

# April Bird

## You Need: .....

-  (2) 5" squares fabric for Bird
-  5" & 4" square batting
-  10" of 1/8"-1/4" ribbon for hanger
-  4" of large rick rack (add 1 more for optional tail)
-  (2) 3" squares fabric for wing
-  2" sq. each for beak & eye
-  1 - 1/2" button for eye
-  1 - 1" button for wing
-  2 - 6" lengths DMC Memory Thread or craft wire
-  Marking pen
-  Fusible web scrap



So fun attached to someone's  
Birthday gift! Or on a friend's  
front door for a surprise!

## Let's Get Started

1. Center & trace outline of Bird to 5" front fabric square along with placement marks for beak, rick rack and legs.
2. Trace eye to fusible web, beak circle to square (for wool use 1/2 circle) & wing to front fabric square.
3. Fuse eye to wrong side of fabric square and cut out on drawn line. Remove paper and fuse in place on Bird front; refer to drawing for position. Stitch around eye with a small buttonhole stitch or just along edge with a straight stitch.
4. Wing: Sandwich 4" square batting between front & back, right sides out. Pin to hold. Stitch around wing on line. If you'd like to add a little more interest, stitch again 1/4" inside first line. Cut wing out about 1/4" beyond the outside stitching line with a pair of pinking shears or other decorative-edged scissor.
5. Cut out beak circle. Fold in half twice. Stitch layers together about 1/8" from edge along the raw edge (was outside edge of circle). For wool, just cut the 1/2 circle & fold in half once. Pin together along the straight side.
6. Sandwich 5" square batting between Bird squares, right sides out. Pin around outline on the inside of Bird to hold. Cut around Bird with pinking shears or any decorative edged scissor, no closer than 1/4" outside the line. Don't stitch around edge yet!
7. Then position rick rack between back & batting (in one or both places on drawing) and pin to hold - position farther past seam line at front, decreasing the amount of rick rack you see beyond the stitching as you reach the end mark. See photo for reference. Pin to hold in place. Repeat for optional tail.
8. Position ribbon hanger ends 1/4" inside the line, using photo as a reference. Pin.
9. Position raw edge (or the pinned edge for wool) of beak between front & batting about 1/4" inside the outer line. Pin to hold. Stitch around outside edge, securing ribbon ends, rick rack & beak.

**10.** Legs: poke a hole about  $\frac{1}{8}$ "- $\frac{1}{4}$ " inside the outer stitched line where the marks for the legs are. Use an awl, just one point of a small pair of embroidery scissors (this is what we did) or any sharp object. Now poke the wire through the hole. On the backside, twist the end around a pencil twice. Now flatten the spirals together so it will keep the wire from pulling back through the hole to the front. On the front side wrap the wire around the pencil again all the way to the end of the wire. Flatten 3 or 4 wraps together to make the foot and pull the leg out until you're happy with the length. It will not be straight, which is the idea! They'll dangle and move! See photo. Repeat for both legs.

**11.** Using drawing as a guide, position wing. Position the 1" button and sew all the way through the wing and Bird to secure.

**12.** Add the  $\frac{1}{2}$ " button for the eye. Stitch all the way through the Bird. Try moving the button around on the white part of the eye to see where you like it best. Different positions give him a different personality!

