

Country Flower Garden

You Will Be A Needin':

- Muslin
- Green cotton material – scraps to tear for leaves
- Stuffing
- Mechanical pencil
- Acrylic Paint: dark and light blue, country red, yellow, black, brown.
- Silver embroidery thread
- White quilting thread
- Green wooden floral stakes
- Spanish moss
- Green floral foam
- Container or basket
- Three small yellow buttons
- Two black seed beads
- Two white or iridescent seed beads
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks
- Light box or sunny window
- Dark brown embroidery thread
- Embroidery needle
- Small paintbrushes
- Sandpaper

Staining: Instant coffee, vanilla extract, fragrance oil. Optional for staining:
Old cookie sheet, rags, wax paper, glass jar with lid.

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Read through all directions before beginning.

For illustrations of the different steps and techniques as well as the stitches visit my "Stitch 'n' Stuff" page on my web site at

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Flower #1 (blue):

- #1. Print and cut out both large and small patterns.
- #2. Trace 3 of the large pattern on doubled muslin; do NOT cut out. Sew on traced lines; do NOT leave an opening.
- #3. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines. On back, going through one layer of muslin only, cut a small slit for turning. Clip curves and turn.
- #4. Stuff firmly and sew openings closed.
- #5. Attach a piece of thread to each to hang to dry after painting.
- #6. Paint front and back with dark blue acrylic paint; hang to dry.
- #7. Trace 3 of the #1 small pattern on single layer muslin; cut out. Attach a piece of thread to hang to dry. Paint with light blue paint; hang to dry.
- #8. Sand all lightly.
- #9. Layer one small on top of one large with a yellow button in the center of the small pattern. Sew all together by sewing on the yellow button pulling thread tightly to create a "pillow effect."

Flower #2 (yellow):

- #1. Print and cut out pattern; trace 3 flowers on doubled muslin; do NOT cut out.
- #2. Sew on traced lines; do NOT leave an opening. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines.
- #3. On center back, going through only one layer of muslin, cut a small slit for turning. Clip curves and turn.
- #4. Stuff firmly and sew openings shut.
- #5. With white quilting thread, hand sew a running stitch along the dotted lines on pattern, pull each stitch tightly to create a "pillow effect." Do this to all 3 flowers.
- #6. On back of each flower, with white quilting thread, sew each petal to the next (see picture).
- #7. Attach a piece of thread to each flower to hang for drying.
- #8. Paint each flower, front and back, with light yellow paint. Hang to dry.
- #9. Paint center with 2 coats of black paint. Hang to dry.
- #10. Sand lightly.

Flower #3 (red):

- #1. Print and cut out pattern. Trace 3 of this pattern on doubled muslin; do NOT cut out.

- #2. Sew on traced lines; do NOT leave an opening. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines.
- #3. On back, going through only one layer of muslin, cut a small opening for turning. Clip curves and turn.
- #4. Stuff firmly and sew openings closed.
- #5. Attach a piece of thread to hang for drying.
- #6. Paint each flower, front and back, with country red paint. Hang to dry.
- #7. Sand lightly

Birdhouse:

- #1. Print and cut out birdhouse pattern and the "birdhouse opening" pattern. Trace the birdhouse on doubled muslin; do NOT cut out.
- #2. Sew on traced lines; do NOT leave an opening. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines.
- #3. On back, going through only one layer of muslin, cut a small opening for turning. Clip curves and turn.
- #4. Stuff firmly and sew opening closed.
- #5. With white quilting thread, hand sew a running stitch along the lines separating the roof from the birdhouse (see dotted lines on pattern), pulling each stitch tightly to create the "pillow effect."
- #6. Attach a piece of thread for hanging to dry.
- #7. Paint the birdhouse brown. Hang to dry.
- #8. Paint the roof black. Hang to dry.
- #9. Trace one "birdhouse opening" pattern on single layer muslin; cut out.
- #10. Paint black.
- #11. Sand lightly the roof, birdhouse and opening.
- #12. With hot glue gun, glue the opening in place (see picture and pattern).

Birdhouse Welcome Sign:

- #1. Print and cut out pattern. Trace on double muslin; cut out.
- #2. Using a sunny window or light box, trace the word "Welcome" on only one layer of muslin with a mechanical pencil.
- #3. Put the second layer of muslin underneath this one, and using a double strand of dark brown embroidery floss and a simple backstitch, embroider the word.
- #4. Lightly dip the end of a small paintbrush into black acrylic paint and dot on the four dots on each corner of the sign (to resemble nails). Let dry.
- #5. Stain with recipe and instructions given at the end of these directions.

Red Bird & Crow:

- #1. Print and cut out red bird and crow patterns as well as their wing patterns. Trace bird patterns on doubled muslin; do NOT cut out.
- #2. Sew on traced lines; do NOT leave an opening. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines.
- #3. On back, and going through only one layer of muslin, cut a small opening for turning. Clip curves and turn.
- #4. Stuff both firmly and sew openings closed.
- #5. Attach a piece of thread to one end of each of the birds to hang for drying.

- #6. Paint the red bird red and the crow black; paint the beaks yellow. Hang for drying.
- #7. Sand lightly.
- #8. Trace one of each of the wings on single layer muslin; cut out. Paint red bird wing red and crow wing black; let dry. Sand lightly.
- #9. With hot glue gun, glue wings in place (see pictures and pattern).
- #10. Using a doll needle, sew on black seed beads for eyes.

Cat:

- #1. Print and cut out cat body and head patterns. Trace both patterns on doubled muslin; do NOT cut out.
- #2. Sew on traced lines; do NOT leave an opening. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines.
- #3. On back, and going through only one layer of muslin, cut a small opening for turning. Clip curves and turn.
- #4. Stuff both firmly and sew openings closed.
- #5. Attach a piece of thread to one end of each to hang for drying.
- #6. Paint both body and head black. Hang for drying.
- #7. Sand lightly.
- #8. Sew 2 white or iridescent seed beads on for eyes.
- #9. Using silver embroidery thread, take the needle through the center of the face under the eyes; tie in a knot (see picture); do this twice, clip ends. To keep threads in place, put a small bit of hot glue in the center of the whiskers. When this has cooled, drop a bit of pink paint on top of the hot glue for the nose.
- #10. With hot glue gun, glue head to body (see picture).

Finishing:

- #1. Bend a piece of wooden green floral stakes in half and tear or cut apart. Do this 6 times; once for each one of flowers #2 and #3. Glue to the back of each flower with hot glue.
- #2. Bend or cut a wooden green floral stakes to measure 7 inches; paint this brown. Glue this to the back of the birdhouse.
- #3. Place a piece of green floral foam in bottom of basket or whatever container you are using. Cover this with Spanish moss.
- #4. Arrange flowers to your liking.
- #5. Glue welcome sign to birdhouse and glue birdhouse to one side of container or stick into floral foam making sure it is taller than any of the flowers.
- #6. Glue the birds and cat wherever you desire, (see picture for where I placed them).

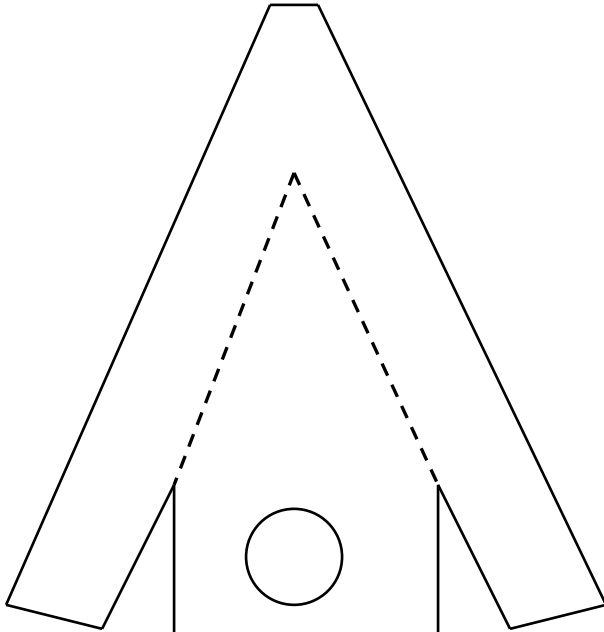
Staining: Combine $\frac{1}{4}$ cup instant coffee, 2 cups hot water, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup Vanilla extract and $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon fragrance oil (Some of my preferred scents are cinnamon bun, sugar cookies, and vanilla) in a glass jar with lid. Shake for few minutes until thoroughly mixed. If the scent is not strong enough for your preference, add another $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon of fragrance oil and continue this until the scent is to your liking. However, I would suggest only adding $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon of fragrance oil each time because if you add too much and the scent is too strong for you, you will have to start over. Line an old cookie sheet with old rags and lay what you're staining here. With a sponge brush or spray bottle thoroughly coat. Bake for 10

minutes at 200 degrees. Check often as this can catch on fire. If you have to bake longer, only bake at 5 minute increments and always KEEP checking the oven. Store left over stain mixture in glass jar with lid for your next primitive project.

You're done with Country Flower Garden. I hope you enjoyed making it as much as I enjoyed designing it. If you have any problems or questions at all, please don't hesitate to e-mail me or visit my "Stitch 'n' Stuff" page at <http://www.lilliemaescrafts.com>

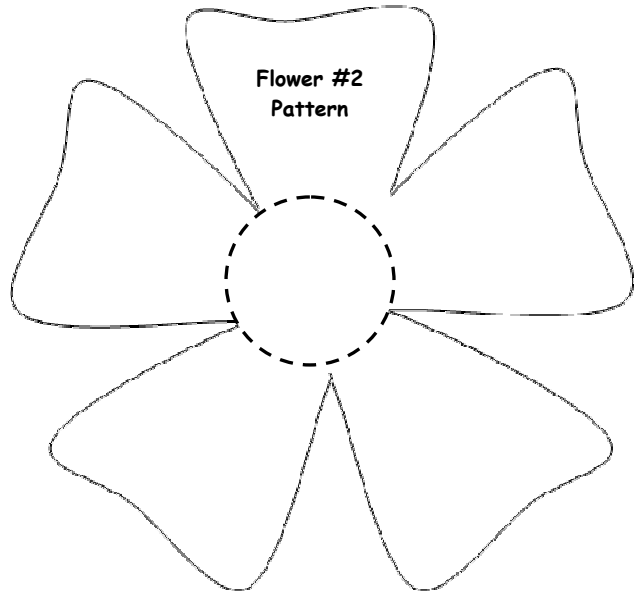
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Birdhouse Pattern

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Flower #2
Pattern

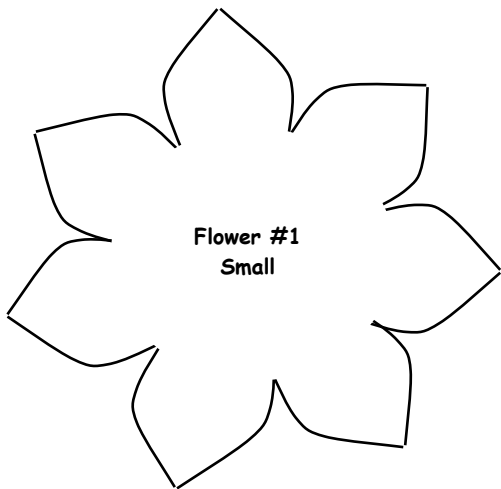


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Flower #3 Pattern

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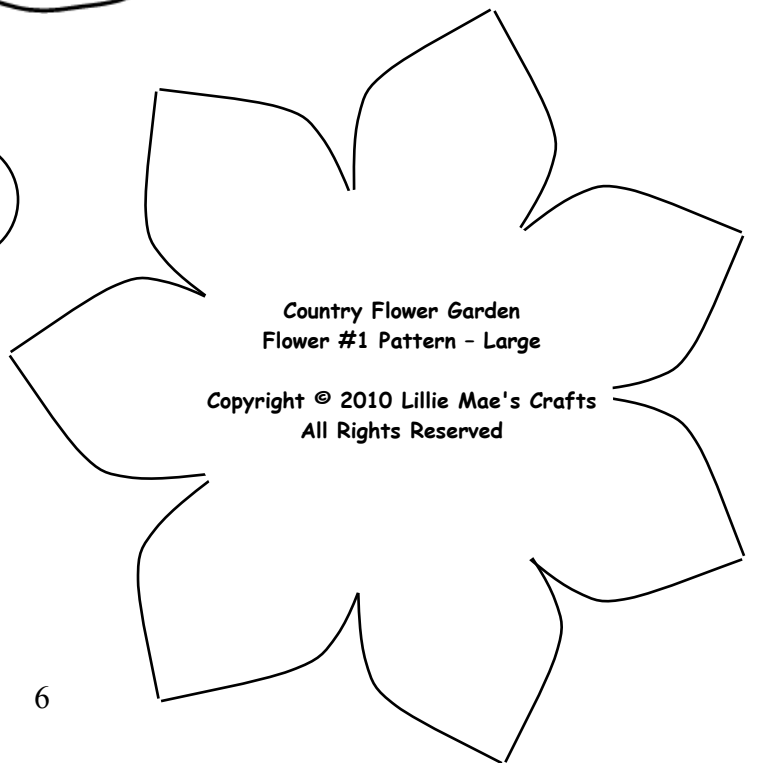
Welcome



Flower #1
Small



Bird
House
Opening



Country Flower Garden
Flower #1 Pattern - Large

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