YULETIDE PINS & ORNAMENTS 2008 #RR134

Shown in Hand Dyed Wools & WoolFelt 2 1/2" Pins and Ornaments

WOOL SCRAPS: Black, Red, Off White, Green, Brite Green, Blue, Tan.

Wool Floss: Red, Green, Off White, Dk. Brown, Orange, Black, Rust, Blue.

Miscellaneous: Steam-A-Seam 2; disappearing ink marker; thin gauge wire for hangers, stiff interfacing, tiny amount of polyfil, pin backs

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2 1/2" Pins than can also be hung as Mini Ornaments.

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These designs can be quickly made using FUSIBLE APPLIQUE. Make them into pins or lttle hanging ornaments.

These are done in wool but cotton can easily be used.

Please read all instructions first.

APPLIQUE GENERAL INFORMATION AND TIPS!

YOUR WOOL FABRIC: Since the applique pieces are so tiny, fusible webbing is recommended for ease in cutting out and prevention of raveling. Cut out and iron on all applique pieces using the manufacturer's instructions. FUSING TIPS FOR RECOMMENDED STEAM-A-SEAM 2. First reverse your pattern...hold your pattern sheet up to a window and trace the design to the backside of the sheet. 2. Fusing Wool Only - After you trace your design onto the webbing paper and remove the untraced paper side, place the sticky side to back side of wool. Now, just barely touching the webbing with iron, press for about 4 to 6 seconds (experiment with this). Cut out the design on the traced line and then remove the traced paper side. Position all applique pieces onto your background. Lay a damp pressing cloth over all, hold the hot iron over the cloth, barely touching it and hold for about 4 to 6 seconds. This will not flatten your beautiful wool...it is not necessary for most of the pieces to be completely adhered as you will also stitch them in place.

<u>TEMPLATES</u> It is suggested to keep pattern pages in tact. For Background circles and scallops, make templates. To do so place template plastic or just paper over pattern piece and trace. Cut out template and use as your pattern.

<u>STITCHING</u>: Floss colors listed are general colors not colors specific to any brand. We have used a combination Thread Gatherer's wool/silk, hand dyed cotton flosses and Japanese Stitch Wool. Number of strands depends on the chosen floss and size of applique piece. Most pieces are appliqued on with a simple Whip Stitch (WS) or a tiny Blanket Stitch (BLS).

Below are general instructions followed by specific wool & floss colors used for each particular design.

A. <u>CUTTING OUT</u>: Make a template for the Round and Scalloped Backgrounds and use to cut out specified shapes for the pin you are making. (The Santa is the only pin without a Scalloped Background.) Using fusible applique method above to cut out all applique pieces. Please note some of the broken lines denote where that piece is overlapped by another.

SPECIFIC COLORS FOR EACH PIN

- 1. Santa: Background Cut 2 Black Circles ~ Face-Flesh Tone ~ Hat-Red ~ Hat Pom-Green ~ Hat Trim, Beard, Mustache-Off White.(Hat Trim and Beard meet while Mustache is placed on top, overlapping where they meet. Also, Face and Hat meet beneath Hat Trim piece)
- 2. Snowman: Backgrounds 2 Off White Circles & 1 Black Scallop ~
 Hat-Blue ~ Bird-Light Blue ~ Boots & Coat-Red ~ Scarf & Mittens-Green
- 3. Cat: Backgrounds 2 Green Circles & 1 Black Scallop ~ Coat & Hat-Red ~ Hat Pom-Green ~ Coat Trim Strip-Off White ~ Face-Tan
- 4. Singing Angel: Backgrounds: 2 Red Circles & 1 Lite Green Scallop ~ Face-Tan ~ Wings-Off White ~ Dress-Teal ~ Collar-Dk. Lavendar
- B. <u>POSITION</u> applique pieces onto either the Circle or Scallop Background piece, allowing for embellishment stitches
- C. FUSE in place following "FUSING TIPS" above.
- D. <u>APPLIQUE & EMBELLISHING STITCHES:</u> Thin floss & a Whip Stitch were used around the applique pieces in many cases you will need to take tiny stitches without much depth. A Blanket Stitch is used around Backgrounds.

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SPECIFIC FLOSS COLORS FOR EACH PIN

1. Santa: WS all pieces on with a matching floss color.

Embellish: With Black sewing thread stitch a tiny Nose and add French Knot Eyes. Back Stitch a <u>Red</u> mouth. Backstitch a <u>Green Pom String</u> at the tip of Hat. Add about 8 Red French Knots around Santa. Using the tip of a tooth pick, blush cheeks very lightly with powder blush.

2. Snowman: Mittens & Scarf - use matching thread. Hat, Bird, Boots, & Coat-Black or Dark Brown.

Embellish: Add Green fringe to Scarf. To face add Orange Nose and a Black French Knot Eye. Stitch 3 Black Buttons to back of Jacket.

3. Cat: WS all on with Dark Brown or Black.

Embellish: With Black sewing thread stitch whiskers, nose and eyes. Add a Red mouth. Stitch Yule Cat on Jacket and add 3 large Green French Knots Buttons down Jacket front. Powder blush cheeks.

4. Angel: WS Face in place with matching sewing thread. WS other pieces with Dark Brown or Black.

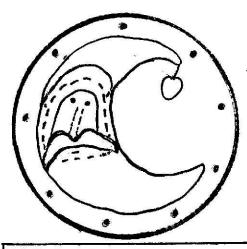
Embellish: Add Rust hair...Back Stitch the poney tail strands. With Black sewing thread add tiny French Knot eyes and then eyebrows. Back Stitch a Blue Halo. Add Rust French Knots to Collar. Lightly powder blush cheeks.

F. FINISHING

- 1. If you have appliqued onto a Scalloped Background, center that piece on top of one of the Circle pieces and with Dark Brown or Black floss BLS in place.
- 2. Cut a piece of stiff interfacing a bit smaller than the Circle piece for extra firmness and place it behind top Circle. Place the second circle behind the stiff interfacing, having its right side out. Pin together and then BLS around the edges with Dark Brown or BLack. Note: You can add the tiniest bit of polyfil in front of the interfacing before completing the closing stitches. We have added it to the pins but not the ornaments but you can add it to either.
- 3. Pins: Securely sew a pin back to the back of your completed pin. Ornament: Cut a piece of thin black wire and poke each end thru the pin wool, a bit above the middle on each side. Twist it around itself. You can cut out two little Holly Leaves and a Red Berry Circle. Glue the Leaves together over the wire near the top. Add the Berry.
- 4. You can add a little dab or Christmas spice oil to the backs of your pins or ornaments.



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Santa Notes:
Broken line is Face pattern.
Bottom of Hat meets top of Face beneath Hat Trim.
Also, bottom of Hat Trim on each side, meets top of Beard.
Top of Beard is same line as top of Mustache.

