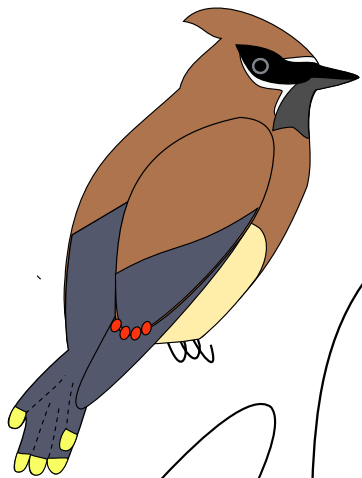


Downeast Thunder Farm Cedar Waxwing

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Create two mirror images of the bird to sew together so you'll end up with a double-sided bird.

Begin by positioning the white face and black mask into place on the body and tack with one strand of black floss. Position the gray beak so that it partially overlaps the black mask; tack. For the eye, cut a small oval of gray felt and sew into place with a trio of black French knots.

Place the upper wing on top of the wing and tack into place from behind, trying not to let the stitches show on the front. Add the under wing to the rest of the wing and once again, tack from underneath. This bird is so sleek, that I when making him, I minimized the appearance of most stitches as much as possible. Using two strands of bright red floss, add a series of French knots to the edge of the wing.

Position the belly and tail into place; pin. Position the wing unit into place. Using two strands of matching floss, tack the wing to the body with a few tiny stitches.

Cut four half-oval pieces from yellow felt for the tail tips; tack into place with matching floss. With one strand of black floss, add the decorative stitching on the tail.

If desired, fashion legs from wire and tack onto the wrong side of the body. Pin the body front and back together and sew around the edges of the body with a blanket stitch in matching floss pausing to stuff with fiberfill before completing. Note, I ran the blanket stitch around the body only, bypassing the tail to maintain a crisp appearance.

Have Fun!

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