

How does your Garden Grow?

Stitch a naïve garden landscape using blanket stitch appliqué on a felt background. Embellish with buttons, 3D flowers and big stitches. Your stitched picture can then be made up as a small wall hanging or book cover or cushion.

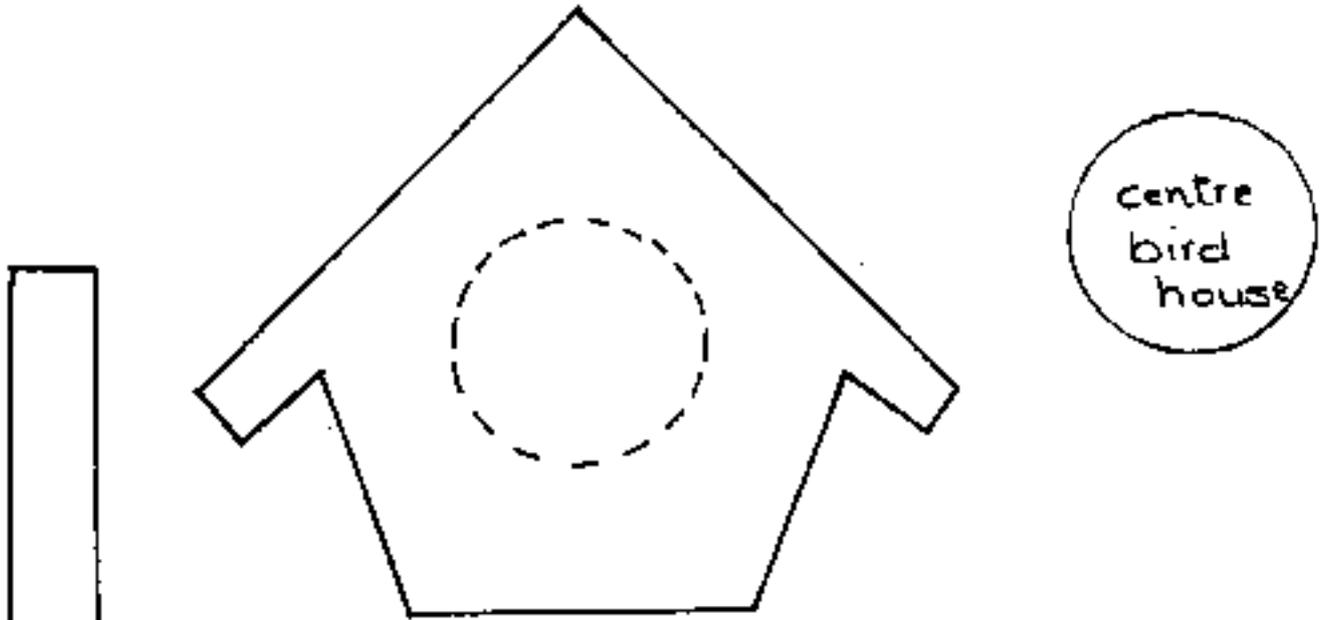
Materials needed:

- Cream felt 9" x 11".
- Small pieces of felt in a variety of colours.
- Small pieces of fabric for the 3D flowers.
- Embroidery thread.
- Buttons.
- Sewing equipment such as needles, pins, scissors and cotton thread.

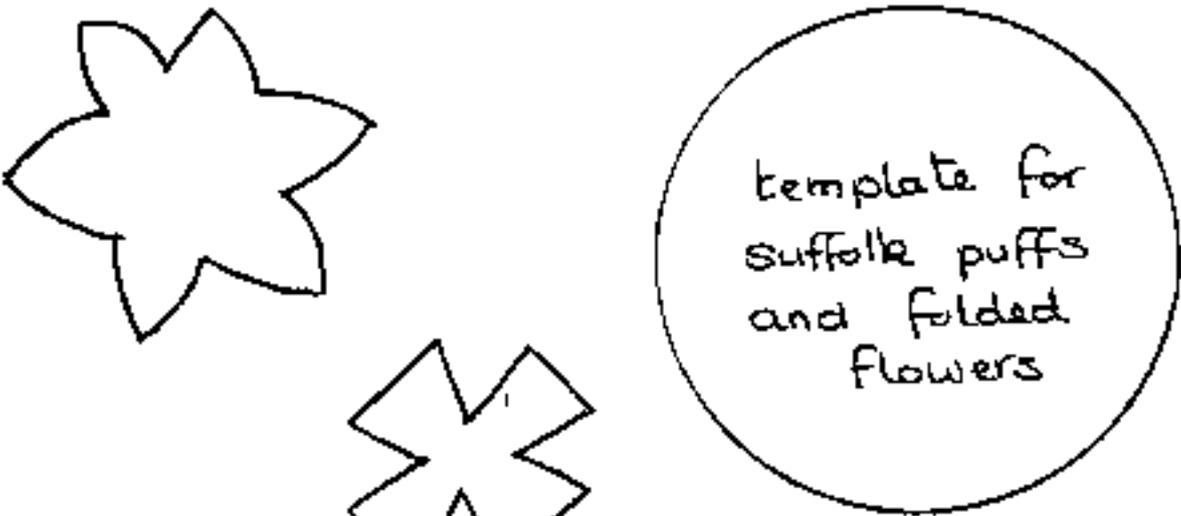
Instructions:

1. Cut out all paper pattern pieces. Use the paper pattern pieces as templates to cut out the shapes from felt or fabric.
2. Using the embroidery thread, blanket stitch the pole and the birdhouse to the centre of the cream felt rectangle. Using a running stitch add the hole on the birdhouse.
3. Blanket stitch the wheel barrow to one side of the birdhouse and add the wheel using a running stitch.
4. To make the suffolk puff flowers: Use the circle template to cut out the desired number of circles from cotton fabric. On each circle take a running stitch around the edge turning under $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Gather and back stitch to secure. Stitch these into the wheelbarrow.
5. To make the folded flowers: Use the circle template to cut out the desired number of circles from cotton fabric. Mark the centre of each circle with a cross. Fold over one edge of the circle to the centre mark and press in place. Working in a clockwise direction, fold over the next edge of the circle to the centre and press. Repeat four more times. Secure the centre with a few stitches. Stitch these randomly under the birdhouse in the garden.
6. Using the remaining flower templates cut a selection of flowers from felt. Stitch these into the garden either using blanket stitch or running stitch. Add a bird and/or bees to the sky.
7. Stitch in grass and leaves using green embroidery thread.
8. Stitch buttons to the flower centres and any garden novelty buttons to the picture as desired.
9. To finish your picture you could now stitch it to a piece of fabric and complete the project as desired.

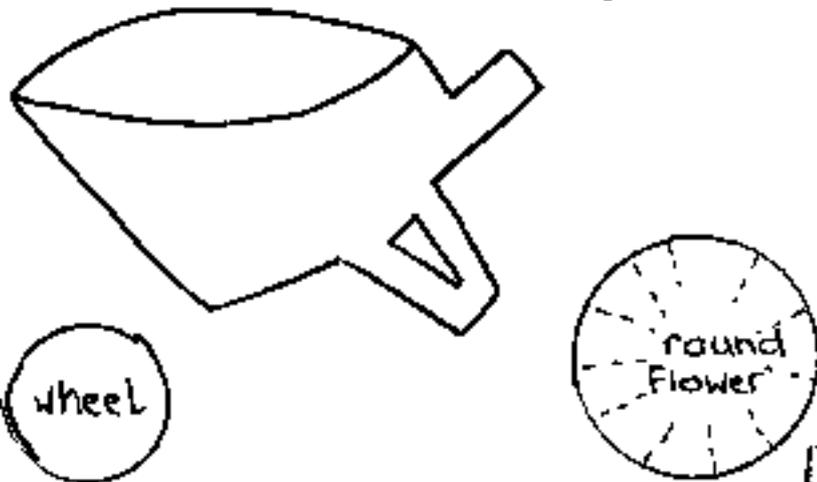
How does your Garden
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centre
bird
house



template for
suffolk puffs
and folded
flowers



round
flower

wheel



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