

## **Bird Workshop FoQ 2014**

### **Requirements**

12' square of pelmet vylene

12' square of Bondaweb

12' square of fabric

14" length of ribbon or ricrac

Sewing Machine

2 bulldog clips

a 2p coin

### **Instructions**

Bond the fabric to the pelmet vylene using the Bondaweb.

Draw around the templates; the bird body and two wings (make sure that one wing is reversed).

Cut around the three shapes.

The wings need fabric on both sides, so choose another colour and apply bondaweb to that fabric. Bond the fabric to the reverse side of the wings and cut around the shape once more. (cover your ironing board with baking parchment to avoid any gluey mess)

Stitch some decorations onto your bird shape whilst it is unfolded. It will look nice with a few lines going into the tail and some definition on its tummy. This is a good time to play with a few decorative stitches on the sewing machine.

Also stitch the wings. Remember that both sides of the wings will be on display to think about the colour of thread in the bobbin. It could be the same or different.

Now fold your bird shape and hold in place using your bulldog clips. Stitch all around the outside as near to the edge as you can to hold the two halves together. Move the clips out of the way as you go around. **Don't Forget to LEAVE A GAP ACROSS ITS BACK** as marked on the pattern. It would be a good idea to stitch forwards and back at the beginning and end to strengthen that gap.

Slip the 2p coin inside the bird and encourage it towards the chest, this weight will help your bird to hang straight when it is finished.

Fold the ribbon in half and anchor it to the centre of one of the wings, right at the bottom.

Place the wings together and slip them inside the gap that you have left open.

Stitch through all the layers to close the gap and hold the wings and the ribbon.

Fold the wings downwards.

Using a pen, gently draw an eye on either side of your bird.

Done! 😊

These look great hanging from a lampshade. Where will you hang yours?