

Handmade Bird Cards

A handmade card is the perfect way to send a message to someone special!



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Read instructions carefully before starting project. I used my ScanNCut when making these three designs; and have included templates for those who don't have this handy little machine, as well as the ScanNCut download.

Materials:

- Budget pack of blank cards with envelopes
- Charm squares or fabric scraps
- Machine thread
- Double sided tape
- Small amount of appliqué contact sheet
- Recycled buttons

Tools required:

- Brother Sewing Machine
- Scissors
- Ruler

Optional:

- Brother ScanNCut machine
- Cutting Mat, ruler and cutter
- Hot glue crystals for eyes or just bling
- Pigma pens to add details

1. I've made the designs to fit cards 5 ½" x 4 ¼" (13 x 11cm), but you can easily resize to suit others.

2. If using the Brother ScanNCut, download the three birds designs with this pattern. Cut appliques using manufacturer's instructions to cut your appliqué. **Miss next steps and go to step 9.**

3. If you don't have a ScanNCut, trace appliqué templates onto the paper side of appliqué contact sheet (design will be in reverse so decide which way you want it to face).

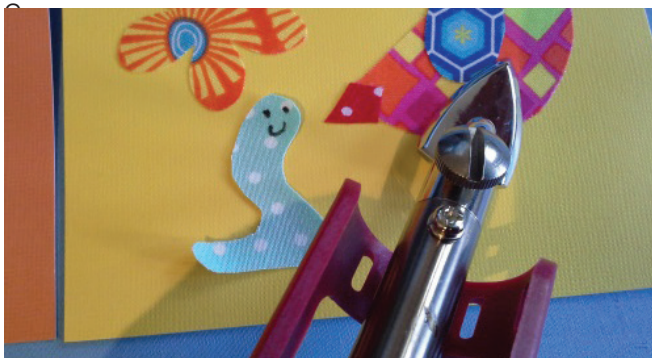
4. Roughly cut out leaving a small margin around each shape.

5. Iron shapes to the back of your charm squares or fabric scraps using manufacturer's instructions.

6. Carefully cut out along lines.

7. Peel backing from shapes.

8. Lay out appliqué on the card front until you are happy with placement (don't have any stitching lines closer than 1cm from card edge).



With light pressure iron the shape to the card (mini irons are perfect for this).

10. Stitch around shape using one or a

combination of **blanket stitch**, **free motion** or **triple stitch**.

Different Stitches you can use:



a) Triple stitch using open toe embroidery foot. Move needle position with stitch width, use edge of foot as a guide.

OR



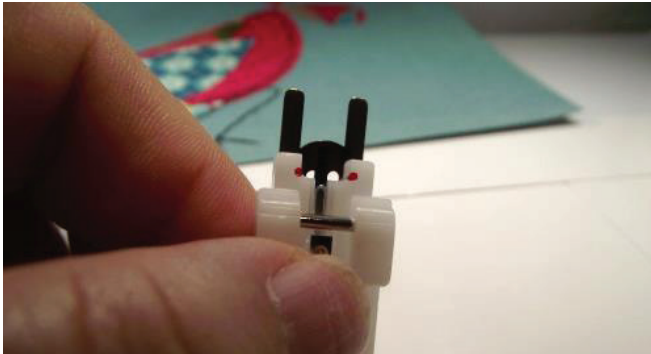
b) Free motion stitching; Feed dogs down. **Straight stitch**, needle position centre. This is the easiest method to stitch around small pieces. The more you do it the better you get.

OR



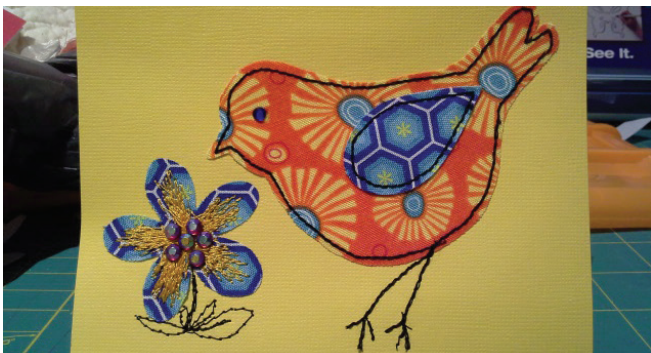
c) Blanket stitch; do a sample first to check stitch width and length.

11.



After appliquéing cards sew buttons in place. First insert button into the buttonhole foot, holes visible. Adjust stitch width so the needle doesn't hit the button. Feed dogs down and stitch.

12.



Attach crystals in place for eyes or use Pigma pen.

13. Cut a piece of card just a little smaller than the card front (I cut up a spare card).

14.



Stick double sided tape to the back of the card

front.

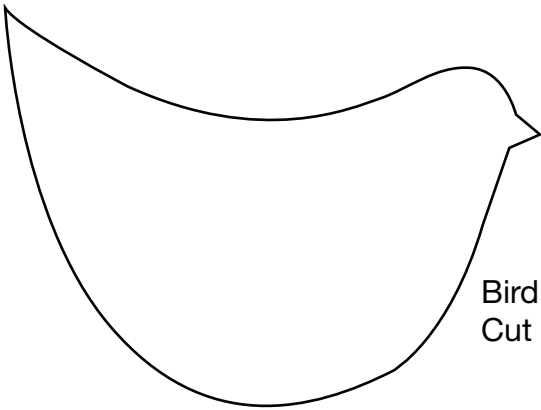
15. Cover stitching with card and press together.

Congratulations your cards are now finished.

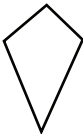


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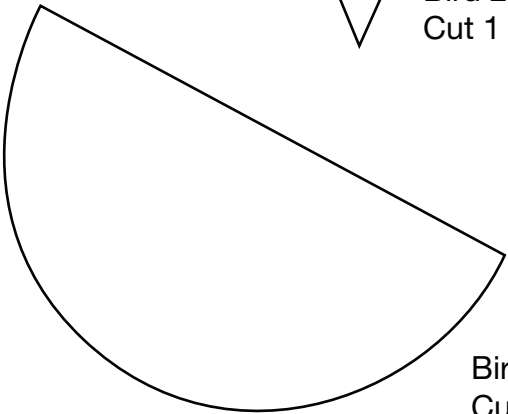
Card Shapes



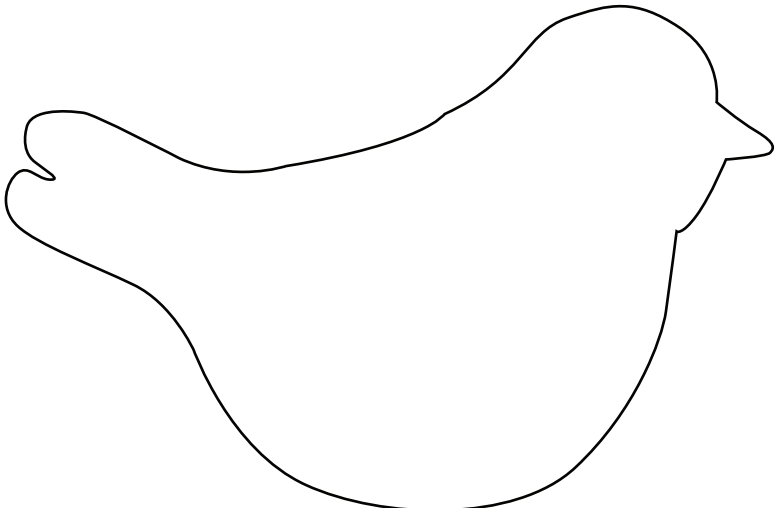
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Cut 1



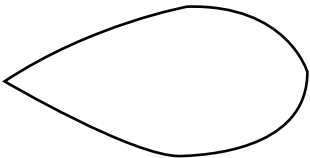
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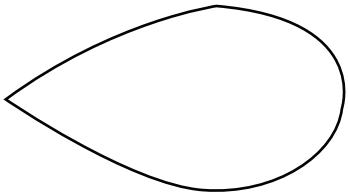
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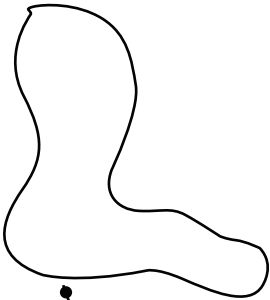
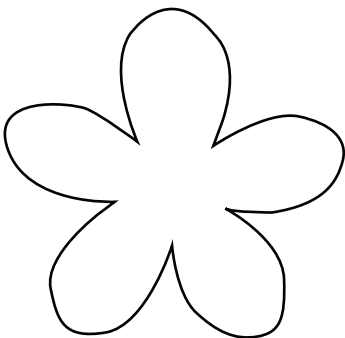
Bird 1
Cut 1



Bird 2 Wing
Cut 1



Bird 1
Wing
Cut 1



Worm
Cut 1