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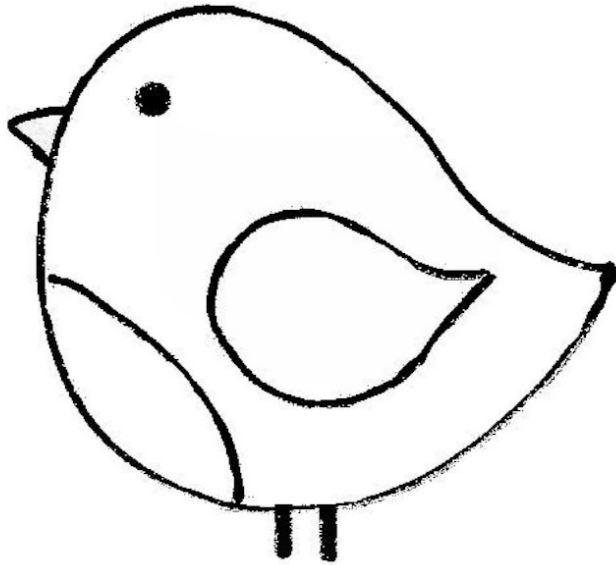
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## Robins in Love



Use easy applique techniques to create a colourful festive cushion this Christmas time. The crochet mistletoe was taken from one of my favourite books – [“100 flowers to knit & crochet” by Lesley Stanfield](#), substituting a pearl bead for the crochet bobble. But you could always cut mistletoe shaped leaves from felt if you’d prefer not to crochet.





Here's your really simple Robin applique shape – cut 8 facing left and the ninth facing right by reversing your template.

I used 3 strands of floss to attach the shapes to the cushion base throughout, with 6 strands for the beak and legs (straight stitches). Small dark coloured buttons form the eyes. It's nice to vary the fabrics you use for the robins, but try to keep to the same red felt for the breasts to ensure harmony within your design. The back of the cushion is a simple envelope closure.

The cushion shown is 16" square – but you can size your template to fit any size you prefer.



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