

Materials

- *The Dow Chemical Company STYROFOAM*
12" x 12" x 1" block
- 1" balls, three
- 1/2 yd. muslin
- *National Nonwovens*
WoolFelt in Brown, a 9" x 12" piece
- WoolWisps in Gold, 1 oz.
- Checked fabric, a 4" square
- Cotton batting, a 12" x 18" piece
- *Beacon Adhesives* Fabri-Tac, candle, cardstock, *Clover* needle felting tool, craft knife, disappearing marker, embroidery floss (white, 2 yds.), embroidery needle, foam pad, iron and ironing surface, jute (1/4 yd.), light box or well-lit window, metal stars (1", three), pencil, ruler, scissors, sewing machine and matching thread, soft cloth, tea or instant coffee, twigs (8", eight), water

Instructions

1. Using light box or well-lit window, trace patterns onto cardstock, then cut out. Trace around star pattern on foam block with marker, then cut out carefully with craft knife. Tip: Rub knife edge with candle to make cutting foam easier. Rub cut edges with soft cloth to remove loose bits of foam. Clear work space of loose bits before continuing.
2. Mix tea or instant coffee with hot water and stain muslin, jute, floss, and checked fabric. Let dry.
3. Cut out one muslin star the same size as pattern, then cut a second star 1-1/2" larger all the way around. Cut two pocket pieces from muslin. From batting, cut one star and one pocket piece. Cut one heart from checked fabric.
4. Lightly adhere batting to star. Cover batting with larger muslin star piece. Fold muslin over sides, clipping into corners when needed. Continue this for entire star, adhering muslin to sides. Tip: If small spaces in the corners are not covered with muslin, adhere small wedges of muslin. This adds to the primitive feel. Adhere remaining muslin star piece to back.
5. Layer batting and two pocket pieces. Sew around, leaving small opening in center of top of pocket. Clip and trim seam. Turn pocket right-side out. Press.
6. Lightly adhere center of heart to pocket. With three strands of floss, make cross-stitches around heart. With three strands of floss, straight stitch around edge of pocket.
7. Adhere pocket to front of star.
8. Press foam balls gently to flatten on both sides. Cover and needle felt with Gold WoolWisps.
9. Cut out fifteen petals from Brown WoolFelt. Wrap balls in felt petals, overlapping as you go. Adhere petals in place, then adhere each flower to a twig.
10. Arrange and adhere twigs into pocket, then adhere metal stars to twigs.
11. Knot jute for hanger, then adhere to top of star at back. ♡



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