

# motifs & templates

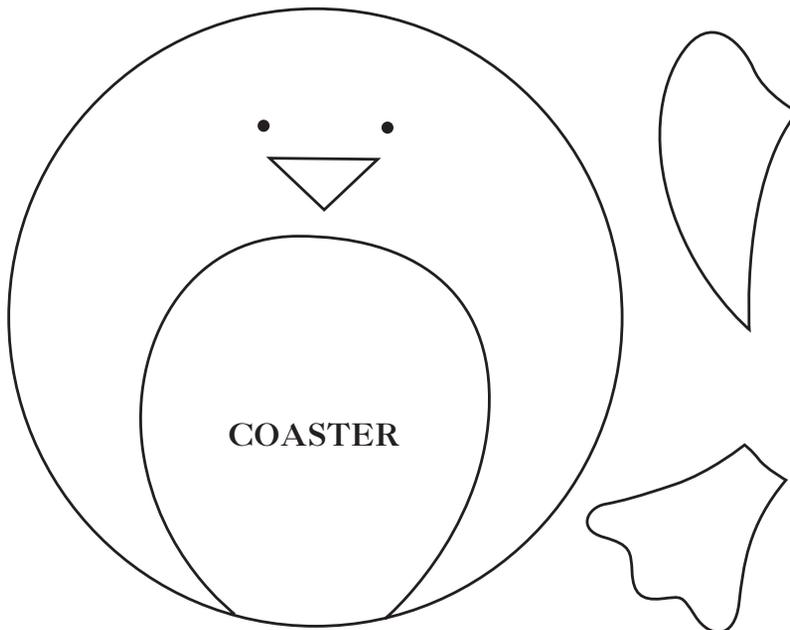
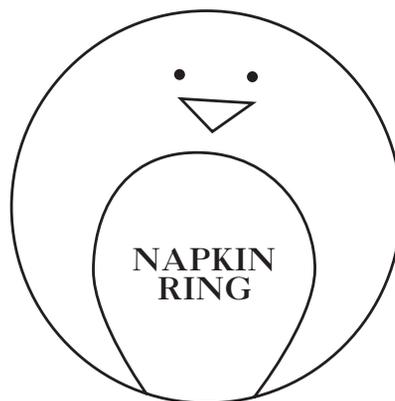
Everything you need to get stitching right away!



**Title:** Easter Table Set  
**Designer:** Louise Nichols  
**Page:** 39  
Enlarge by 141% –  
full diameter of  
coaster 11.5cm

Decorate your dining table with a cheerful set of bird-themed napkin ring, coaster and napkin. The simple shapes of the components are brought to life with neat machine and hand stitches.

*Perfect Easter party favour!*



## BE PREPARED

**Make sure to keep these sewing essentials in your stash for quick and easy use.**

**IRON:** For neatening and pressing pattern pieces and fabric.

**RULER:** For measuring smaller items.

**NEEDLES:** A selection of hand and machine needles for use in a range of sizes.

**TAILOR'S CHALK:** Removable chalks for marking patterns and templates onto fabric.

**TAPE MEASURE:** At least 150cm long for dressmaking.

**SEAM RIPPER:** A sharp-ended hook for undoing unwanted stitches.



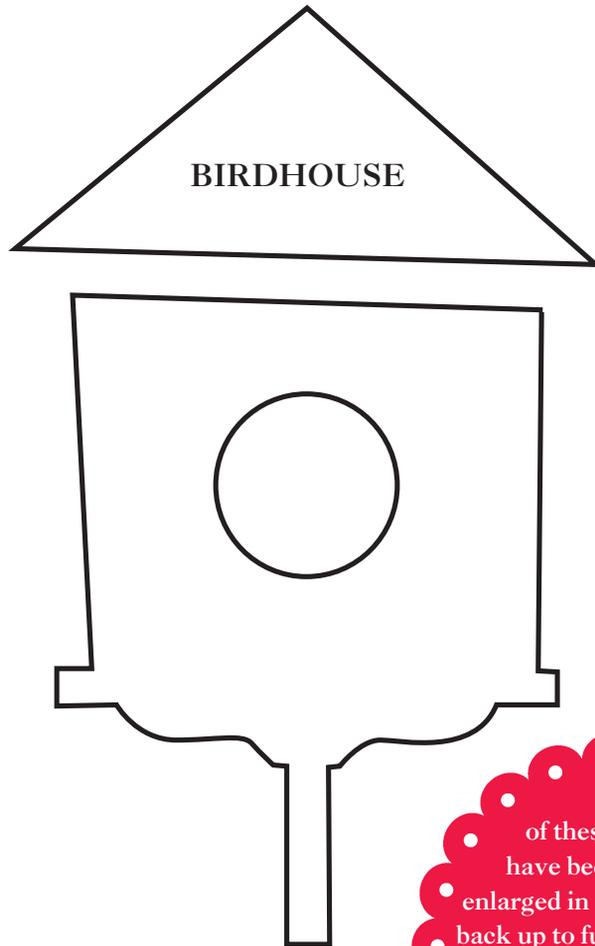
**Title:** Folk Wall Hangings

**Designer:**  
Katherine Printall

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Reduce by 79% - full width  
of birdhouse roof 6cm

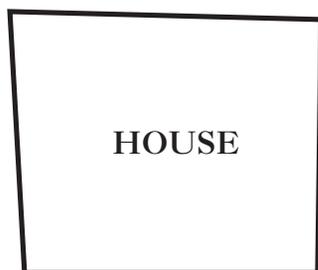
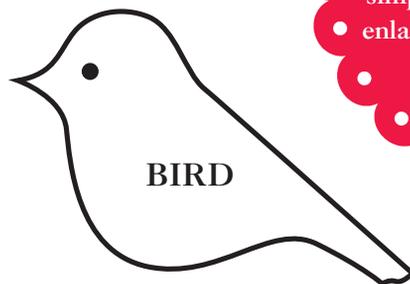
This gorgeous set of pictures look fantastic when framed in embroidery hoops and hung on the wall. With an appliqué design cut from small pieces of felt, they are quick and easy to make and customise – mix up the colours and embroider over the top to really make it yours.



Use these templates for appliqué, embroidery or even as a cross stitch guide!



Some of these templates have been reduced or enlarged in size – to get them back up to full measurements, simply use a photocopier to enlarge them by the amount indicated beside the template.



### Appliqué idea...

Use felt to create these shapes to ensure you get neat, sharp edges that won't fray. If you would rather use a printed cotton, make sure to back the pieces with fusible webbing prior to cutting them out – this will protect them against fraying and strengthen them.



**SCISSORS:** Dressmaking (sharp, large blades for cutting fabric), pinking shears (sawtoothed blades used to neaten and secure the raw edges of fabric) and embroidery (small pointed blades for trimming threads).

**THREADS:** A variety of cotton, Nylon and silk threads for use in hand and machine stitching.

**PINS & PINCUSHION:** A mixture of dressmaker's pins (long thin sharps), glass top pins (mid-length, will not melt when pressed), and safety pins for securing templates and pattern pieces to fabric.

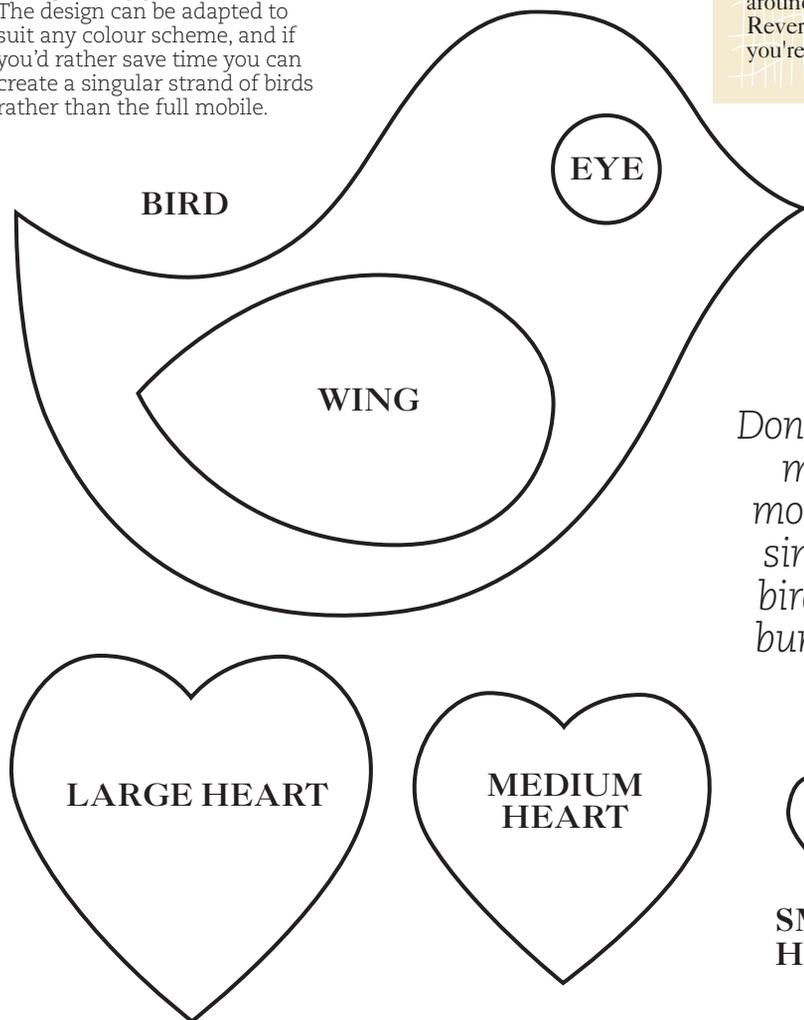
**ROTARY CUTTER:** A sharp circular blade with an easy grip handle, used for cutting long, neat edges such as in quilt making.





**Title:** On-trend Bird Mobile  
**Designer:** Laura Howard  
**Page:** 43  
**Templates are full size**

This colourful bird mobile can be hung as an Easter decoration or displayed all year round to brighten up your décor. The design can be adapted to suit any colour scheme, and if you'd rather save time you can create a singular strand of birds rather than the full mobile.



## Cutting Edge

Follow these simple rules to ensure that you get neat results and accurate edges when cutting your fabric. This will help the pattern pieces to fit together well when it comes to constructing the project.

- ◆ Always cut on a smooth, flat surface, such as a table. Ensure that your scissors are sharp – and never use the same pair for cutting both fabric and paper. Use the full blade of the scissors for longer straight edges, making smaller cuts around curves.
- ◆ If you are right-handed, place your left hand onto the template and fabric and hold it securely. Holding the scissor blades at right angles to the fabric, begin cutting cleanly around each section. Reverse the process if you're left-handed.

*Don't have time to make the full mobile? Create a single strand of birds to hang as bunting instead!*

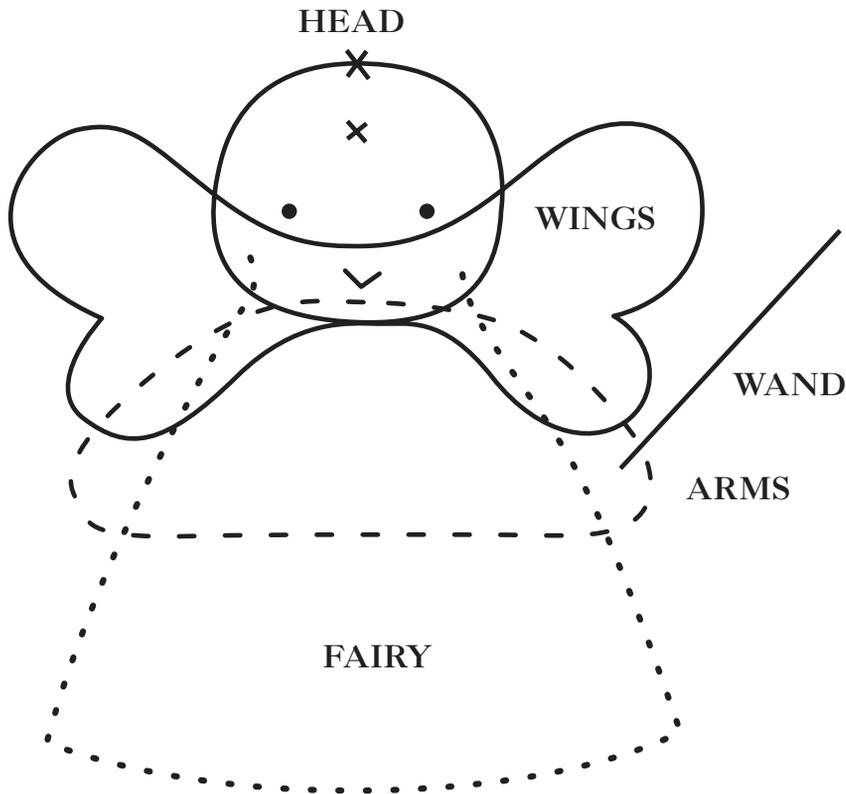
**Title:** Fairy Bag & Brooch

**Designer:** Cheryl Owen

**Page:** 76

Reduce to 87% - full width of wings 8cm

Any little girl that loves pink and fairies will be delighted with this gorgeous appliquéd bag. The fabric fairy can be decorated as simply or lavishly as you wish with silver thread and sparkling sequins. Make a dainty matching brooch to complete the ensemble.



### Fabric preparation

- 1 It is advisable to launder your fabric before use in the same way as you would the finished project. This will ensure any dye running or shrinking occurs before you cut out the pieces.
- 2 Once laundered, press the fabric with a warm iron to neaten, ready for pinning.
- 3 We advise laying your fabric right sides up, so that you can choose how to lay the pieces to accommodate any motif.

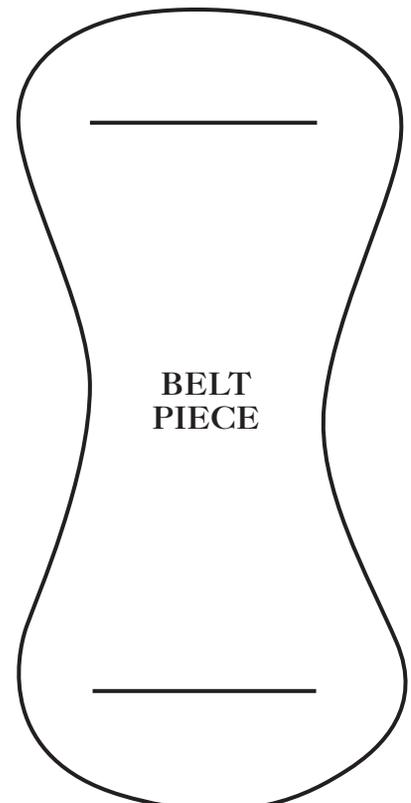
**Title:** Chic Tie Belt

**Designer:** Suzanne Rowland

**Page:** 24

Templates are full size

Make a retro-style belt from small piece of faux-suede using this simple template. Just cut the shape from the paper, trace around it multiple times and stitch to make your belt - make up in multicoloured brights or in one block colour, whatever suits your style!



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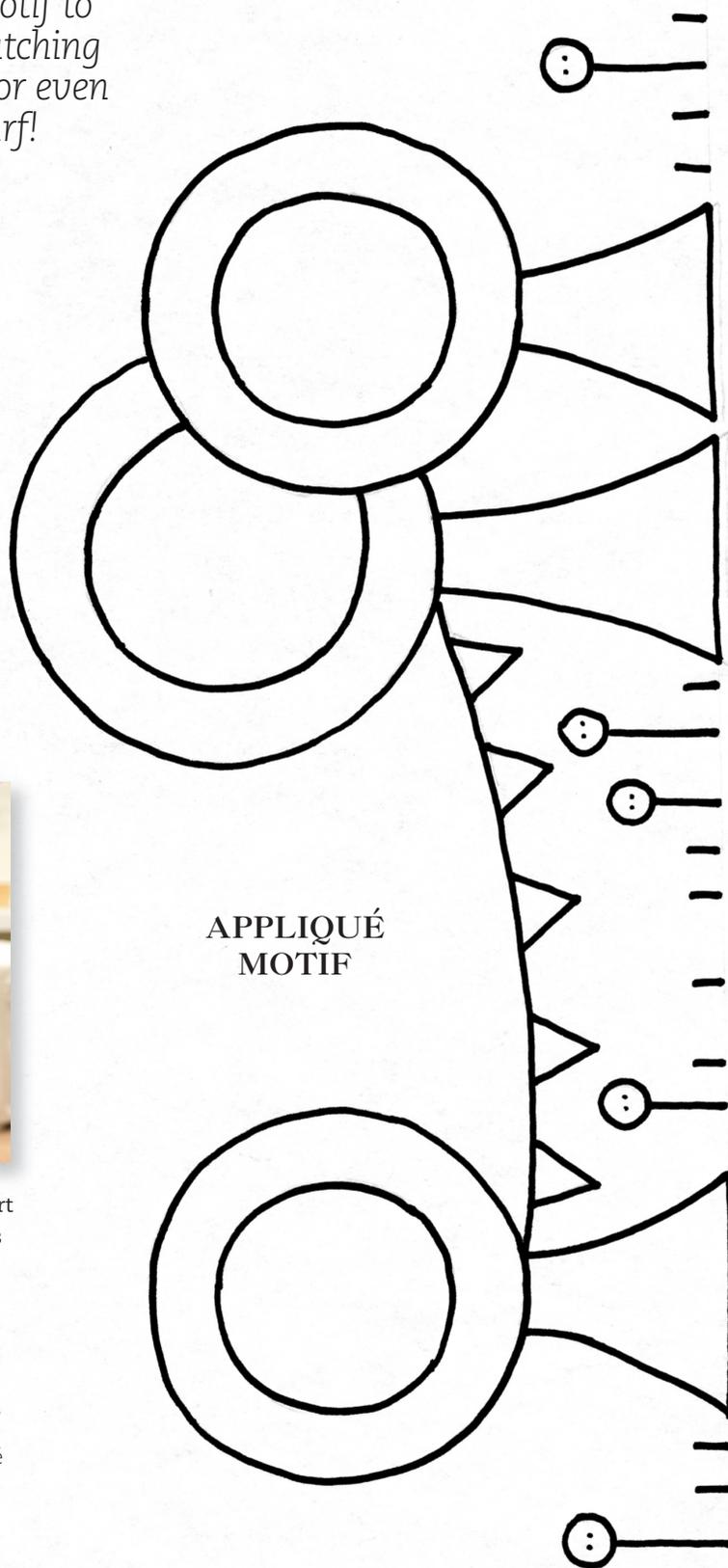


Repeat the motif to decorate a matching jacket, t-shirt or even a headscarf!



**Title:** Applique Motif Skirt  
**Designer:** Louise Nichols  
**Page:** 73  
**Enlarge by 111% - height of tallest tree 11cm**

This pretty skirt from Louise Nichols will be loved by any young lady, with a colourful appliqué motif that can be used to decorate a number of different makes. Why not get the little recipient involved in picking her favourite colours for the motif?



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