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These are a charming and unusual way to display all manner of cherished items whether these are childrens' drawings, greetings cards, remnants of favourite fabrics - or anything you choose that can be pegged to a line.

You only need a few scraps and some clothes pegs - a perfect little stocking filler or tiny gift at any time.

Finished birds measure about 5 1/2" from head to tail.



Materials

Quantities are to make six birds

- 8" x 15" piece of felt or other suitable fabric for birds' bodies
- 8" x 15" piece of felt for backing
- Six printed cotton fabric scraps for wings, each measuring approx 3" x 1 1/2"
- 8" x 15" piece of Bondaweb, plus small pieces for wings
- Black and yellow stranded cotton floss
- 6 wooden clothes pegs (the wooden spring clip variety)
- Temporary fabric marker pen
- Hot glue gun
- Black thread for machine needle
- Embroidery /darning foot for machine



Method

- Fuse your piece of Bondaweb to the reverse of the fabric you've chosen for the birds' bodies.
- Peel off the backing paper and then fuse the felt backing to the reverse of the body fabric, making a sort of sandwich.
- Print and cut out the bird templates - they are given actual size. Cut 3 as given, then reverse your template for the other 3.
- Position your bird templates on the front of the fabric sandwich you just made and draw around them with the temporary fabric marker

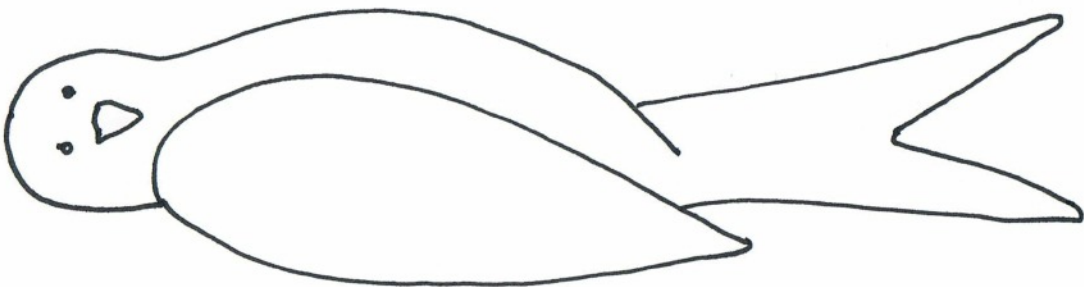
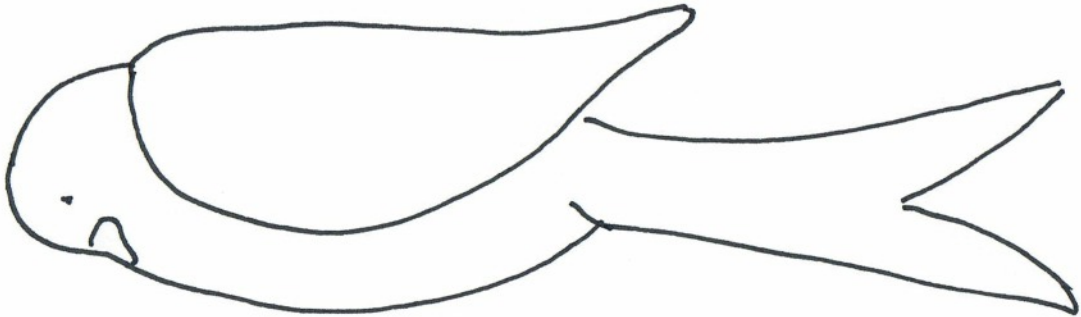
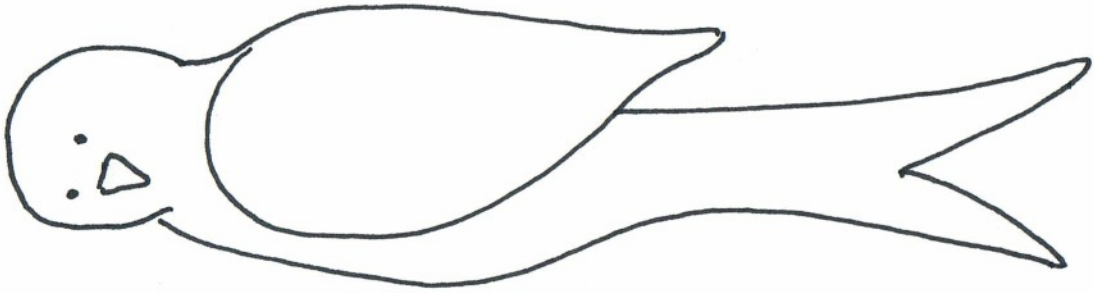
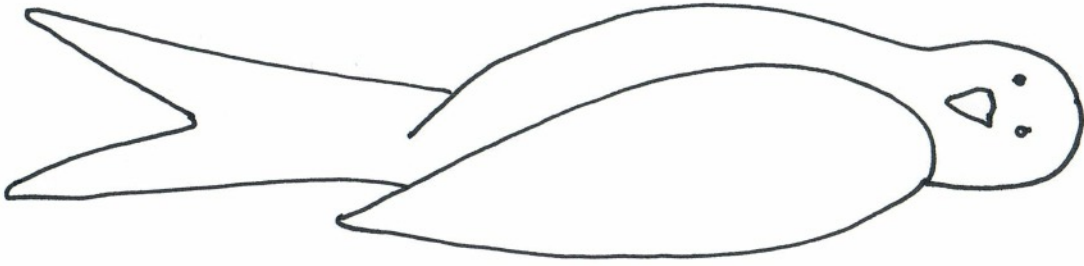
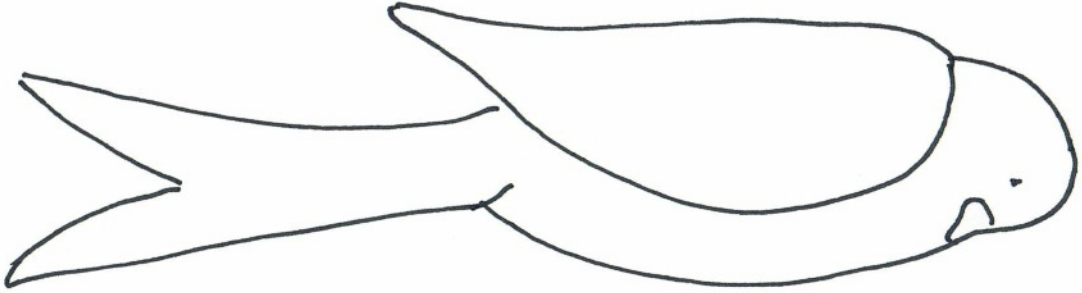
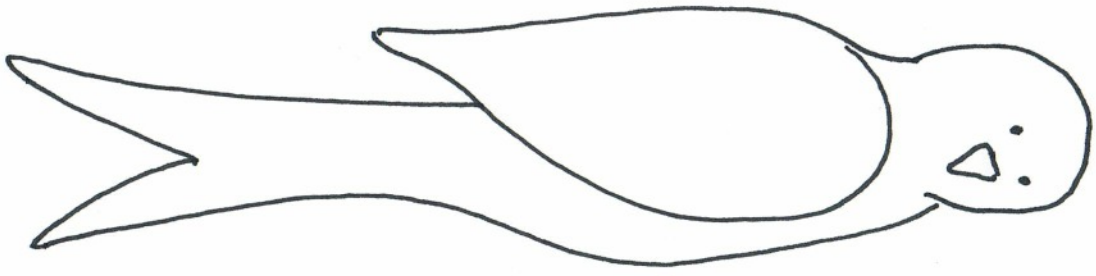
pen. You might find it easier to match their wings if you number them in some way now, then number the wings on the Bondaweb as you trace them.

- Trace the birds' wings onto Bondaweb (remember that 3 will need to be reversed) and then iron the Bondaweb to the back of your printed fabric scraps.
- Cut out the birds' wings, then peel off the paper backing and fuse the wings into place on the birds' bodies. You will now have six bodies ready for freestyle machine embroidery. It's much easier to stitch and then cut them out, as otherwise they're very fiddly - particularly the tails.
- With black or other dark thread in your machine needle and light coloured thread in your bobbin stitch twice around the outline of each bird (just inside the outline you drew) and the wing. Remember your stitching doesn't

need to be perfect - you're aiming for a sketchy, slightly scribbled sort of effect.

- Cut out birds - if your stitching was a bit wonky in places and you have to cut through it, this doesn't really matter.
- Stitch details using 1 strand of black floss for the eyes and 2 strands for the beak and feet.
- With your hot glue gun, glue a peg to the reverse of each bird. Now just peg them to a line (I used jumbo ric-rac braid) to display your treasures.







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Helen xx

