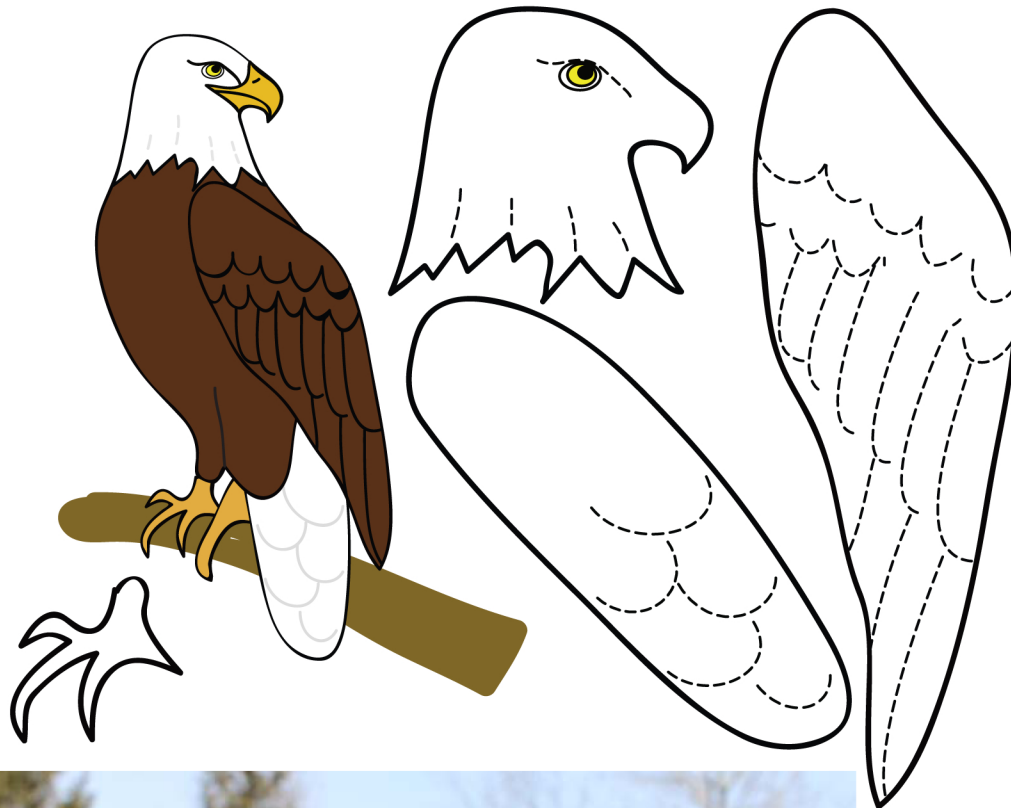


Downeast Thunder Farm Bald Eagle Pattern

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Begin by placing the beak on the head. Stitch the mouth with one thread of black embroidery floss. Place the head onto the body front; pin. Sew on a circle of yellow for the eye using six strands of yellow embroidery floss. Add a black French knot and the decorative line above eye. With one strand of black embroidery floss, back stitch around the yellow eye leaving some of the white felt showing.

With three strands of ecru embroidery floss, sew the decorative stitching at the base of the head.

Position the tail feather on the inside of the bottom body piece. When completed, the tail feather will be sandwiched between the two body pieces. Tack into place and sew on the decorative stitching using three strands of ecru embroidery floss.

Position the wing onto the body front and add the decorative stitches to emulate the feathers. Pin the body front and back together.

The feet can be added with the felt foot pattern provided, or with a piece of copper wire. If using felt feet, tuck them in between the body pieces and pin. When sewing the body pieces together, tack the feet into place. I opted for the copper approach. Take a piece of wire about four inches long and bend it into a "U" shape. Sew on the decorative body stitching that defines the legs. When doing that, catch the top of the wire "U" in the stitch. When sewing the body edges together, position the wire out each of the legs. When finished the eagle is finished, use needle-nose pliers to curl the ends of the wire.

To sew the body pieces together, use a blanket stitch with three strands of black embroidery floss. Pause before finishing to stuff with fiberfill.

Have fun!

