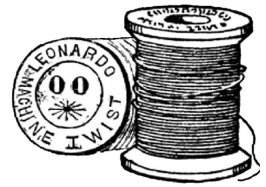


Rocking Robin Bunting Pattern



You will need.....

2 -3 pieces of brown felt

5cm pieces of red fabrics or larger

Googly eyes

Bells or pom poms

Scrap of yellow

Ribbon or twine for legs

glue

Bondaweb and iron
plus piece of baking paper

or glue stick



If you want to watch a video on how to make these copy and paste this link

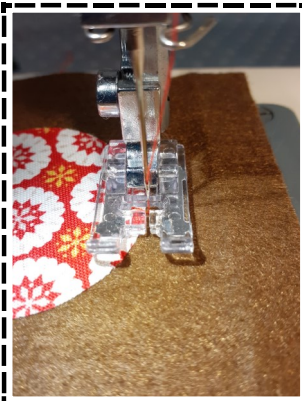
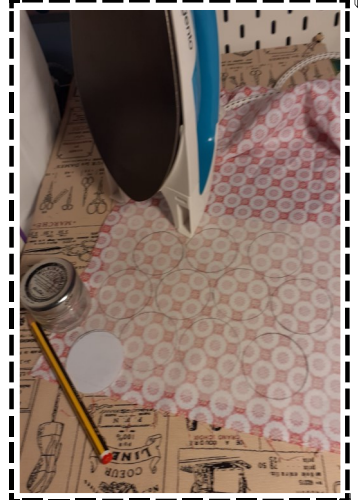
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Find two circular things to draw around one about 8cms across like a glass or mug and then a smaller one about 5cms across ...that's your first challenge! Draw around them onto some card and cut out or you can use them as they are. These are your templates.

On a piece of bondaweb draw 6 (or as many as you want) circles using the small template leave a 1/1cm extra around each one and iron on to the back of your red fabric or one on each scrap. Then cut around the exact line of the circle.

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If you don't have any bondaweb use a glue stick instead to hold the circles in place on the felt.



Peel off the paper backing by scoring with a pin across the paper and give it a twiddle and you should be able to peel the paper away easily leaving the rubbery glue on the fabric back. Now iron each circle onto a 4.5" square of brown felt slightly below the middle.

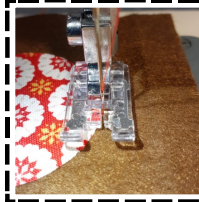
ONCE AGAIN MAKE SURE YOU USE A PIECE OF BAKING PAPER OVER THE TOP OF THE FELT OR IT WILL END UP STUCK TO THE IRON-it's too close to Christmas to risk the Naughty List!!

Now you're ready to stitch around the edge.



So to stitch around the robin's red chest we are going to use a small zig zag stitch

And we are going to make it tighter by taking down the **stitch length** to 1.5 (The shorter the stitch length when sewing around curves the easier it is). Now use the satin stitch foot if you have one (it's clear so easy to see what's going on) and line up the needle to the edge of the red fabric so when the zigzag swings over it goes from the felt to the red. Stop and re-align every few stitches. I show how in the video.



To add the beak cut a triangle out of yellow and use a dab of glue stick to hold it in place. For sewing this down use your regular **straight stitch** but again take the stitch length down nice and small to about 1 and sew the beak on.



Now draw around your larger template onto the felt for the body. You will probably need to use tailors chalk for that, which will brush off afterwards. Pop another square of felt behind to stiffen up your robin and then use the chalk line to follow for your stitching. Either use a zig zag again or try the stretch overedge stitch G which looks a bit like a blanket stitch.



Stitch around the chalk line this time line up the inside edge of the foot with the chalk line.

Once you have stitched all the way round trim carefully around the stitched circle leaving a few mm of felt showing. Be careful not to cut through your stitching. If you have pinking shears that would look nice!



To add the legs use a thick needle with a big eye to thread ribbon or twine through just the back layer of felt and add bells for feet. Glue on some googly eyes and either glue or hand stitch your robins onto some ribbon and you're done. Individual robins with a loop of ribbon at the top make cute tree decorations too!

