

Raggedy Flowers

You Will Be A Needin':

Material: Muslin, contrasting material for petals (flowers pictured each have 4 petals from a solid material and 4 petals from a matching contrasting material).

Thread to match

Stuffing

Hot glue gun and glue sticks

One medium size rusy bell for each flower

Grapevine wreath sticks for stems (or floral stems)

For Staining:

Instant coffee, vanilla extract, fragrance oil (optional)

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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 website at <http://www.lilliemaescrafts.com>

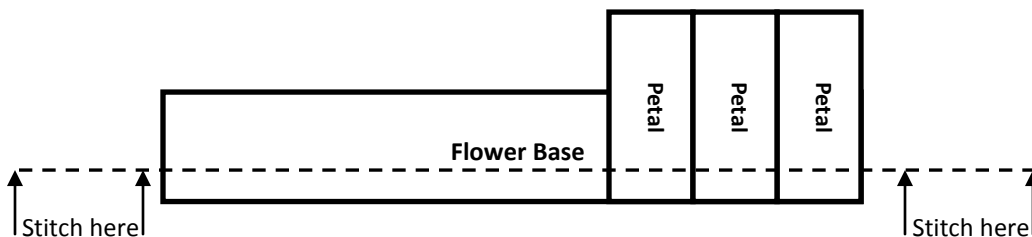
NOTE: Stain all material before beginning using the recipe and instructions given below at the end of the pattern directions.

Directions:

- #1. Print & cut out all patterns including the petal, petal center, and flower base patterns.
- #2. Petals: Snip into your material every 1 inch; then tear the rest of the way. Petals are 4 inches long so therefore cut the material you just tore off every 4 inches. You need 8 petals for each flower.
- #3. Flower Base: Trace the flower base pattern on single layer material; cut out.
- #4. Lay the flower base down on a table - right side of material facing up. Take each petal, fold it over once and lay, face up, on the petal base; pin with straight pins. Do the next petal in the same way, and so on...and so on until you have all 8 petals on your flower base. If there is excess flower base material, clip it off. It should look something like this (but with 8 petals).



- #4. Making sure each petal is pinned to the flower base and leaving enough thread on each end to pull to gather, set sewing machine on long stitches and stitch one row of stitching as shown on the illustration below:



- #5. Pull excess thread at both ends curving one end up towards the other. Overlap the last petal on the first and glue in place.
- #6. Trace the flower center pattern on double muslin; do NOT cut out. Sew on traced lines; do NOT leave an opening. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines. On the back of each center, make a small cut in the material for turning. Turn. Stuff and sew opening closed.
- #7. Glue each flower center to the center of each flower.
- #8. Hand sew a bell to the front center of each flower. If you do not have any rusty bells, you may use the recipe and instructions for rusting given at the end of these directions.
- #9. Cut the grapevine wire (for flower stems) at 8 inches long, 9 inches long, and 10 inches long. Glue these to the back of each flower.

Staining Directions:

Recipe: Combine $\frac{1}{4}$ cup instant coffee, 2 cups hot water, 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 1/8 teaspoon of fragrance oil and continue this until the scent is to your liking. However, I would suggest only adding 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.

Instructions:

Staining Before Stuffing: There are times when I feel I would have more control over how stained my project is if I stained it before it was stuffed. To do this I have an iron, for drying, which is only for craft projects. It is a little travel iron which is easily stored and perfect for both large and small items. Once stained, I lay it on a rag and iron the front, turn and iron the back, etc., and I will do this continuously until completely dry. If I want it grubbier, I will add a little of my stain to a small spritz bottle. Spray the project, sprinkle on cinnamon, and continue to iron again, as above, until dry.

Staining After Stuffed: 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.

Rusting Recipe: Combine 2 cups white vinegar, 1/4 cup peroxide and 2 tablespoons salt in a large plastic container; soak for 4 hours. Remove to paper towels, spritz with peroxide and spread salt on them. Let sit for another 2 hours. NOTE: This recipe calls for a large container as this recipe foams up pretty quickly.

You're done with Raggedy Flowers. I hope you enjoyed making them as much as I enjoyed designing them. If you have any problems or questions at all, please don't hesitate to email me or visit my "Stitch 'n' Stuff" page at <http://www.lilliecrafts.com>

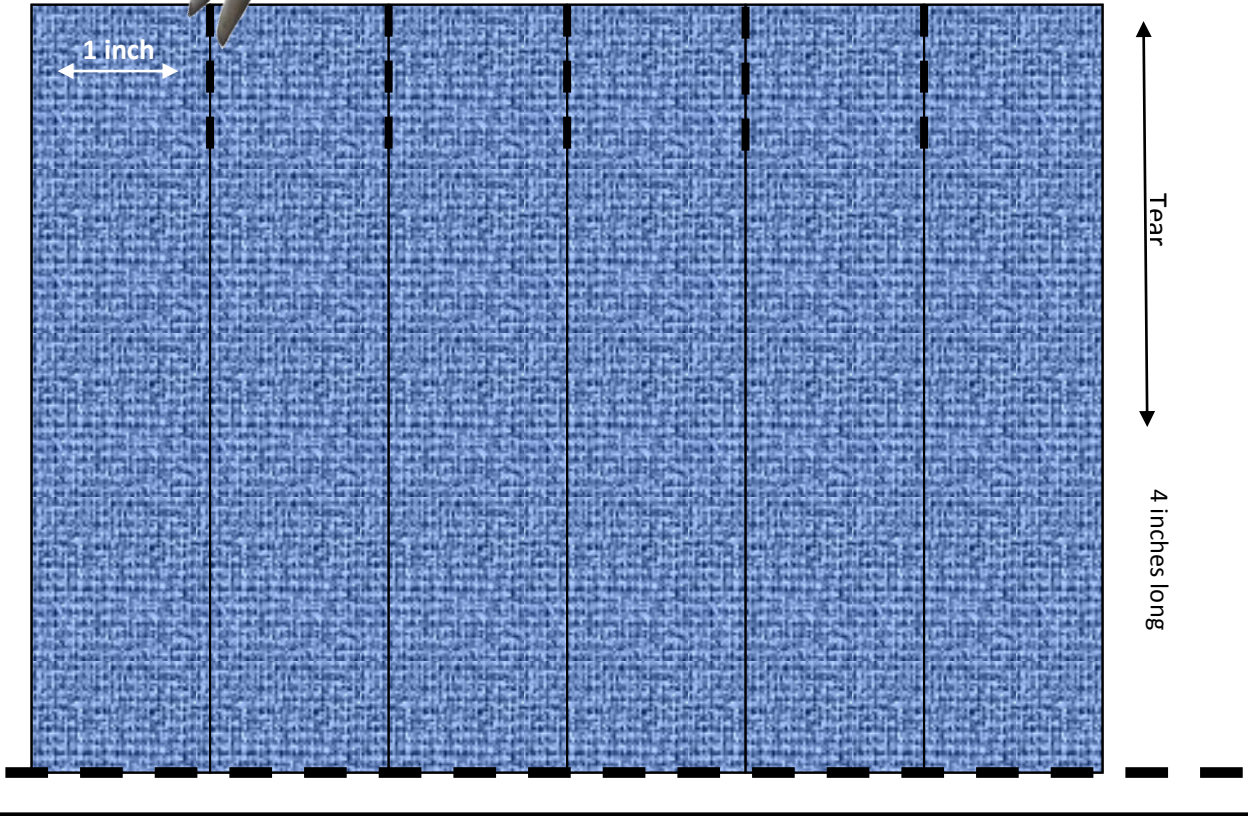
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Illustration



Snip into material every 1 inch (as shown by bolded dash lines), then tear that piece off of material...then cut each 1 inch strip to 4 inches long. Each petal should be 1 x 4 inches.



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Flower Base Pattern

