WOOL SEW ALONG





It's a good idea to read through the whole pattern before you start.

Determine whether or not your pattern has the motifs face up or reversed (for fusing).

Draw or photocopy your motifs on to either freezer paper or a light weight fusible.

If you have bought a kit it is wise to lay out all your motifs on the wool before you start cutting to make sure you have enough wool.

Iron your freezer paper or fusible to your motifs. Dry iron for freezer paper and steam for fusible.

PLACEMENT ON BACKGROUND

Create a template for the placement of your motifs. This is optional but really helps. You can use a sheet protector and a Sharpie. Draw an outline of your background and placement of the pieces.

Cut out the first piece you are going to appliqué. Cut our right on the line. 4-5 Inch Scissors with a sharp point work well for this.

Position it using your drawn template. Secure it using either a pin or thread baste.

For pieces that abut each other your pattern will show if one layers over the other.



THREAD

Your kit is supplied with DMC floss that will cover all the needs for doing this project.

To applique the pieces onto the background you have two choices. You can use the Buttonhole Stitch which is most commonly used, or you can use a Whip Stitch. My Bareroots pattern calls for using 1 strand of floss and a Whip Stitch.

Other threads that can be used are a Wool Blend thread for attaching wool, Perle cotton size 12 or Perle cotton size 8 for decorative stitches.



STITCHES

There are many books and online sources for information on how to do embroidery stitches. Following are some favorites.

Online: Mary Corbet, NeedlenThread.com, Her videos are both on her website and on YouTube

BOOKS

Many books are available. These are some personal favorites.

- "The right-handed embroiderer's companion" by Yvette Stanton
- "The left-handed embroiderer's companion" by Yvette Stanton
- "Creative Stitching" second edition by Sue Spargo
- "Wool, Needle & Thread" by Lisa Bongean of Primitive Gatherings