

Birthday Badges

Materials List

- 1. Wool felt** - in a variety of colours.
- 2. 100% wool stuffing** - a tiny amount to add a little padding to your number.
- 3. Embroidery cotton/floss** - in a colour to match your felt.
- 4. Thick Cardboard or Flexible Plastic** (such as the kind you find on the front of a plastic sleeve notebook or an ice cream container) - to provide some stability inside your badge.
- 5. Brooch Backs (30mm)** - [I used these from spotlight](#), however you can also use a safety pin.
- 6. Gold Thread** - to add the beautiful gold stitching around your number. [I love DMC Diamant in Light Gold](#). An alternative to the gold stitching is some embroidery using DMC thread or Cottage Garden Threads.
- 7. Sewing needles** - Chenille needles (size 24) work well for this project, however any needle will work.
- 8. Scissors, pins, chopstick for stuffing.**
- 9. Optional** - [silk ribbons](#) if you'd like to add some extra magic to your badge.



About...

Birthday badges make a treasured birthday gift for little ones. Remember the cards with the birthday badge attached? This project will teach you to make your very own felt version! I like to place the badge on the birthday table, waiting for the birthday child when they wake up.

about the birthday table...

"The Birthday Table is one of my favourite birthday rituals. It is at the birthday table we light the candles on the birthday morning, where we open presents, and where the birthday child may keep their birthday stars and other special birthday treasures. We like to keep the birthday table up for a few days after the birthday, and find it is the perfect place to stop and reflect on the celebration and the birthday child's earthly journey. It is also the first place my children take anyone visiting during their birthday week.

Despite a few different pieces added each year, the essence of the birthday table remains the same and offers a lovely consistent rhythm for our young children to look forward to. So much magic begins to flow as the same rhythm is replicated for everyone in the family. For (home) birthday parties, we also sit around the birthday table for games such as pass the parcel as well as present opening with friends. A birthday table is also a special way to honour and mark the celebration, perhaps in the absence of a birthday party."

extract from Natalie's book - [Magical Birthdays for Children](#)