

Cardinal Needlekeep (two-sided)

Your kit should contain the following:

2 buttons and/or beads (eyes)

Red wool – two bodies

Red wool – two breasts

Black wool – beak/chest

4 red wools – 2 wings (front and back)

Download your Templates and Pattern

Other Supplies Required:

Heavy weight adhesive fusible web

Thread – Perle Cotton – 12 wt – red and black

Steam Iron & Pressing Station Sharp Scissors

Pencil/pen #24 Chenille needle FrayCheck

Applique Pressing Sheet – not required but VERY helpful

Instructions:

Trace each template piece onto the non-adhesive side of fusible web (your choice - Heat-n-Bond or Steam-a-Seam). Use a light box if needed. Trace the number of each template as indicated.

Cut out each shape drawn – approximately 1/8” to the **outside** of the drawn line.

Lie your Applique Pressing Sheet on top of your ironing surface. This sheet is designed if you accidentally remove the protective paper from the glue side of a cut piece and then press – it will NOT adhere to this protective sheet. It’s a precautionary piece of equipment – that has saved me many times when I wasn’t paying proper attention.

Place each fusible shape with the applicable wool.

PRESS (adhesive side placed down) each onto applicable wool – using NO STEAM - only use a hot iron. Press by picking the iron up and down on the template. DO NOT IRON back and forth. This may cause your template to move.

Once all cut pieces have been pressed onto their applicable wool – cut out each one on the drawn line.

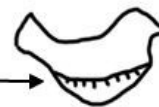
BIRD BREAST: Take each breast wool piece (2) and remove backing paper.

Hand position each breast onto both pieces (2) of the bird body - lining up evenly with the bottom of the bird tummy – pin in place. If it doesn’t fit perfect – trim with scissors. **DO NOT REMOVE THE PAPER**

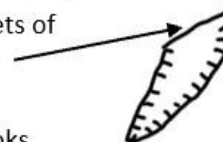


FROM THE BACK OF THE BIRD. IT MUST REMAIN ON WHILE PRESSING ON THE BREAST PIECE. Once you have both breast pieces in their correct position, remove pins and PRESS WITH STEAM.

Remove protective paper from the back of each bird body template so you can begin your stitching. Buttonhole stitch the TOP ONLY portion of the breast. DO NOT buttonhole around the tummy area. This portion will be completed once the bird is assembled. Complete these steps on both halves of the bird body.



WINGS: Each wing (both front and back) are made from FOUR separate pieces of wool – they are NOT meant to match but more of a scrappy appearance. Press one of the fusible web wings onto each of the four pieces of wool. You will have 2 regular and 2 reversed. Cut out each wing ON THE LINE. Remove paper from back of each wing. Hand position one regular and one reversed wing together until edges are even. If you need to cut/trim wing edges for a more even look – do so NOW. Once in the position you are happy with – PRESS TOGETHER WITH STEAM. Do the same for both sets of wings. **BUTTONHOLE/BLANKET STITCH** around the entire outside curved edge of each wing – NOT ON THE TOP STRAIGHT EDGE OF THE WING. (See video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fsLva5bM2K4>) The Buttonhole/Blanket Stitch looks similar to the Buttonhole Stitch. Be sure to watch this video to ensure you are stitching correctly. If you have never completed the Buttonhole/Blanket Stitch before – you may want to practice on joining two pieces of wool together prior to working on your bird wings.



You should now have 1. both breasts buttonholed onto each side of the bird body (top portion of the breast only) AND 2. 2 sets of wings buttonhole/blanket stitched together – NOT on the TOP STRAIGHT EDGE OF THE WING. LET'S ASSEMBLE!

BIRD ASSEMBLY & STITCHING:

Position the two bird bodies together – adhesive sides touching. Press them together with STEAM until they are adhered to each other well. If you need to trim any of the edges for a more even look, do so now. **BUTTONHOLE /BLANKET STITCH** around the entire bird.

ADDING THE WINGS:

Pin one wing to each side of the bird – placing the top edge (unstitched) of the wing even to the top back of the bird. **BUTTONHOLE/BLANKET STITCH** both sets of wings to the body all at one time – making sure all pieces of wool are sewn together. When finished – each wing should lift easily on both sides of the bird. Under the wings is where you will store your needles.



EYES: Place both evenly across from each other and stitch at the same time.

These make great small gifts for your sewing friends, Secret Sister or more than one for yourself. I don't know about you, but I love to have a needlekeep, scissors in each of my project bags!

All finished! Enjoy!!!! “tweet-tweet”

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