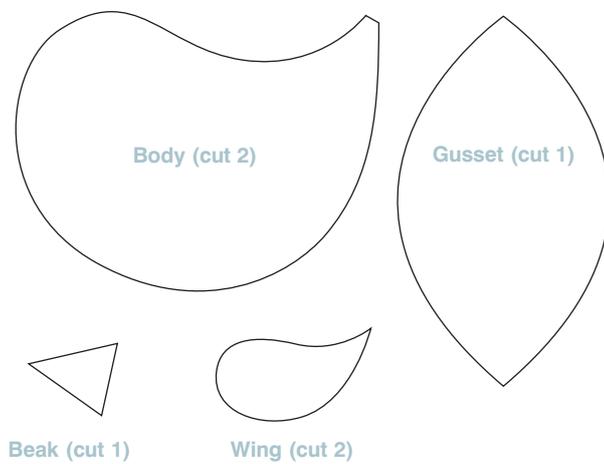
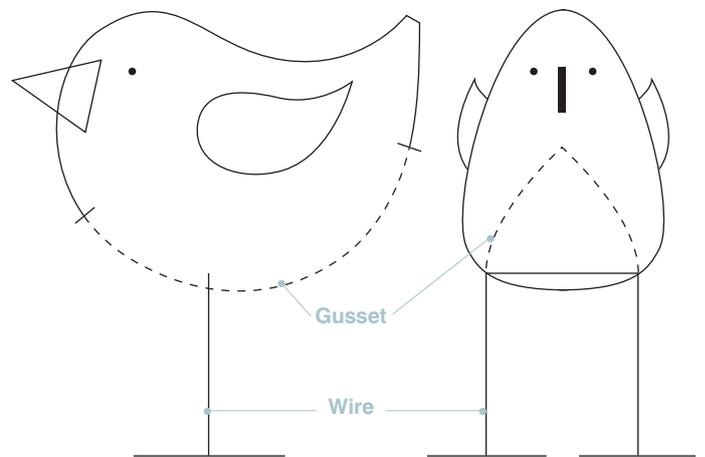


HOW TO MAKE AN EASTER CHICK

PATTERN PIECES



CONSTRUCTION GUIDE



FINISHED SIZE

Approx 4.5cm x 4.0cm/1.8in x 1.6in (body only)

YOU WILL NEED

- Felt for the body and a contrasting colour for the beak (any kind of felt will do, but I find 100% wool felt is the nicest to work with)
- Perle 8 or embroidery thread, needle
- Stuffing stick or alternative
- 100% wool stuffing or polyfill

FOR (OPTIONAL) WIRE LEGS

- Approximately 30cm/11.8in wire for the legs. Gauge: approx 1mm/AWG 18. (if the wire is too thin, there can be chick balancing issues).
- Small wire cutters
- Small pliers

PLEASE NOTE

The chick WITH the wire legs is not recommended for small children. The wire legs are purely intended to assist in posing the chick. Depending on the gauge of the wire used, you may need to replace the legs after a few poses (only because they start to look a little wonky).



Perching Chick



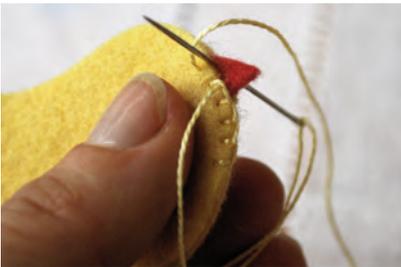
Michael Flatley's 'Riverdance' Chicks



Flying Chick

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1. Cut out felt pieces as per the pattern on the previous page.
2. Align and hold the two body pieces together. Begin blanket stitching just below the beak position. Tuck the beak between the body pieces and continue blanket stitching in place.



3. Continue stitching around the body, stopping approximately 15mm below the tail. Position the gusset as shown.



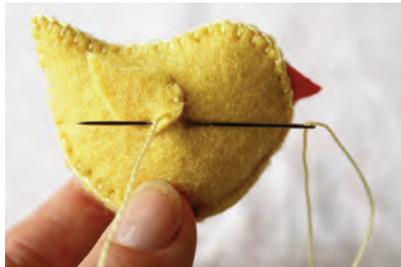
4. Stitch along one side of the gusset to your very first blanket stitch (just under the beak). Turn around and blanket stitch along the other side of the gusset. Leave an opening for stuffing (approximately 2.5cm/1in).



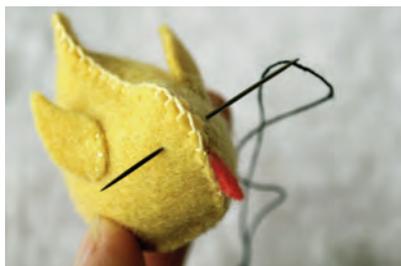
5. Using wool stuffing or polyfill, firmly stuff the chick and blanket stitch closed.



6. Stitch both wings to the body with four or five stitches leaving the pointy end free to 'flap about'.



7. Stitch the eyes. I used two or three tiny overlapping stitches for the minimal 'look' but you could also use french knots.



8. Voilà! One Steiner-inspired chick (without legs)



TO MAKE THE WIRE LEGS...

1. Cut approximately 30cm/11.8in of wire. You may need less depending on the size of the legs/feet you want.



2. Beginning with a front claw, manipulate the wire into shape: three claws at the front, one claw at the back. Bend the wire up to form the leg.

Please note, there is no precise method, no right or wrong way of doing this. A free-form impression of chick legs and feet is all you should be after!



3. Thread the wire through the stitching between the gusset and body piece, (refer to the construction drawing on the previous page for positioning). Carefully push the wire through the opposite seam. Then bend the wire to form the other leg and foot, as before. Finally, using your wire cutters, trim any excess wire. DONE!

