

**SINGER® PROJECTS**

## Pom Pom Winter Hat



Make sure you include staying warm in line at the polls as part of your voting plan! Reinvent your old sweater into the perfect cold weather accessory. Add applique to make your winter hat a statement piece.

**PROJECT SKILL LEVEL:** ■ ■ □ □

## Shopping List

Everything you need to complete this project in one place. Use this convenient checklist to ensure you have all required materials in your sewing room, or take it with you while you shop for supplies.

*These instructions are written with a ¼" seam allowance.*

- 1 adult-sized sweater (The size of the sweater you use will depend on how many hats you wish to make, and how large you would like the hats to be.)
- 1 5-Inch Faux Fur Pom Pom Ball with a Snap Button (One half of the snap should already be sewn to the bottom of the ball when you purchase it, and the other half will be safely contained in a tiny bag.)
- Iron
- Old Winter Hat (This will be a rough pattern for your sewn hat.)
- All Purpose Sewing Thread
- Applique
- Sewing Scissors
- Hand Needle
- Safety pin
- Marking Chalk/Pen

## Project Steps

1. Unfold your sweater, and lay it on a flat surface. Take your old winter hat and place it towards the bottom of your sweater.



2. Using your marking chalk, trace around the hat--not the pom pom--and trace about  $\frac{1}{2}$ " to one inch away from the hat.
  - a. Pro Tip: If your "tracing hat" has a removable pom pom, remove it from the rest of the hat to make tracing a little easier.



3. Cut around your marking (We left the hat on the sweater so it's easier for you to see the shape of the material); when you have two pieces of fabric to make your beanie, you can put your tracing hat away.



4. Take one side of the hat, and use the iron to press your iron-on patches.
  - a. Pro Tip #1: Generally, you want to use the highest setting on your iron to press your patches. However, if you're afraid of burning your fabric, you can start with the lowest heat setting on your iron, and gradually increase the temperature.
  - b. Pro Tip #2: If you're ironing letters, do not press your applique on upside down. Instead, lay out your letters/applique with the fold of the hat up prior to pressing them. This makes sewing them down so much easier!



5. Reinforce your iron on patches by stitching them (using a straight stitch) to your fabric.



6. Pin the right sides of your hat together. The applique side is considered the “wrong” side.



7. Using a wide zig-zag stitch, stitch along the edges of your hat with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Be sure to backstitch at the ends of your hat to prevent it from unraveling.
- a. Pro Tip: Remove your pins while sewing! Do not sew over your pins. You could risk damaging your machine needle, or worse.



8. Before flipping your hat inside out, press the edges flat.

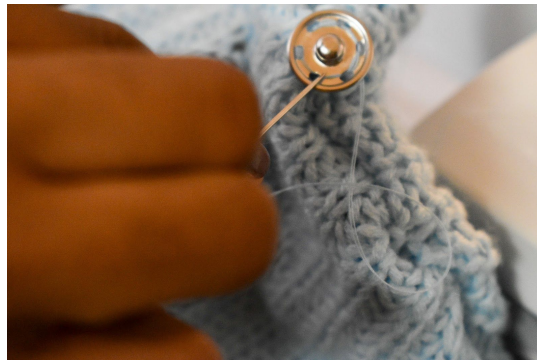




9. Mark the center tip of your hat, and use a straight stitch to sew a vertical straight line 2 inches from the top. This will create the “dome” shape of your hat.



10. Flip your hat inside out, so that your applique is on the inside. Hand stitch the lower half of your snap button to the middle of the top edge. Then, snap your pom pom ball to the button.



11. Flip your hem up to expose your applique.
  - a. Pro Tip: If you want to stitch your side inner seams down so that they're laying flat, you can use a hand needle and a simple whip stitch to create a smoother appearance on your hem.
12. Stay fashionably warm!

