



# Gingerbread Man Doorhanger

Technique:	Sewing, Fabric Crafting
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Skill Level:	Beginner
Crafting Time:	Weekend
Finished size:	about 29" (73.66cm) long, including handle

## Featuring Coats Dual Duty XP®

Add some spice—gingerbread spice, to be exact—to your holiday décor with this fun doorhanger. If you want to add some jingle as well, add a big bell to the bottom.

## Supplies

- Coats and Clark Dual Duty XP® All-purpose thread
- Coats® Bold Hand Quilting thread
- Coats® Polyester All-purpose zipper, 12" (30 cm) red zipper
- 3 rectangles, 9" x 12" (22.86cm x 30.48cm) assorted brown felts or ¼ yd (22.86cm) brown felt\*  
\*This will make multiples.
- 1 package white baby rickrack
- ⅜ yd (34.29cm) red polka dot grosgrain ribbon, ⅜" (.95cm) wide
- ¼ yd (22.86cm) green polka dot ribbon, 1" (2.54cm) wide
- Assorted small buttons for eyes and trim
- 6 assorted red/green wooden beads with large holes
- Seam sealant
- Polyester stuffing

## Preparation

1. Trace 3 gingerbread shapes onto the felt using the pattern provided.
2. Sew on button eyes and button trims for each shape. Using Bold Hand Quilting thread, stitch a mouth on each.
3. Sew the rickrack "frosting" across the ankles and wrists of each shape, allowing  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (.64cm) to extend beyond the traced line.
4. Rough-cut the shapes  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (.64cm) beyond the traced lines.

## Assembling the Gingerbread Men

1. With wrong sides together, layer an embellished shape over a felt rectangle that's just slightly larger than the rough-cut front shape.
2. Using matching thread, sew a straight stitch or narrow zigzag along the traced outline. Repeat for each shape.
3. Cut out the shape  $\frac{1}{8}$ " (.32cm) beyond the stitching, cutting through the extending rickrack.
4. Apply seam sealant to the cut rickrack ends and allow to dry.
5. Cut a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " (3.81cm) slit in the back of the gingerbread shapes only through the backing layer.
6. Lightly stuff each gingerbread shape, using a narrow tool (chopstick, quill, etc.) to push stuffing into the arms and legs. Whipstitch the opening closed.

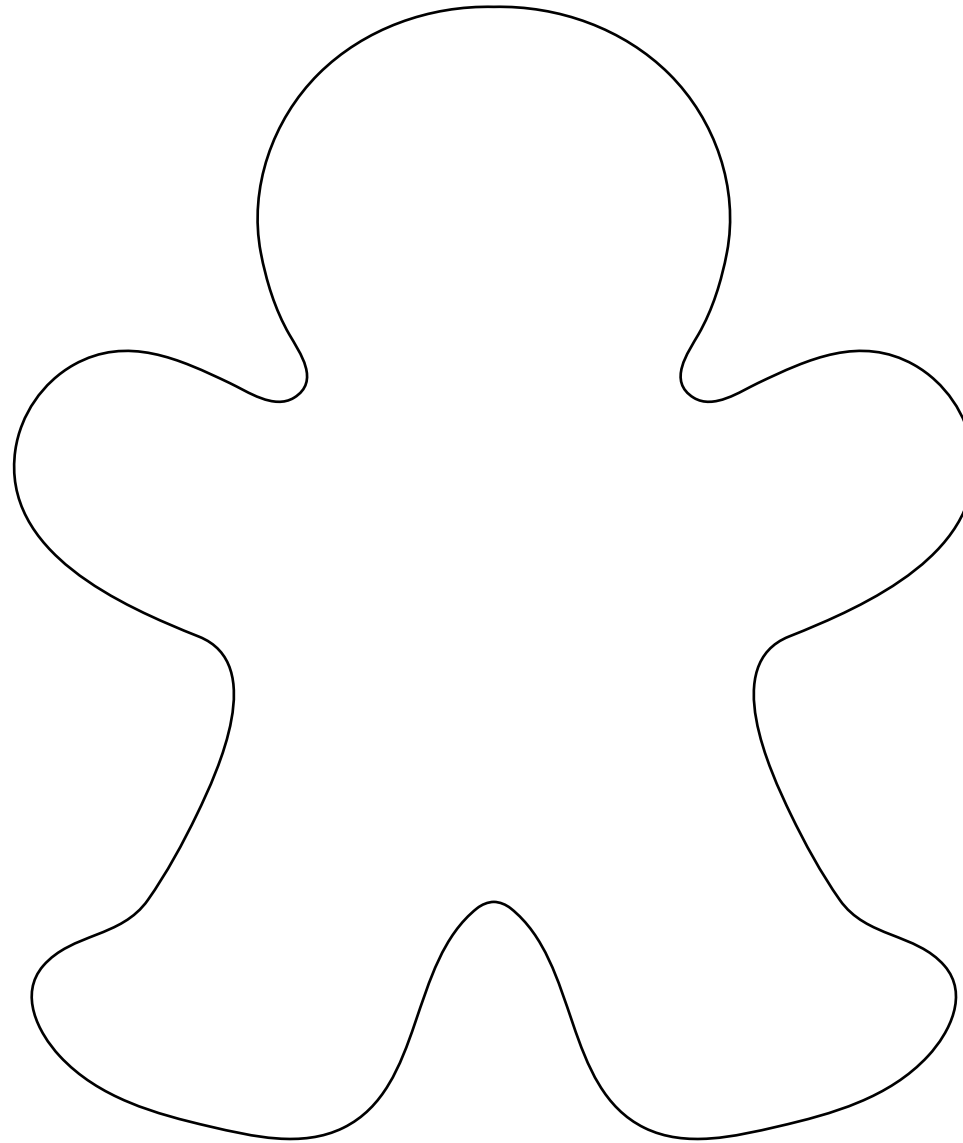
## Assembling the Hanger

1. The hanger uses  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the zipper, so cut and set the second half aside for another project. Loop the zipper tape and tack the lower edges together.
2. Hand-stitch the lower edge of the zipper loop on the back of the top gingerbread man's head. Abut the edge of the red polka dot ribbon, and cover with a small matching felt square; hand-stitch in place.
3. Continue placing the ribbon along the back of the gingerbread man and tack at the lower edge. Thread three beads in place and then hand-stitch the ribbon to the back head of the second gingerbread man, allowing about  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " (11.43cm) between the pieces. Continue the ribbon along the back body and tack at the lower edge. Thread more beads, and position the lower gingerbread man about  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " (11.43cm) below the previous one. Trim any excess ribbon length. Hand-stitch the ribbon to the back head of the lower gingerbread man, turning under the ribbon end.

**Tip:** If the bead holes are too big to keep the beads in place, add a drop of craft glue inside the bead.

## Finishing the Hanger

1. Make a small bow using the green polka dot ribbon and hand-stitch to the top of the hanger, just below the zipper loop.



This square should  
measure 1" x 1"  
(2.54cm x 2.54cm)  
when printed.

\*\*\* Measure templates before cutting to confirm printing at 100%\*\*\*