

Wool Folk Art Flower Brooch

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Materials

Finished size: 4" diameter

- Pattern, provided
- Lightweight fusible web with a paper backing (I used Shades SoftFuse Premium™.)
- Felted or tightly woven wool (I used National Nonwovens wool felt.)
 - 6" x 12" black
 - 6" x 6" white
 - 3" x 3" red
- Valdani 3-strand embroidery floss or size 12 pearl cotton (I used colors P1 and P2; they are variegated and I love that look on the brooch.)
- Size 7 embroidery needle
- Appliqué pressing sheet
- Fabric glue stick
- White and green yarns for couching
- 7 small pearl beads
- Pin back

Optional

- Thimble

INSTRUCTIONS

Create the flower

1. Trace the pattern pieces onto the paper side of the fusible web. Cut the pieces out slightly beyond the pencil lines.
2. Iron the cut fusible web pieces onto the coordinating wool felt and then cut them out on the pencil lines. Use small, pointed scissors to cut the detailed areas.
3. Gently remove the paper backing.
4. Place the appliqué pressing sheet on your ironing board.
5. Place the white flower piece, right side facing up, on the pressing sheet. The fusible side will be down.
6. Place the black flower petals on top of the white flower piece, fusible side down. Turn it, as needed, until the petals line up to your liking. (The design is hand drawn and "folky," not computer drawn.)
7. Press for approximately 10 seconds and remove this unit from the pressing sheet.
8. With the appliqué pressing sheet still on your ironing board, place the red center piece, right side facing up, on the pressing sheet. The fusible side will be down.
9. Place the black swirl on top of the red center piece, fusible side down.
10. Press for approximately 5 seconds and remove this unit from the pressing sheet.


Note: *The black wool pieces are slightly smaller than the other wool pieces. A little edge of the other color is around the outside of the black wool. This is correct. It is needed for couching the yarn.*

Add the stitch embellishments

1. Use a “primitive style” running stitch for stitching with the floss. For more precision, stab stitch up and down instead of gathering stitches on the needle.
2. Referring to the photo on the opening page, stitch the red wool with P2 floss. Using P1 floss, stitch the black wool. Using P2 floss, stitch the white wool inside of the petals.

Assemble the flower

1. With the glue stick, glue the black/red center circle onto the black/white flower petals.
2. Couch green yarn around the center circle, attaching it to the petal piece.
3. Sew pearls to the center of each white flower petal.
4. Iron the solid black flower to the back of the stitched flower.

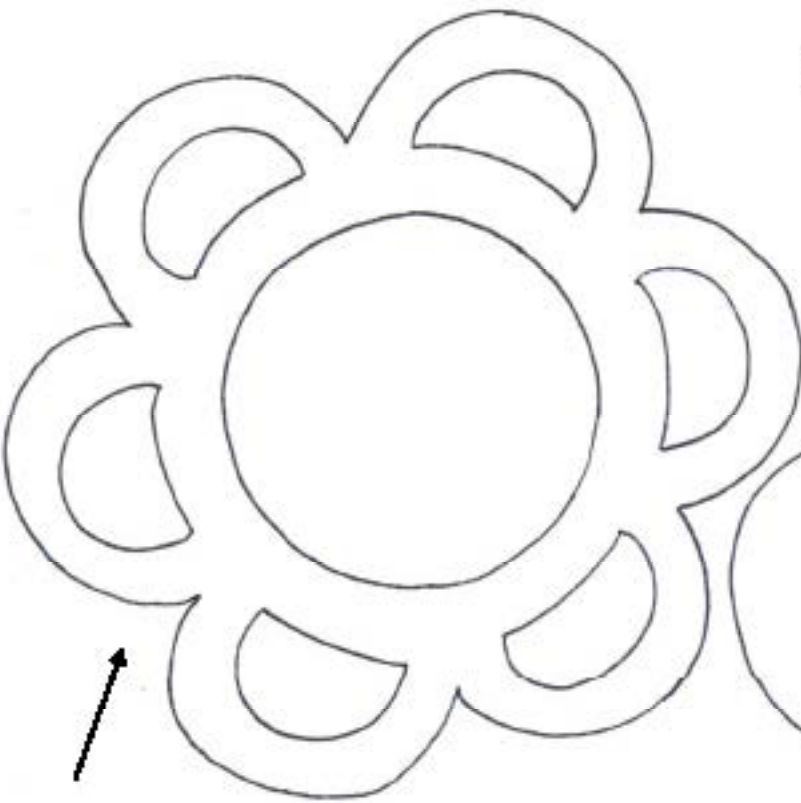
5. Couch white yarn around the edges of the flower.
6. Sew a pin back to the reverse. 

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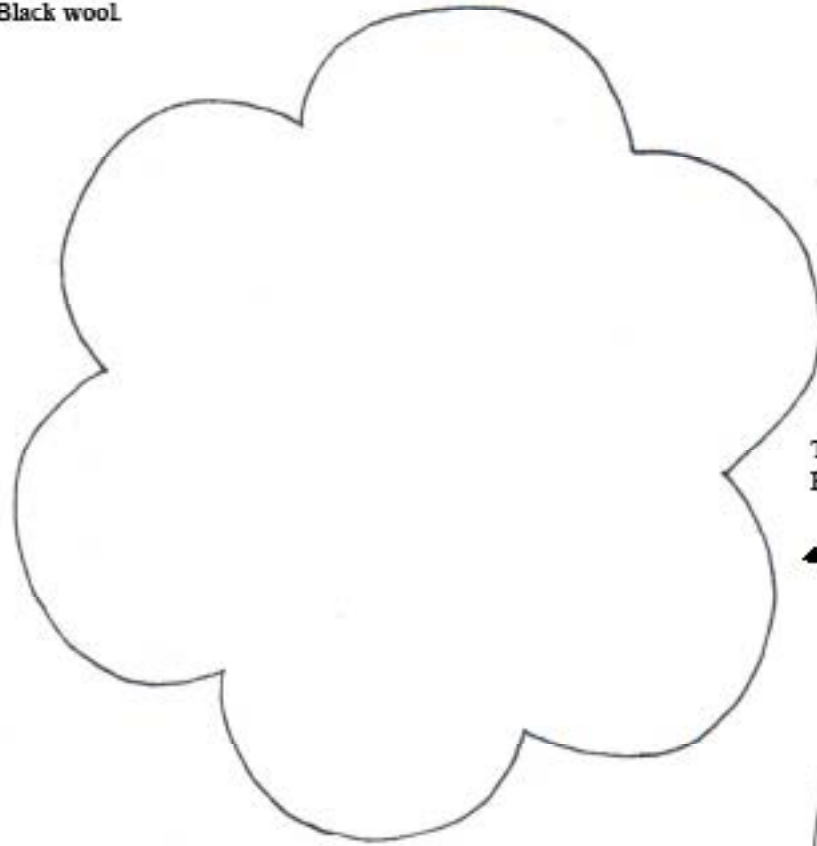




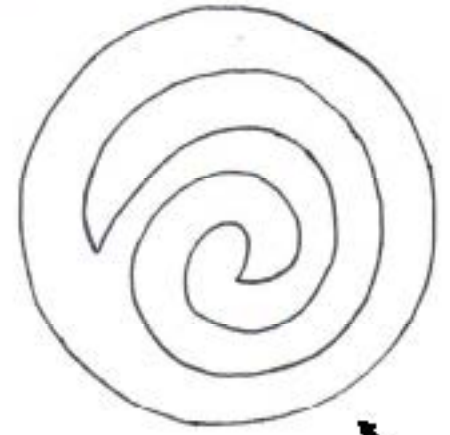
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