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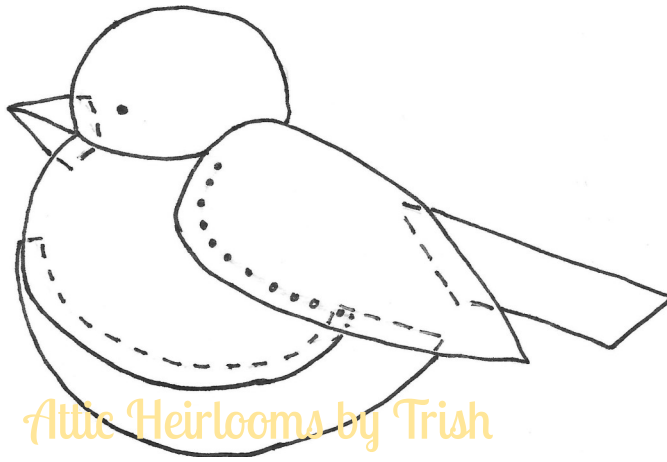
## 2016 March Ornament of the Month

The pattern is a free download for you to print and use. It is only available free during the month it is offered. Each month a new pattern will be posted. Kits can be ordered anytime at:

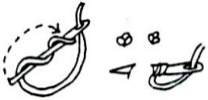
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The kit will contain all the fabric needed to make the ornament, Paper backed fusible and any embellishing items for that month if applicable.

**IMPORTANT WHEN ORDERING THE KIT. YOU MUST PUT THE CODE FOR YOUR CREDIT CARD YOU ARE USING IN THE COMMENT BOX OR YOUR CHARGE CAN NOT BE MADE TO SEND YOU THE KIT!!! I WILL NOT BE OFFERING THIS AS AN AUTOSHIP EACH MONTH. YOUR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION WILL NOT BE SAVED FOR YOUR PROTECTION.**



**FRENCH KNOT** - HOLD THE NEEDLE IN YOUR RIGHT HAND. WITH YOUR LEFT HAND, WRAP THE THREAD AROUND THE NEEDLE 1-3 TIMES, DEPENDING ON THE SIZE OF KNOT YOU WANT. BE SURE NEEDLE POINTS AWAY FROM THE FABRIC WHEN YOU WRAP THE THREAD AND WRAP IT CLOSE TO WHERE THE THREAD COMES THROUGH THE FABRIC. INSERT THE NEEDLE CLOSE TO WHERE IT CAME OUT. HOLDING THE KNOT IN PLACE, YOU CAN PULL THE NEEDLE TO THE WRONG SIDE OF FABRIC.



**BLANKET STITCH** - TAKE AN UPRIGHT STITCH TO THE RIGHT OF WHERE THE THREAD CAME UP WITH THE NEEDLE POINTED DOWN, KEEPING THE THREAD UNDER THE NEEDLE AND COMING OUT ON THE LINE.



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PATTERN IS REVERSED FOR FUSIBLE TECHNIQUE. Lay out and identify all pieces before cutting.

**I use Soft Fuse, a paperbacked fusible and lots of steam!**

Optional finishing instruction will be available for those wanting to create a wall hanging. If you wish to do this, it isn't necessary to fuse the backing piece or blanket stitch around it.

1. Trace 1 each of bird pattern pieces onto paper side of fusible. The dash lines show the wool that goes under another piece. The dots refer to the breast color that tucks under the wing. The head and breast pieces will butt up to each other without overlapping.
2. Rough cut around the pieces and fuse to the back of the appropriate wool color. Cut shapes exactly on the lines.
3. Trace around the entire outside edge of bluebird pattern on paper side of fusible. Iron to a piece of muslin. Cut this out on the line. **DO NOT REMOVE PAPER!** This will be used as a foundation to build the wool pieces on.
4. Position the pieces on the muslin fabric in the following order fusing each one in place as you go. 1 - beak. 2 - head. 3 - tail. 4 - underbelly. 5 - breast. 6 - wing. A damp press cloth and steam helps the fusible to fuse better due to the thickness of the wool.
5. Remove paper from back of bird when other pieces are fused. Stitch around pieces with a blanket stitch. **ONLY STITCH THE PARTS THAT WILL NOT BE THE OUTLINE STITCHES. THOSE STITCHES WILL BE ADDED WHEN YOU STITCH AROUND THE ENTIRE SHAPE.**
6. Add French knot for eye and a straight stitch in the middle of beak if desired.
7. Fuse the muslin to the backing wool. Trim backing to match the bird outline.
8. Stitch around the entire bird. I changed the thread to match the color of wool as I went (see photo for example) Add a hanger to the top.
9. Enjoy the work of your hands.

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