

THE PLUM PUDDING BIRD

Tree Ornament



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BEFORE THE FUN BEGINS

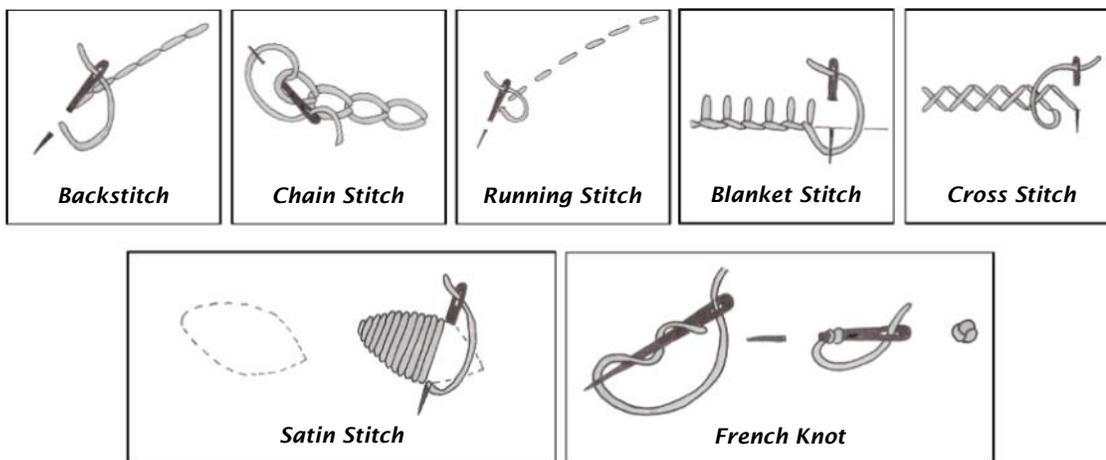
- ◆ Please read all instructions before you begin.
- ◆ Abbreviations. "WOF" = 'width of the fabric'.
- ◆ **Requirements are based on fabric 115cm (44in) wide unless otherwise stated. Fabric requirements may differ from person to person due to cutting methods. If in doubt it is a good idea to purchase 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.
- ◆ Please refer to the photo of the project and the quilt diagrams to help with colour choices and layout.
- ◆ **I would recommend using an appliqué mat with all but the most simple appliqué 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.
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A NOTE ABOUT BUTTONS

- ◆ I like to use buttons on my projects but they aren't suitable for children under three (3) years of age due to them being a choking hazard. Replace buttons with appliqué or embroidery when you are making the project.
- ◆ Safety eyes are available from all good craft stores. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.

IMPORTANT! HOW TO PRINT TEMPLATES FROM PDF PATTERNS

- ◆ All templates are provided at their full size. Ensure your printer is set to print at 100% and deselect the scaling and cropping options. Ensure you deselect the option that says "print to printer margins".
- ◆ Some templates may be divided into two or more sections and will need to be joined to make the complete template. Simply match the shapes along the dashed or dotted lines as marked on the template, then use adhesive tape to stick them together. Occasionally a shape will distort a tiny bit in the printing process, simply adjust where necessary.
- ◆ All of our patterns are test printed multiple times before release. Very occasionally a PDF template will print with a **black background** due to differences between the various apps and devices we use. This can be solved in most instances by saving the PDF to your hard-drive, then re-opening the file using a PDF reader (not your browser). Please message me at redbootquilts@bigpond.com if you continue to have difficulties.



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Approx. Size 8cm x 9cm (3in x 3 1/2in)

What You Will Need

- A scrap of (2) complimentary brown print fabrics for the body and the wings
- A scrap of pink-on-pink print fabric for his tummy
- A scrap of soft white fabric for the top of his head
- A scrap of yellow fabric for the beak
- Stranded embroidery thread to match the appliqué
- A small amount of 8-ply (DK weight) black or dark brown yarn for the legs
- A 30cm (12in) length of cream yarn, thick thread, or ribbon for the hanging loop
- (2) small buttons for eyes
- (6) brown buttons of varying sizes for the feet
- (5) pink buttons of varying sizes for the hanging thread
- Scraps of lightweight fusible webbing
- Good quality polyester toy fill
- General sewing and 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 (2).
2. Use a pencil to trace the required appliqué shapes onto the paper side of the fusible webbing—leave approx. 1/2in between each shape. When you have finished tracing, roughly cut out the individual shapes 1/4in outside the traced lines.
You will need to trace (2) wing shapes, (1) tummy shape, (1) beak shape, and (1) top head shape.
3. Fuse the applique shapes to the wrong side of the fabrics you have chosen for the project following the manufacturer's instructions. Cut the shapes out carefully on the lines when cool to the touch. Remove the backing paper from the applique shapes as you need them.
4. Use the template and the colour photograph as a guide to fuse the applique to the front (brown) body shape.

Diagram 1 ►



5. Stitch around the applique shapes using your favourite method. I stitched around my shapes using hand-stitched blanket stitch and matching thread. Sew buttons to the bird's face for eyes where indicated on the pattern template. Sew the buttons in place using strong thread. Knot securely.
Cross-stitch the wing detail using two strands of complimentary thread (*optional*).

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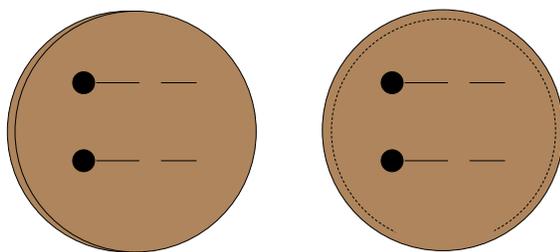
- Use the template and Diagram 2 as a guide to thread two 15cm (6in) lengths of black or dark brown yarn through the front body shape for legs. Thread them from the back to the front. Tie a knot approximately 1 3/4in down from the top of the legs.
- Thread (3) brown buttons onto the bottom of the leg, then tie another knot to secure them in place. Trim the remaining length of yarn approximately 1/4in from the end. Repeat to make the second leg.

Diagram 2 ▼



- Lay the front of the bird right side up on your work surface. Tuck the legs up and in towards the centre of the bird, this will prevent the legs getting caught in the seam when sewn.
- Pin and then sew the front and back of the bird together with right sides facing, being careful not to catch the legs in the seams. Leave a small opening at the bottom of the bird for turning and stuffing.

Diagram 3 ►



- Carefully notch the seam allowances on the curves, then gently turn the bird right side out through the opening. Stuff until firm. Hand-stitch the opening closed using small, neat stitches and matching thread.
- 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. Tie a knot close to the head.
- Thread the (5) pink buttons onto the two strands yarn. Tie a knot in the yarn to secure the buttons, then tie another knot to make a hanging loop to finish.

Diagram 4 ▼



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Tip!

The numbers represent the order in which the appliqué shapes are fused together.

