

“Home for the Holidays”

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Finished Size -6½” x 13”

Decorating for Christmas brings much excitement in our home. It’s the beginning of the leadup to the joy of having family come together to share this special day, making wonderful memories . . . it truly is a special time. I have designed this sweet little runner for you to sit on a small table in your home during the Holidays – I hope you enjoy making it . . .

Woven wool is a beautiful medium to work in; the wool does not fray so there is no need to use an iron on bonding agent. I simply attach my applique in place with a water soluble glue stick and then add paper staples to all of the shapes for a firm hold. The staples pull out easily when you have finished and do not mark the wool. Whether you choose to stitch your applique by hand or on the machine the preparation remains the same.

Requirements

- Fat 1/8th Black washed woven wool for the background
- One strip of Green washed woven wool at least ½” wide and 12” long for the stem
- One 6” square of Cream, Red, Blue and Gold washed woven wool for the applique
- Aurifil 28wt Cotton Mako thread in colours to match your wool
- Lightweight freezer paper
- Sharp pointed scissors
- Sewing needle – I use Sue Daley’s Milliners Size 11
- White ceramic marker - I use the Sewline brand
- Mechanical pencil
- Water Soluble Glue Stick
- Stapler
- Sandpaper board (optional)

Woven Wool Cutting Instructions

From your black woven wool, rotary cut:

- One piece 7” x 14” for the background

From your green woven wool, rotary cut:

- One strip ¼” x 12” for the stem

Preparing your Applique

Do not trace the stem – this have already been rotary cut. Trace all other shapes onto freezer paper (dull side up), leaving approximately ¼”-½” between each piece. Hug them in to gain the best possible usage of your wool. Cut each shape out roughly and iron them (shiny side down) onto your chosen woven wool using a dry iron.

Cut each piece out carefully on the drawn line, including the centre of each flower, then remove the freezer paper.

TIP: *I sometimes find it easier when I'm cutting out a lot of shapes from the one colour, (for example, the flowers) to roughly cut around each individual shape first so I'm only dealing with that one individual piece. It's then less likely that your freezer paper will lift whilst cutting on the drawn line. If it does start to lift, it's always a good idea to dab it again with the iron.*

Cut-outs in flowers

I have incorporated cut out areas in the flowers and placed a piece of cream woven wool behind them to add extra colour and dimension.

To do this you need to cut out the shape indicated on the pattern sheet, glue and staple a larger piece of woven wool behind the main piece and blanket stitch on the inside edge of the cut outs attaching the two pieces together, using an Aurifil 28wt Cotton Mako thread in a colour to match the main flower.

Once you have done this, you can trim the larger piece of cream woven wool back so you cannot see any showing from behind the main piece. I always prepare these pieces before positioning them on to my background.

Positioning your Applique

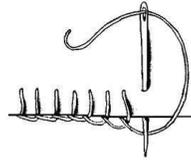
Using a white ceramic marker, roughly mark a smooth flowing stem on the black woven wool to help with placement of the stem.

Using a water soluble glue stick, run the glue along the length of the stem, covering the entire length. A sandpaper board will come in handy to rest the stem on to prevent slipping when applying the glue.

Apply water soluble glue to the back of each of the flowers, leaves and berries remembering to be sure to cover the entire shape so it stays in place – do not just apply dabs of glue as your work will not sit completely flat. Press each piece down firmly.

Using a stapler, staple through each piece for a firm hold.

Using an Aurifil 28wt Cotton Mako thread in colours to match your wools, neatly blanket stitch around each of the shapes. Remove the staples once done.



Using a rotary cutter, trim your piece back to measure 6½” x 13”. If you wish, using a sharp pair of scissors, roughly cut a curved edge on the two short ends – I did this freehand. I hope you’ve enjoyed making this little table piece to add to your Holiday decorating.

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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you and yours!

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