

Christmas Robins



Materials:

2 pieces, each approx 6" (15 cm) square felted blanket/tweed or other woollen fabric

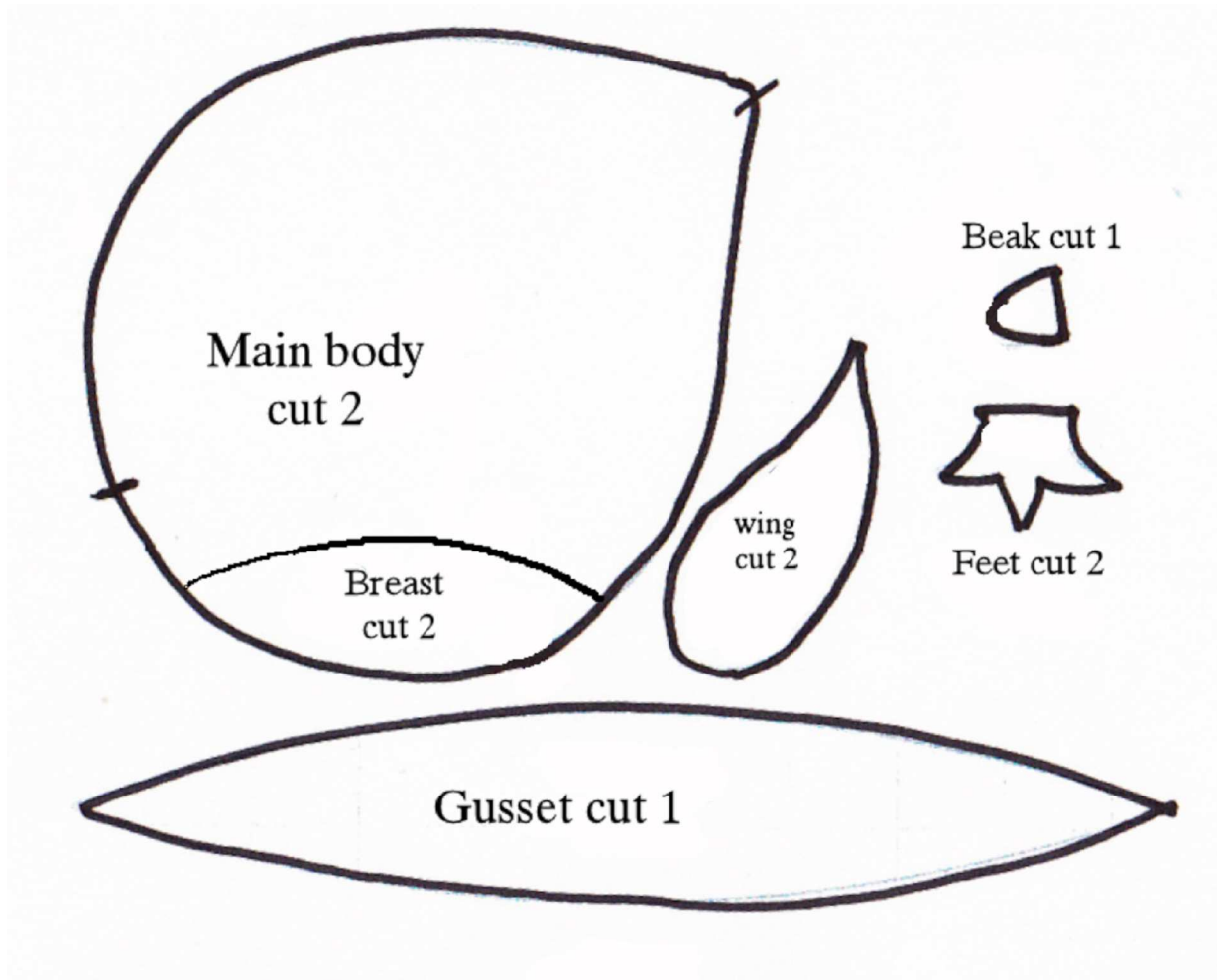
Scraps of light brown felt for wings, dark brown felt for feet and beak, red felt for gusset and breast.

Two black buttons for eyes

Stranded cotton embroidery floss in light brown, biscuit, dark brown and scarlet

Spray fabric adhesive/Bondaweb

Template:



Instructions:

Cut 2 body pieces in tweed/felted blanket, 2 wings in light brown felt, 2 breast pieces and 1 gusset in red felt, 2 feet and 1 beak in dark brown felt.

Using spray fabric adhesive or bondaweb – whichever you prefer – position and the breast and wings. Secure around edges with straight stitch in matching floss.

Embroider feathers on wings with 3 strands of biscuit coloured floss, using the photo as a guide. Sew the eyes in place with biscuit coloured floss. Hot tip – check to make sure the eyes are level on both sides otherwise your robin will look very odd when you join the pieces (this is the voice of experience!)

Sew the gusset to one side, starting at the tail with 3 strands of red floss. Work in cross stitch, working one way in half cross stitch then completing the stitch by returning backwards and working half cross stitch in the other direction.

Sew the gusset to the second side in the same way.

Place the beak felt at the point where the gusset and two side pieces join and secure in place with a few stitches.

Sew the top of the bird in the same way, but using light brown floss. Stuff as you go along for a nice shape, then close the gap and return the other way to complete your cross stitch.

Stand your bird up so you can see where best to position the feet. When you're happy with their placing stitch into place on the base using dark brown floss.