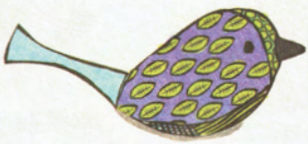
Fairy Wren

Fairy wrens are beautiful little birds found in Australia. They are fairly common down under but the male's bright blue forehead in breeding plumage is certainly not ordinary! With their sweet and fun little shape, Fairy Wrens make a really cute sewing project.

Bring out a bundle of bright blue scraps to create this pretty bird. I used different fabrics for all the pattern pieces to make my bird really colourful. A little hand sewing and embroidery will give your Fairy Wren some extra personality if you want to make it even more special. For example, in Step 7 you could use the remaining floss to embroider a wing on the body side with a chain stitch.



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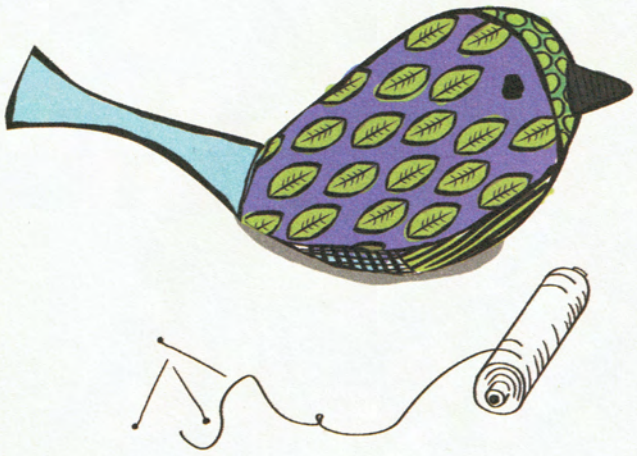

Materials needed

- Cotton fabric scraps in shades of 1 colour
- Sewing machine (optional), co-ordinating thread, scissors
- Chopstick for turning
- Polyester fibre filling
- Needle and thread
- Scrap of wool felt
- Separated co-ordinated embroidery floss and needle

Pattern measures

Length: 15 cm (6 in.)
Width: 7 cm (2 3/4 in.)

Pattern Template

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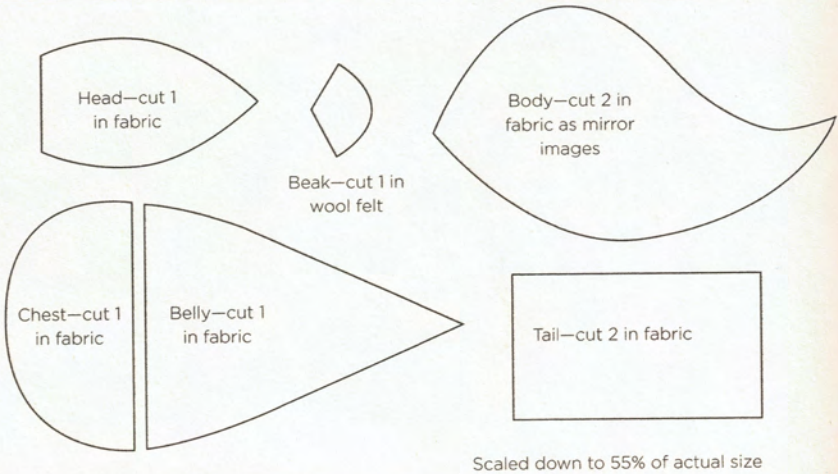
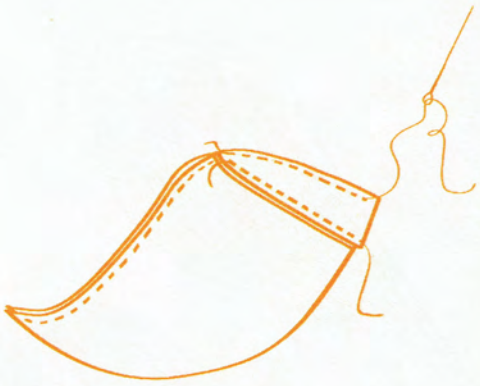


Scaled down to 55% of actual size

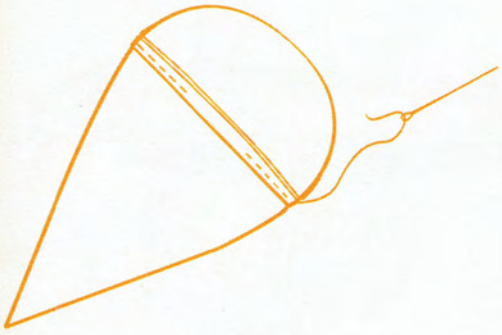
Step 1

Cut out all the pattern pieces according to the guidelines. Make sure to cut the body pieces in mirror images.



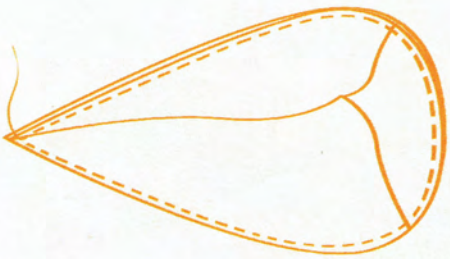
Step 2

With right sides together, sew the head piece to a body piece. With right sides together, sew the other side of the head piece to the other body piece. Sew the back of the body pieces right sides together down to the curved tip of the body.



Step 3

Pin the straight edges of the belly and chest pattern pieces right sides together. Do not sew the entire way across but instead sew just 2 cm (¾ in.) in on each side and leave the centre open for turning the piece right side out. Finger press the seam open.

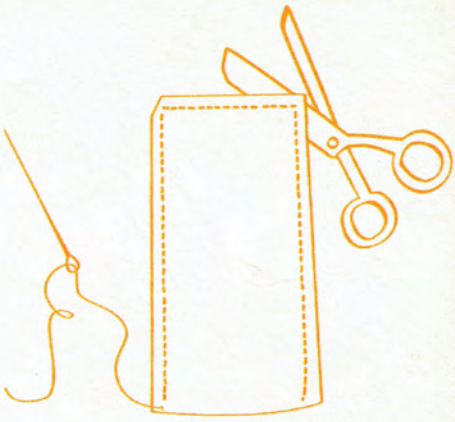


Step 4

Pin right sides together of the belly/chest piece and the head/body piece. Sew together around the perimeter. Trim down the seams.

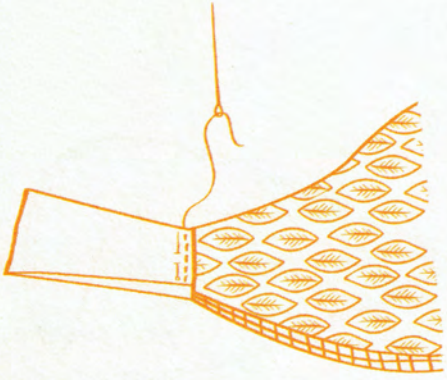
Step 5

Pull the piece right side out through the chest/belly opening. Poke out the tail with a chopstick. Stuff full with polyester fibre filling and hand sew closed with a tiny ladder stitch.



Step 6

Pin and sew the tail pieces right sides together but leave one of the short ends open for turning. Clip the corners and trim down the seams. Turn right side out and poke out the corners. Fold 6 mm (¼ in.) of the raw edge inside and press the piece flat.



Step 7

Slide the tail over the pointed end of the body until it fits snugly. Pin to secure. Use the embroidery floss and a running stitch to secure the tail to the body.

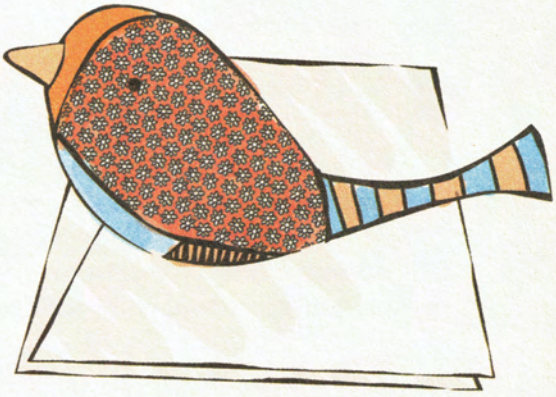
Step 8

Fold together the straight sides of the beak. Starting at the point, sew together with the floss using ladder stitch. Use the tail of the floss to attach the beak to the flat 'face' of the bird. Use the remaining floss to embroider the eyes in satin stitch.

Other ideas to try

Paperweight

Fill your Wren half with stuffing and half with rice so you can use it as a paperweight. Why not use it to weigh down your pattern pieces while you're working on projects?



Mobile

Make several Fairy Wrens and hang them from an embroidery hoop to make a decoration for a small child's room.