Good Fortune

Here’s a fun and fast felt fortune cookie pattern sure to inspire smiles. Thanks to Hilary Seabolt, the creator of www.LillyBeanMarket.com the Grand Rapids- based felt food toy company, for sharing this delightful pattern. These make great gifts and party favors, so get stitching.

**Supplies:**
- Tan wool felt and thread to match *
- Scissors
- Sewing machine
- Sewing needle (for hand stitching)
- Circle templates A and B (provided)
- Piece of white paper cut into a 1/2-inch by 3-inch strip
- Pencil

*Mix it up and use other colors. Pink or red would be good for Valentine’s Day.

** You can use regular felt, but wool works best.

Step 1: Using the complete circle template (A), trace and cut out two felt circles.

Step 2: Lay the second circle template (B) with notches cut out on top of one of the felt circles, and mark four notch points with a pencil.

Step 3: Put the marked piece of felt on top of the other felt circle and machine sew through both layers from one pencil mark to the next. Skip the space between the next two pencil marks and resume sewing on the third mark and sew to the fourth. (There should be a stitch line, then a gap, then another stitch line then a gap.)

Step 4: Fold the circle in half, carefully lining up the pencil dots and unstitched sections of the circle. (Fold the circle so the dots are on the inside and will not be visible after sewing is complete.)

Step 5: Machine sew through all four layers from one pencil mark to the next. The stitching will appear continuous around the half circle shape that is sewn closed in the middle and open on the edges.

Step 6: Bend the open edges together into the shape of a fortune cookie.
Step 7: Use your needle and thread to make a few stitches about a half-inch from the edge to secure the cookie shape.

Step 8: Write a fortune or message on the strip of paper. Fold in half. Use your pen or pencil to put the message inside.

Step 9: Keep for yourself or surprise someone special. Enjoy!