

# THE PLUM PUDDING BIRD

## Tree Ornament



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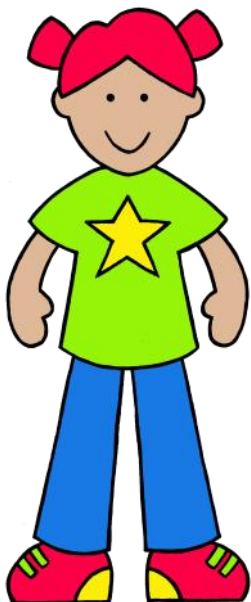
Approx. Size 3in x 3 1/2in

## BEFORE THE FUN BEGINS

- ◆ Please read all instructions before you begin.
- ◆ Abbreviations. "WOF" = 'width of the fabric'.
- ◆ Are you new to patchwork & quilting? There are many fantastic classes being run at your local patchwork and quilting store. You can also find fantastic step-by-step tutorials on the internet that will help you get started. This pattern is not intended to replace a class.
- ◆ **Requirements are based on fabric 115cm (44in) wide unless otherwise stated. Fabric requirements may differ from person to person due to cutting methods. If in doubt it is a good idea to purchase a little extra fabric.**
- ◆ Fusible webbing requirements will vary greatly between products and projects. Assume you will need a lot and go from there!
- ◆ 1/4in seam allowances are used throughout unless otherwise stated.
- ◆ Pre-washed 100% cotton fabrics are recommended.
- ◆ Press all seams towards the darker fabric or in the direction that creates the least bulk.
- ◆ Please refer to the photo of the project and the quilt diagrams to help with colour choices and layout.
- ◆ **I would recommend using an applique mat with all but the most simple applique shapes.**
- ◆ Our patterns are proof-read and made by our lovely testers but sometimes mistakes do slip by us. Please let us know if you come across an error so we can correct it.
- ◆ **Buttons and beads are NOT suitable for children under three (3) years of age due to them being a choking hazard. Please replace buttons and beads with applique or embroidery.**

### HOW TO PRINT TEMPLATES FROM PDF PATTERN

- ◆ All of the templates are provided at their full size. Make sure that your printer is set to print at 100% with no scaling or cropping.
- ◆ Some templates are divided into two, or sometimes more, sections and will need to be joined to make the complete template. Simply match the shapes along the dotted lines, then use adhesive tape to stick them together.
- ◆ If you have any difficulties please contact me at my email address [redbootquilts@bigpond.com](mailto:redbootquilts@bigpond.com) and I will help you the best I can.



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## What You Will Need

- Scraps of (2) different brown fabrics for the body and the wings
- A scrap of raspberry pink check fabric for his tummy
- A scrap of light cream fabric for the hat
- A scrap of light gold fabric for the beak
- Stranded embroidery thread to match the appliqué
- A small amount of 8-ply (DK) black or dark brown yarn for the legs
- 30cm (12in) of cream yarn or thick thread for the hanging loop
- (2) small buttons for the eyes, (6) brown buttons of varying sizes for the legs, (5) pink buttons of varying sizes for the hanging thread, and (1) small button or bead for the hanging thread/loop
- Scraps of fusible webbing, and polyester toy fill
- General sewing/craft supplies.

## How to Make The Plum Pudding Bird

1. Print and cut out the body shape to make your pattern template. Pin the template to the brown fabric you are using for the body of the bird and cut two.
2. Trace two wings, one tummy, one beak, and two hat shapes onto the paper side of the fusible webbing using a sharp pencil; leave 1/2in between each shape. Cut the shapes out roughly 1/4in outside the drawn lines.
3. Fuse the shapes to the appropriate fabrics following the manufacturer's instructions, then cut them out carefully on the lines when cool to the touch. Remove the backing paper from the applique shapes, then use the template as a guide to fuse the wings, tummy, beak and hat to one body shape. This is the front of the bird. Fuse the remaining hat shape to the second (back) body shape.
4. Blanket stitch by machine, or by hand, around the raw edges of the applique shapes using matching thread. Sew two small buttons, close to the top of the beak, for the eyes.
5. Use the template as a guide to thread two 15cm (6in) strands of black or dark brown yarn, from the back to the front, for the legs. Tie a knot approximately 1 3/4in from the top of the legs.  
Thread three brown buttons onto the bottom of the leg, then tie another knot to secure them in place. Trim the remaining length of yarn approximately 1/4in from the end. Repeat for the second leg.
6. Lay the front of the bird right side up on your work surface. Tuck the legs up towards the centre of the bird, this will prevent the legs getting caught in the seam when sewn.
7. Place the back of the bird, the right side facing down, on top and pin to secure. Sew the front and back of the bird together, leaving a small 1in opening at the bottom for turning and stuffing. Carefully notch the seam allowance on the curves, then gently turn the bird right side out through the opening. Stuff until firm and hand stitch the opening closed.

8. Thread the yarn you are using for the hanging thread through the bird at the top back of the hat. Pull the thread through so that the ends meet. Thread the pink buttons onto the two strands yarn. The buttons sit directly on the top of his hat. Tie a knot in the yarn approximately 2in - 3in from the top of the bird's head.

Thread a bead or button onto the yarn and tie another knot to secure.

Make as many Plum Pudding Birds as you like and rejoice in the fact that they won't have any effect whatsoever on your waistline!

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