# Woolie Cut Outs 2024 Wool Applique Project

# January's Pattern

We are starting January with a Heart Woolie Cut Out

so you can be ahead and ready to decorate with it for the month of February)



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### PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE STARTING.

(If using fusible web you need to reverse the pattern)

### Follow these basic instructions for wool applique.

- All wool should be felted. (either hand dyed or washed in hot water and dried)
- Use sharp scissors.

I use freezer paper to trace and cut out all my shapes.

### (if you choose to use fusible please reverse pattern when tracing)

- · Lay the freezer paper over the designs on the pattern with the shiny side down and trace the design.
- Cut AROUND the design you just traced but NOT on the line....you will cut on the line later.
- Put your freezer paper shiny side down on top of your wool and press with a dry iron. The paper will stick
  to the wool just enough to now allow you to cut out your designs on your tracing lines.....this gives you a
  nice clean cut of your designs.
- Use small applique pins to secure wool applique shapes to background
- I like to pin all my shapes in place before I begin any stitching on the block. This allows the proper placement
  of all applique pieces. Stitch from the back forward. Remove top layers of applique pieces and replace as you
  stitch.
- Give yourself the freedom to use different types and sizes of threads to create different effects.
- Besides coordinating floss you could applique all your pieces in black.
- I like to use #12 perle cotton for this.
- A blanket stitch or whipstitch is recommended for stitching your applique pieces in place.
- Press all blocks when finished with a steam iron.

### <u>Wool Appliqué Stitching:</u>

- When placing your wool applique pieces onto the background block remember to center your design and
  leave space around the edges for a seam allowance. It is helpful to find the center of your background and
  measure out and mark your block size so you don't accidentally place the applique pieces too close to the edge
  for when you need to trim and stitch.
- I like to pin all my pieces in place to make sure they are all positioned correctly before I begin any stitching.
- Once you have the pieces in the placement you like whipstitch or blanket stitch them to the background block.
- At this point you can remove the most forward wool applique pieces if you like and begin stitching the back pieces and placing the pieces back on working forward.

## Woolie Cut Outs

Woolie Cut Outs is a FREE 12 month wool applique project featured on the Wool Applique Facebook Group for 2024

Each project will have a monthly themed design embellished with beads./charms

- The first project I share in January will be a heart Woolie Cut Out. That way you will have a
  project ready for the next month to enjoy!
- JANUARY'S Woolie Cut Out will be shared in December

### The monthly project can be finished one of two ways.

#1. - Wool applique on wool and cut out to be displayed on a wooden picture board easel.

(the wooden picture board easel will be available on my website for a one time purchase and can be used for each months project with sticky pads that come in the kit each month.

#2.—Wool applique on cotton backing and finished at the end of the 12 months into a small wall quilt. (Finishing Kit will be available at the end of the 12 months.

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# Getting the Pattern:

- Follow along on the Wool Applique Facebook Group and on the 15th of each month I will share a free downloadable pattern. The link will be on my website. www.woodenspooldesigns.com for you to download.
- You can download it and print it yourself for FREE during that month ONLY.
- If you do not have a printer and/or prefer, you can purchase a printed copy of the pattern through our website.

# Getting the Kit:

- Each month there will be a kit offered for sale for that months project on our website www.woodenspooldesigns.com
- The kit will include wool, embellishments, and it will include the cotton fabric background if
  you choose to finish your project as a small wall quilt.
- The kit does NOT include the pattern unless you purchase it that way.
- If you choose to use your own supplies there will be embellishment packs for sale.
- The wooden picture board easel is a separate purchase and available on the website www.woodenspooldesigns.com

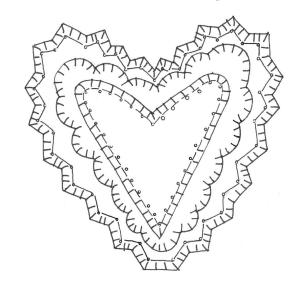
### Woolie Cut Outs

The first project I share in January will be to use for decoration

in the month of FEBRUARY!!

That way you will have a project ready For the next month to enjoy!

January's decoration Cut Out will be shared in December!



#### Materials Needed:

- $7" \times 17"$  black wool for background and backing or one  $9" \times 9"$  cotton fabric for background if making into a small wall quilt. (cut black wool into two  $6" \times 6"$  squares and two  $2" \times 6"$  rectangles)
- 6" x 6" textured beige wool for background heart
- 5" x 5" light rose wool for scalloped heart
- 4" x 4" white wool for center heart
- Optional Beads (approx. 50 rose colored beads approx. 40 crystal clear beads)
- Silver Key Charm
- Coordinating perle cotton ( I used Valdani 12 weight ) #5 light ecru, #0512 chimney dust, #178 tea dyed stone, #8113 black dark
- Beading needle
- Sewing thread (to apply beads)
- Optional: Wooden picture board easel
- Applique pins or fusible web to secure applique pieces while stitching

### Directions for Cut Outs Option #1:

- Cut all wool pieces according to pattern page.
  - (If you are using a fusible product you will need to reverse pattern on directional pieces)
- Place the wool applique pieces onto one of the  $6" \times 6"$  black wool squares and pin in place or fuse.
- Set aside the remaining  $6" \times 6"$  square (this is your backing).
- Using coordinating perle cotton stitch all pieces in place with a whipstitch or blanket stitch.
- Sew straight stitches on the background heart in a zig zag pattern around the inside edge using ecru perle cotton.
- Using ecru perle cotton sew a back stitch around the inside edge of the center heart.
- Use a beading needle and sewing thread to sew the beads in place using the photo or diagram as a guide.

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- Press the stitched piece and trim away the excess black wool from around the designs leaving approx. 1/4" of black around the edge.
- Place the cut out piece on top of the remaining 6" x 6" black square (the backing) and pin in place.
- Cut away the excess black wool from the backing to match the cut front piece.
- Join the front and backing using black perle cotton with a blanket stitch sewing completely around
- Press.

### Monthly Sign:

- Transfer the word "February" in place on one of the  $2" \times 6"$  black wool rectangles and stitch using #12 white perle cotton with a back stitch.
- To Transfer words: I use Press and Seal to transfer my lettering. Place a piece of Press and Seal over the words on the pattern page and trace using a black sharpie.
- Place the traced piece of Press and Seal onto the place you want to stitch your lettering and stitch through all layers using a back stitch and pulling your threads a little taunt so they do not stray when pulling off the Press and Seal.
- Once your lettering is stitched, gently pull off the Press and Seal from the stitched area. I use tweezers to pick the stray pieces from under the letters. Press.
- Place the stitched piece on top of the remaining 2" x 6" black wool rectangle and trim the edges to measure approx. 1 1/2" x 4 1/2".
- Using black perle cotton blanket stitch the two layers together around all sides and press.
- Tack the silver key charm and bow in place at the top center of the white heart.

#### To hang your Cut Out to the Wool Easel Board:

• Using the double-sided stick pads in the kit, peel off one side and stick to the back of the wool applique Heart and Monthly sign piece. Peel off the other side and stick to the board pressing firmly to adhere them together.

(Each Kit will have new sticky pads for each month's use)

### Directions for Quilt Block Option #2

- Cut all wool pieces according to pattern page.
   (If you are using a fusible product you will need to reverse pattern on directional pieces)
- $\bullet$  Center the wool applique pieces onto the 9"  $\times$  9" cotton fabric and pin in place or fuse.
- Using coordinating perle cotton stitch all pieces in place with a whipstitch or blanket stitch.
- Sew straight stitches on the background heart in a zig zag pattern around the inside edge using ecru perle cotton.
- Using ecru perle cotton sew a back stitch around the inside edge of the center heart.
- Use a beading needle and sewing thread to sew the beads in place using the photo or diagram as a guide
- Transfer the word "February" in place and stitch using ecru perle cotton with a back stitch.
- Press and save to finish in December. (Finishing Instructions will be shared in December @ www.woodenspooldesigns.com

