the small pieces, the mittens and boots are sewn first—and then cut out.

Here's how:

- Fold fabric in half, right sides together.
- Trace the outline of the template.
- Sew on the traced line, keeping the top open.
- Trim ¼" beyond the sewn line.

That's it!



Make the Arms

- With right sides together, pin and sew the long side of each Arm.
- Turn the Arms right side out.

Make the Mittens

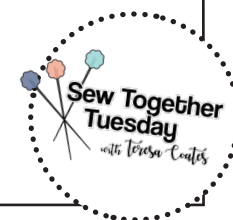
- Cut out the Mittens/Short Leg Boots paper template.
- Fold the Black Cuddle® in half, right sides together.
- On wrong side of black, trace 2 Mittens using a silver-tip pen. Leave 1" space between shapes.
Note: Check that the nap follows the arrow on the template.
- Pin around the tracings. Machine stitch on the traced line, leaving the top edge open for turning. Trim ¼" outside the stitching.
- Turn Mittens right side out.
- Lightly stuff the Mittens.

Make the Cuffs

- Sew the short edge of each cuff together. Turn right side out.
- Fold in half with the Sherpa side out. Have the fold at the top and open edge at the bottom.

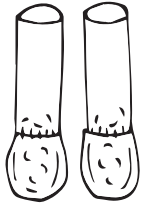
• Cuddle® Basics

- Mark measurements or trace around template pieces on reverse side of Cuddle® with a felt tip marker or ballpoint pen.
- Cut with a rotary cutter, craft knife, or scissors.
- Shake cut pieces or put in a no-heat dryer with a damp washcloth for a few minutes to remove loose fibers.
- Sew with polyester thread in the top and the bobbin.
- Reduce presser foot pressure when sewing multiple layers.
- Use a stitch length of 2.5–3 mm.
- Double pin by using 2 rows of pins—the first row every 1½" along the seam line and a second row 1" to the left and parallel to the cut edge.
- Backstitch at the beginning and end of each seam.
- Seam allowances are ¼" unless otherwise noted.
- Use an even-feed or walking foot, if possible. It makes a difference!

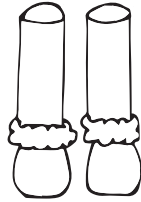


Complete the Arms

1. Fold ½" down along the top edge of the Mittens.
2. With the arm seam aligned with one of the Mitten seams and the nap going down, slip a Mitten onto the lower end of an Arm.



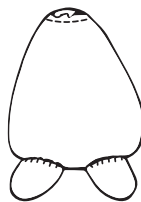
3. Hand stitch the top fold of the Mitten to the Arm. Make 2 Arms.
4. Use a chopstick to stuff fiberfill into the bottom half of each arm.
5. Slip the Cuffs over the Arms with the Cuff fold at the top and the open edge of the Cuff aligned at the Mitten/Arm seam line.
6. Hand stitch the open end of the Cuffs to the Mitten/Arm seam line. Fold the cuffs down over the mittens.
7. Stitch the Arms 1" down from the gathered stitches at the top of the body taking care to match the seams.



For Gnome with **Short Legs**, follow the next steps. For long legs, skip ahead to **Long Legs with Boots**.

Short Legs with Boots

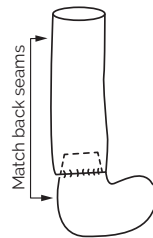
1. Following the sidebar: *Making the Mittens & Boots*, make 2 Boots. Stuff boots *firmly* with fiberfill.
2. Make a running stitch around the open edge, pulling the thread to close. Secure the thread. Push the gathered end in to flatten the top.



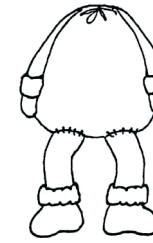
3. Place the flat end of the Boots against the front of Body. Hand stitch Boots to the Body.
4. Sew the short edge of each Boot Cuff together. Turn right side out.
5. Fold in half with Sherpa side out.
6. Slip the Boot Cuff over the Boot with the fold at the top and open edge at the bottom. Hand stitch the *open* edge to the Body/Boot seam line. Fold Boot Cuff down.

Long Legs with Boots

1. With right sides together, sew the long side of each Leg.
2. Turn the Legs right side out. Fold the bottom of the Leg in ½" and baste.
3. Following the sidebar: *Making the Mittens & Boots*, make 2 Long Leg Boots. Turn right side out. Stuff lightly with fiberfill.
4. Insert the Boot into Leg, matching back seams. Hand stitch.
5. Machine stitch the short ends of the Sherpa Cuffs together.
6. Fold the Cuffs with the Sherpa side out. With the fold at the top, slide the Cuff over the Leg, with raw edges together and the seams matching in the back. Hand stitch the Cuff to the Leg.
7. Fold the Cuff down over the Boot/Leg seam.
8. Stuff the lower half of the legs with fiberfill.



9. Fold the tops of the legs in 1". Pin legs to the bottom front of Body 1" apart. Hand stitch Legs to Body.

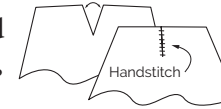


Belt

1. Center the Gold Glitter Buckle on the middle of the Belt. Zigzag or blanket stitch around both the outer and inner edge.
2. Wrap the belt around the lower middle of the body with the ends overlapped in the back.
3. Hand stitch the Belt around the middle of the Body.

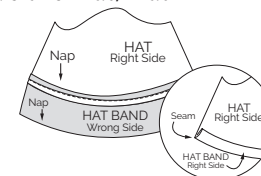
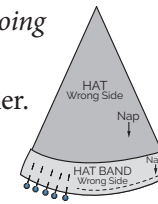
Beard

1. To help Beard hug the Body, hand stitch edges of the upper V together.
2. Hand stitch the Beard to the top of the Body.



Hat

1. Align the *wrong side* of Hat Trim along the *wrong side* of the Hat.
- Note: The nap will be going down on both pieces.*
2. Pin lower edges together. Machine stitch.
3. Turn the hat over and flip the Hat Band down so it is wrong side up.
4. Fold raw edge of the Hat Band under ½". Pin basted edge of the Hat Band ½" above the Hat/Hat Band seam line. Stitch in place.



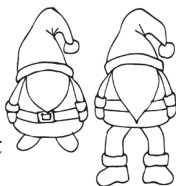
5. With right sides together, pin the edges of the Hat together. Because of the thickness, hand stitch the Hat Band section and machine stitch the rest.
6. Turn the Hat right side out.
7. Make the pompom by taking a running stitch ¼" from the edge the pompom circle. Pull the thread slightly to "cup". Insert a bit of fiberfill. Tighten the thread to close. Tie off the thread.
8. Hand stitch the pompom to the tip of the Hat.

Attach the Hat to the Gnome

1. Bend down 1½" of the 18" wire.
2. Wrap the wire in a thin layer of batting or muslin.
3. Insert the bent end of the wire into the top of the Hat. Lightly stuff fiberfill into the tip of the Hat around the wire to center it.
4. Continue to add stuffing to the Hat, keeping the wire centered. Stuff more firmly toward the base.
5. Insert the exposed wire into the Body through the gathered top. Push the wire until the Hat sits on the Body, covering the tops of the Arms and Beard.
6. Pull the Hat up to expose the wire. Squeeze a bit of white (or school) glue onto the wire then quickly push the wire down into place. Allow the glue to dry.

- Hand stitch the bottom of the Hat to the Body.

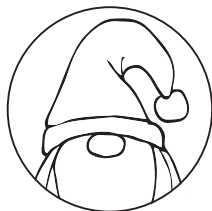
Note: Stitches may be far apart due to the bulk of the fabric. If needed, stitch around a second time.



- Tack and cut the thread.

Make and Attach the Nose

- With doubled thread, take a running stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " in from the edge of the Nose.
- Pull thread to "cup" the Nose. Insert a bit of fiberfill into the circle. Pull thread tightly to gather. Tack and cut the thread.
- Pull Hat Trim up at the top of the Body to make room for the Nose.
- With the nap going down, hand stitch the nose in place.
- Pull the Hat Band down until it rests on top of the Nose.



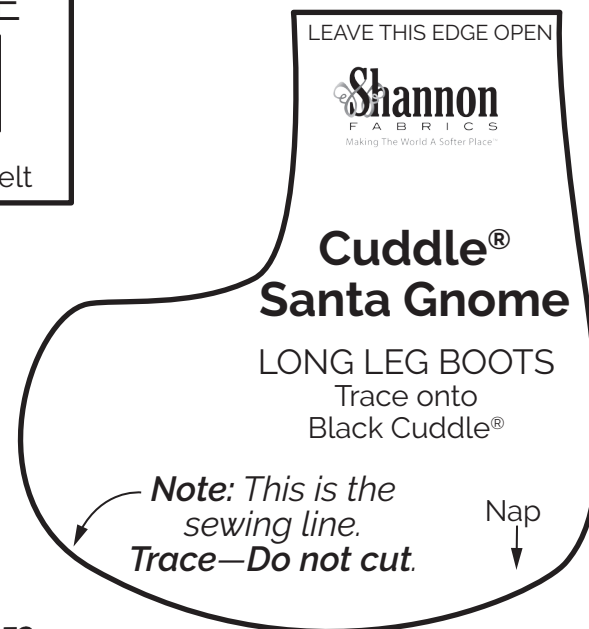
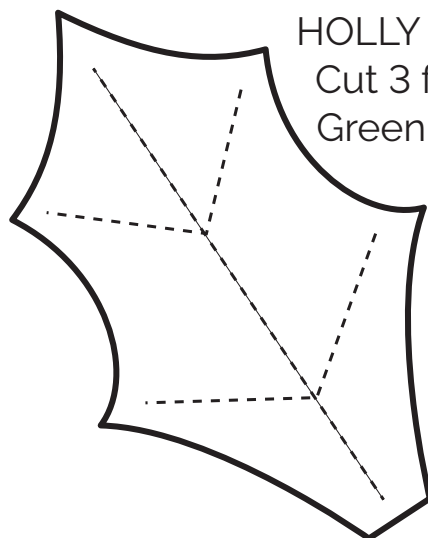
Finishing

Add the Holly

- Draw vein lines in the holly with a pencil or fabric-marking pen.
- Double machine stitch the vein lines with black thread.
- Cut the holly on traced lines. Make 3 Holly Leaves.
- Overlapping the bases of the leaves, machine stitch them together. Hand stitch to the Hat.
- Hand tack the red glitter pompoms over stitching at the base of the holly leaves for berries.

Cuddle® Santa Gnome HOLLY LEAF

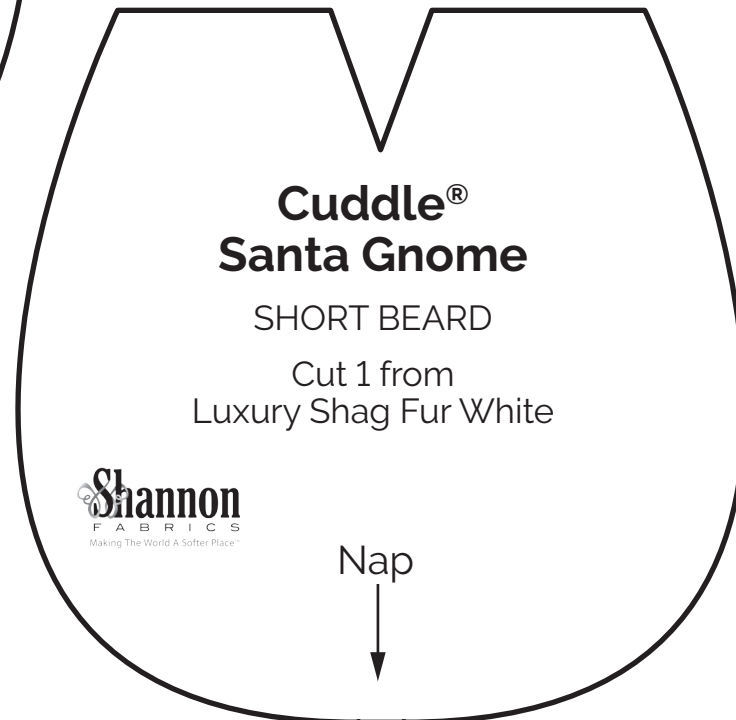
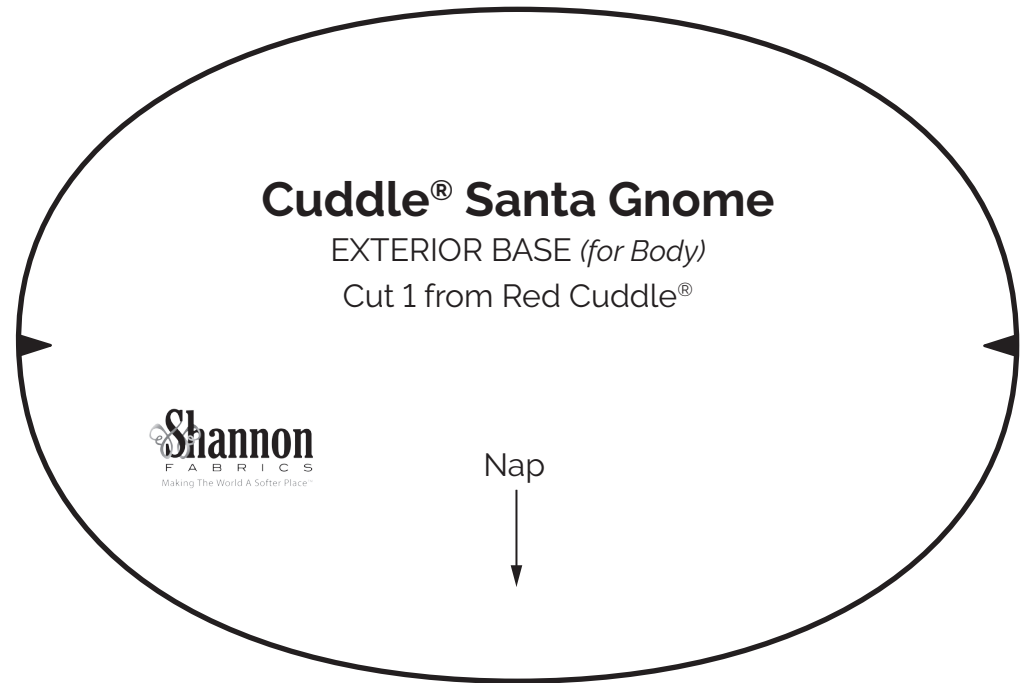
Cut 3 from
Green Felt



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BODY
Cut 2
from Red Cuddle®
Nap





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HAT (Bottom Section)

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Tape to HAT (Top Section)

Cut 1 HAT from
Red Cuddle®

Nap



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HAT (Top Section)

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Tape to HAT (Top Section)

Cut 1 HAT from
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TAPE TO HAT (Bottom Section)

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BODY SUPPORT

Cut 1

from Heavyweight Stabilizer



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