

There'd be no present deliveries on 25th December without those **trusty reindeer** and Corinne Bradd's **pretty couple** are raring to take flight! Sewn from dainty **floral prints** in dark blue and dusky pink, our intrepid pair may not have shiny red noses but they make up for it with **gold and silver antlers!**

Reindeer Games

Stitch some stylish transportation for Santa this Christmas!



YOU WILL NEED...

Art Gallery Fabrics,
Charleston: Wallflower
Azalea, Wallflower Jasmine
Metallic cotton fabric:
gold, silver
Toy stuffing
Mini pom-pom trim
Small jingle bells
Buttons: black, 5mm,
fancy, 15mm
Embroidery thread



Reindeer

1 Fold fat quarters of fabric in half, right sides together, and draw around the body, leg and ear templates onto the reverse, leaving 1cm gaps between the shapes. Pin the fabric together but do not cut out. Leaving the material in one sheet, stitch around the shapes using the drawn line as a guide and leaving a gap in each one for turning. Keeping the fabric intact allows you to negotiate tricky bends and corners more easily.

2 Cut out each stitched shape 5mm from the sewn line. Clip curves and corners, then turn right sides out. Stuff the body and legs firmly before folding in the raw edges of the gap and slip stitching closed. Do not stuff the ears, instead fold in the open bottom edge, fold in half and pin.

3 Draw around the antler template onto folded metallic fabric and stitch around before cutting out. Do not sew across the base as this will be used for turning out. Keep the seam allowance to a minimum and

use tweezers to help turn out the narrow prongs. Stuff, fold in the raw edges of the gap and slip stitch closed. Oversew mini pom-pom trim to the bottom of each leg, then add a pom-pom trim collar and bell around the neck.

4 Pin the limbs to either side of the body, checking they are level. Join them with a long, double thickness of thread by knotting the end and passing through the top of one leg, the body and out of the top of the other limb. Place a fancy button

on the thread and sew back through all layers in the opposite direction. Add the second button and sew back through. Continue several times, pulling the thread fairly taut as you do so. Secure underneath the leg to finish.

5 Oversew the folded ears and antlers to each side of the top of the head so they stand up. Stitch black button eyes to either side of the face and use coloured thread to embroider a small nose at the tip of the muzzle. **CB**

Fabric Love



PRETTY IN PINK

The Wallflower print from Art Gallery Fabrics' Charleston collection features dainty blooms in dusky pink.



FLOWER POWER

Create a contrasting reindeer with the same Wallflower print, this time in a deep shade of blue

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"Use a knitting needle to help push the stuffing right to the ends of the narrow prongs on the antlers"

Corinne Bradd,
Designer



Stitch Smart

If you're making these reindeer for a small child, embroider the eyes and ensure the pom-pom trim is stitched securely

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