CRAZY PATCHWORK BIRDS.

Requirements: Cardboard Bird Template

Cardboard Wadding Template

Calico, large e**nough** for 2 bird shapes

Wadding for 1 shape

Strips of fabric approximately 3cms or more wide

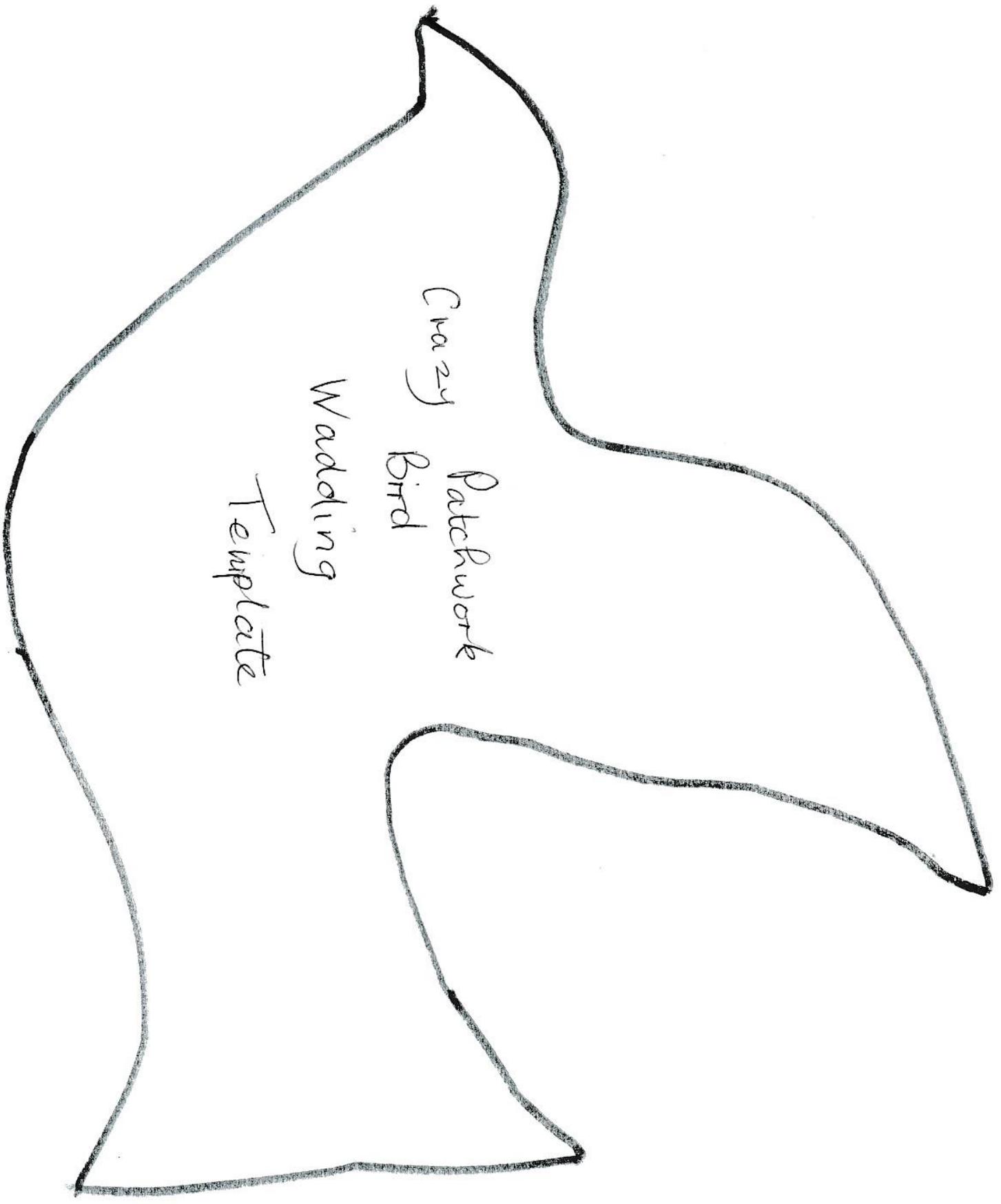Length of ribbon about 70cms long

Machine skills required: Straight stitching and zig –zag. Pivoting with needle down.

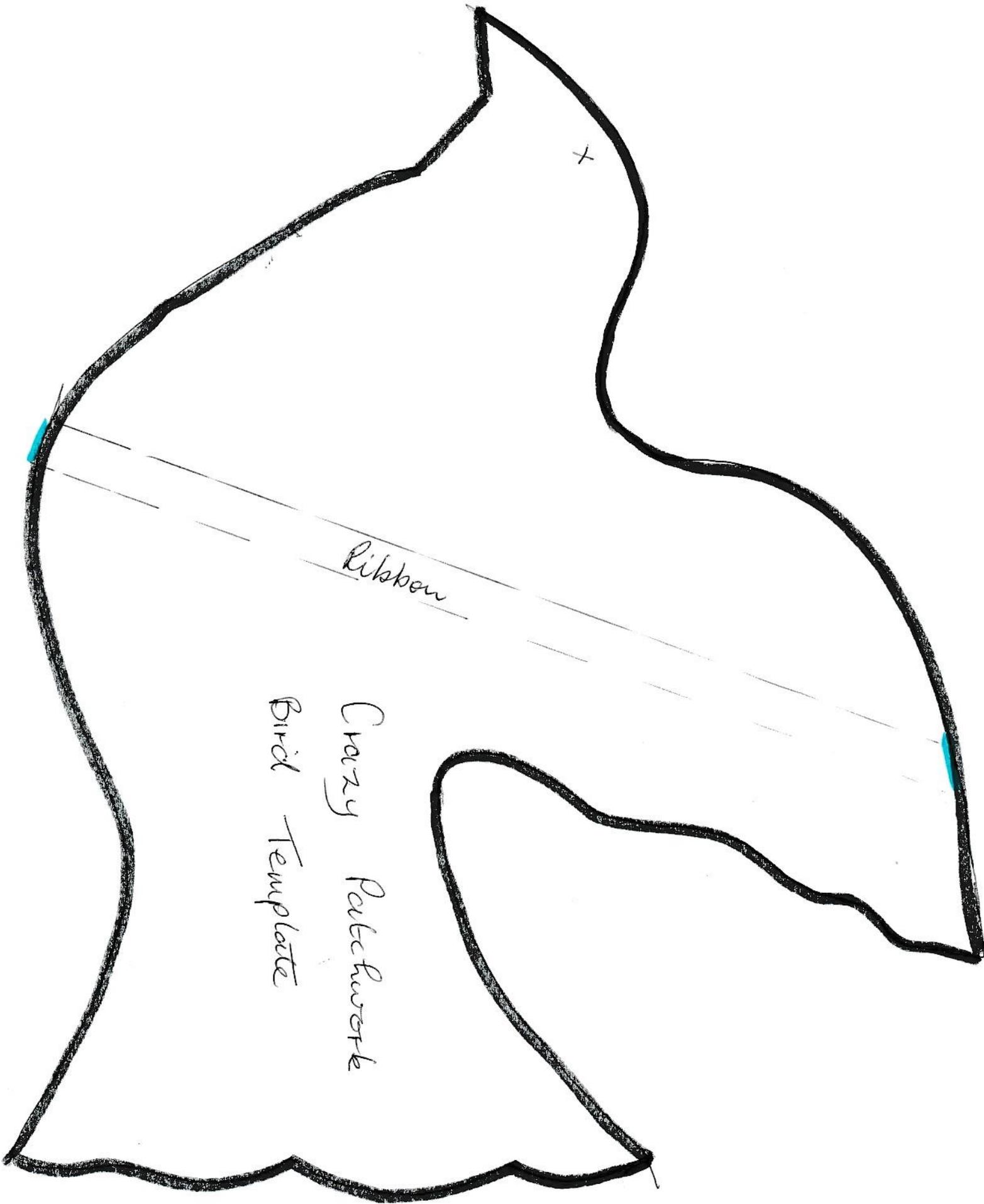Hand stitching: Running stitch. Blanket stitch.

Method.

1. Draw around bird template twice on calico. MAKE SURE YOU REVERSE TEMPLATE FOR SECOND SHAPE. If you use a marker that goes through to reverse of fabric this will enable you to cut out shape but make sure you put fabric on same side as your outline.

2. Cut out one wadding shape.
3. On the calico, starting at head end of first bird shape, place first piece of fabric right side up. Place second strip, right sides together on first piece with edges at body side aligned. Stitch ¼" seam. ALWAYS CHECK STRIP IS LONG ENOUGH TO COVER BOTH SIDES OF BIRD. DO NOT CUT STRIP UNTIL IT IS UNFOLDED. Unfold and press seam with nail or stick. Trim if required. Add next strip and continue until bird is covered. (*Pictures 1,2 &3)*
4. Cut out around line. (*Picture4)*
5. Repeat with second shape BUT DO NOT CUT OUT. *(Picture5)*
6. Place second uncut shape wrong side up. Put wadding on top.
7. Place ribbon, leaving enough for small loop at the top.*(Picture6)*
8. Place first cut out bird on top, right side up. Pin together.*(Picture7)*
9. Machine Zigzag stitch around edge. (Blanket stitch if hand sewing)
10. Cut out around bird shape **taking care not to cut stitching or ribbon**.*(Picture8)*
11. Repeat zigzag stitch around edge if necessary.
12. Stitch or stick on eyes.
13. Make loop at top of ribbon.
14. Add beads to lower end with knot between each.*(Picture9)*
15. Add bell.
16. Decorate bird as time and inclination dictate.

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Ribbon

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Bird Template