

Charming Creations

Wool Penny Rug Instructions

Please read all instructions before beginning.
(24" x 18")

All wools must be pre-felted using instructions included with RJR wools.

Step 1: Trace 2 ovals onto dull side of freezer paper. Cut pattern out and iron onto black wool with dry iron, medium setting. Cut out ovals. Set one aside for backing.

Step 2: Trace 76 penny circles onto freezer paper. Cut out circles and iron onto black wool. Cut out pennies and pair them so that you have 38 pairs. Using 3 strands of DMC floss #935, blanket stitch around each pair. This will stitch them together. Set aside.

Step 3: Trace each piece of the pattern (watering can, leaves, flowers, bird house, etc.) onto freezer paper. Trace the bird house as a complete pattern. After cutting out the entire bottom part of the house, cut the pieces apart. Iron each pattern piece onto the wool using the picture as a color guide. Cut out wool pieces. Trace bottom (patchwork) portion of bird house onto wonder under or heat n' bond lite. Cut out and place the pieces of the bird house together onto adhesive side of the wonder under. In order to keep the pieces together while you are stitching them into the crazy quilt design, iron the pieces down to the wonder under. It is not necessary to iron the bird house onto the oval, it is simply an aid for placement.

Step 4: Place pattern pieces down onto black oval in the following order: watering can; mauve band on watering can; spout of watering can; star; end of spout; rim around spout; rim around bottom of can; leaves #1 and #2; handle of watering can; leaves #3, #4 and #5; blooms; centers of blooms; small leaves; bottom of bird house (you will need to lift watering can spout and place over house); top of bird house; bird house roof; large heart; and door to house.

Step 5: Use tiny drops of Roxanne's basting glue to hold pieces in place after you have the placement you desire. You may also want to use a few pins to hold certain pieces in place until stitched.

Step 6: Using 3 strands of black DMC floss, blanket stitch around each piece of wool appliqué, except for the crazy quilt pieces. Use the pattern as a guide for the embroidery stitches for the crazy quilt pieces or feel free to choose designs you like. You just need to use a stitch to hold the edges in place next to each other. After stitching these pieces in place, blanket stitch around the outside edge of the bird house.

Step 7: Using a white chalk pencil or disappearing white marking pen, freehand the stems of the small leaves and the vines flowing from the blooms. Using 3 strands of DMC #935, backstitch these vines. Freehand the berry vine across the band of the watering can. The vine is DMC #935, 3 strands in a backstitch. The berries are French knots using 6 strands of DMC #221.

Step 8: Place the finished oval onto the black wool backing oval. Aligning edges, closely pin around the edges about 1/2" from the edge. Using 3 strands of black DMC, blanket stitch around the two ovals.

Step 9: Lay oval onto a flat surface and begin laying pennies around the edge, about four at a time. Using black cotton sewing thread, whip stitch each penny to the edge of the rug. You will use 36 to 38 pennies to go around the oval, depending on how tightly you have blanket stitched them. After stitching all pennies to oval, whip stitch each penny to the next one at the side.

Enjoy your Charming Creations Wool Penny Rug!