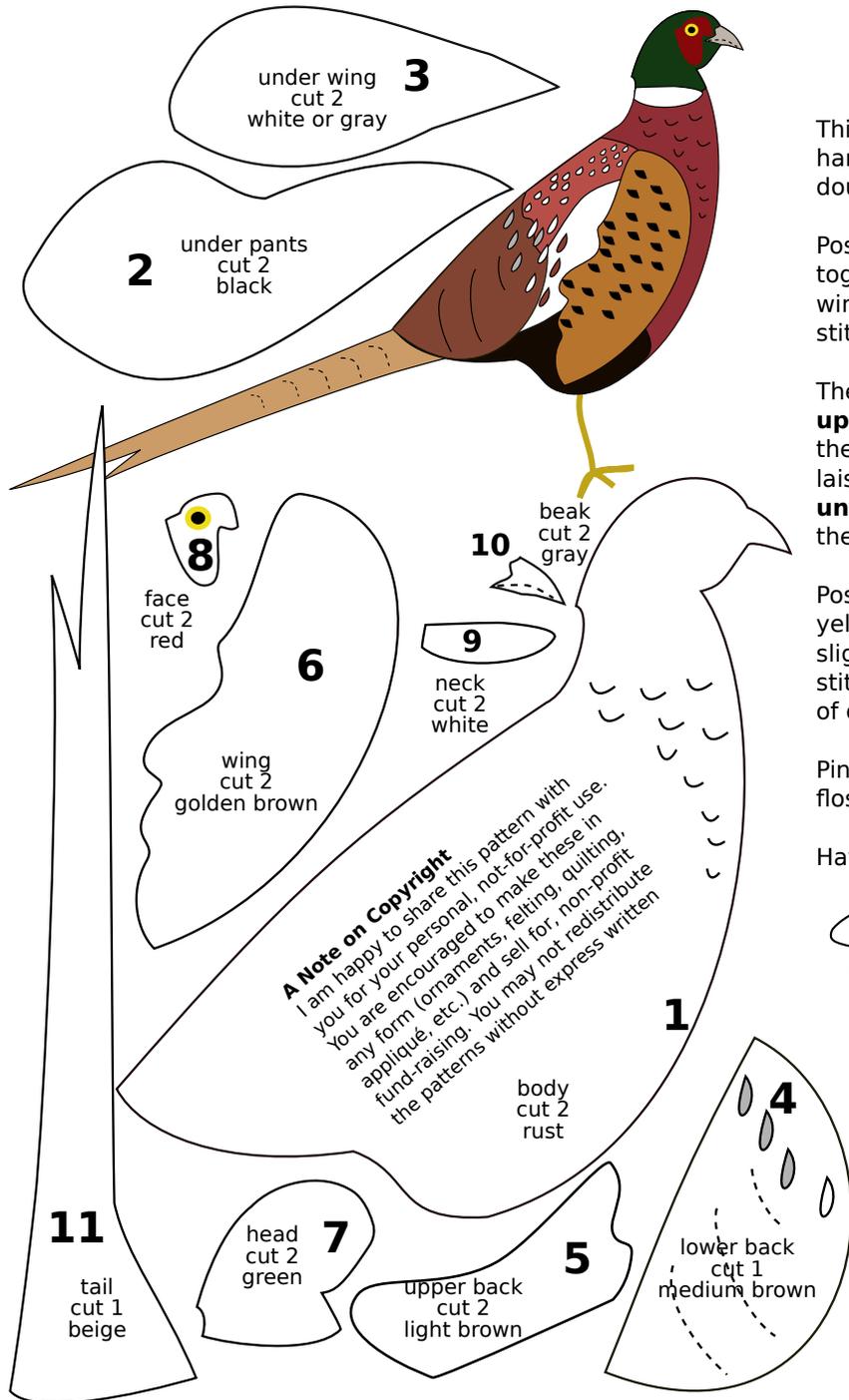


Downeast Thunder Farm Ring-neck Pheasant

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This pheasant has a lot of pieces, so I've numbered each one to show the order in which they are handled. You'll create two mirror images of the bird to sew together so you'll end up with a double-sided bird with the tail sandwiched in the middle.

Position the underpants (2) onto the body (1); tack. The next few pieces you'll want to position together and pin before sewing to make sure the layout is just right. Once you have the under wing (3), lower back (4), upper back (5) pinned, and wing (6), sew into place with the decorative stitches. Use the image to the left as a guide.

The **lower back** uses a series of running stitches along with laisy daisy stitches in gray. The **upper back** uses a series of laisy daisy stitches in pale gray. The size of the stitch starts small at the top and becomes larger where it overlaps the lower back. Make some of the white and gray laisy daisy stitches overlap the two back pieces. Add a few laisy daisy stitches in brown on the **under wing**. The **wing** itself has a series of black crest shaped spots. To make these, I created the outline and filled in with a satin stitch.

Position the face (8) and head (7). Tack with a French knot for the eye using black floss. With yellow floss, add tiny stitches circling the eye. Position the neck (9) so it overlaps the head slightly; tack into place with white floss. Position the beak (10) and tack with a black running stitch for the mouth. Add the decorative stitches on the chest. Tack the tail (11) to the wrong side of one of the body pieces. If desired, fashion legs from wire and tack here.

Pin the body front and back together and sew around the edges with a blanket stitch using black floss, pausing to stuff with fiberbill before completing.

Have Fun!

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