

Partridge Christmas Ornament

For this project you will need: 6" x 4" freezer paper
6" x 4" HeatnBond UltraHold
Scrap fabric
two 4" squares of quilt batting
embroidery floss
six inches of 1/8" ribbon
small amount of stuffing fiber

Preparing the Pattern

For best results, you will need to take the pattern and trace it onto freezer paper. Having the pattern on freezer paper helps in cutting the small pieces accurately.

Cutting the Fabric

Preheat a dry iron to the silk setting. Lay the fabric that you have chosen face down on the ironing board. Lay a piece of HeatnBond UltraHold (big enough for the partridge) paper side up on top of the fabric. Lay the freezer paper pattern, shiny side down, on top of the HeatnBond. See Figure 1.

Glide the iron across the pattern, HeatnBond, and fabric lightly for 1-2 seconds. After cooling, check to see if the freezer paper is stuck to the paper backing of the HeatnBond. If it peels off easily, iron a little longer. Be very careful because overheating will cause the freezer paper to stick to the HeatnBond paper permanently.

After the fabric has cooled, carefully cut out the partridge along the solid line. Peel off the HeatnBond paper backing. Separate the HeatnBond paper backing from the freezer paper (the pattern can be reused). Adhesive should appear milky in color. A shiny, clear adhesive is a sign of overheating.

Prepare all the pattern pieces in the same manner.

Putting the Pieces On

Cut two pieces of quilt batting into 4" squares. Carefully place the pattern pieces in the center of one of the squares of batting as shown in Figure 2. Press your iron over the pieces for 4-6 seconds.

Making the Loop

Tie a loop in a 1/8" wide ribbon as show in Figure 3.

Making the Ornament

Place the other batting square on the back and pin the two pieces together. Using all six strands of embroidery floss, start at the bottom and buttonhole stitch around the edge. Do not forget to capture the knot of the ribbon at the top. Leave a 2" opening at the bottom as shown in Figure 4.

The Finish

Stuff the ornament with fiber until it is about 1/2" thick. Finish the stitching at the bottom to close the ornament.

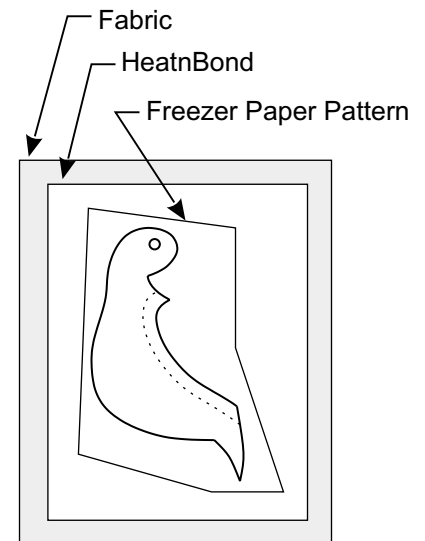


Figure 1

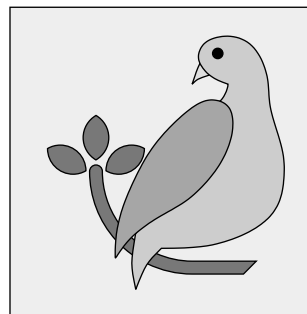


Figure 2



Figure 3

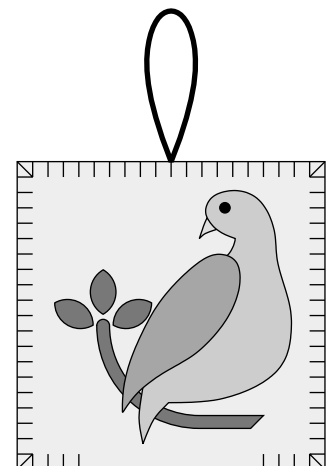


Figure 4

Your ornament is ready to be placed on the Christmas tree and enjoyed!

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