



dragonfly

Finished size approximately 3¾" × 6½" (9cm × 16cm)

Dragonflies have such a unique way of flying because of their double wings that they seem to dance through the air. Their iridescent coloring makes them an appealing insect for many areas of art and craft to draw inspiration from.

You will need

- 1 piece 4" × 5" (10cm × 12.5cm) of felted wool (page 8) for body
- 2 pieces 4" × 6" (10cm × 15cm) of printed fabric for wings (2 different fabrics suggested)
- 2 buttons for the eyes
- 1 piece 4" × 6" (10cm × 15cm) of interfacing (page 8) for wings
- Stuffing
- Brown pearl cotton 5 for the legs
- A selection of coordinating pearl cotton 8 threads for the embroidery
- Sewing thread in a color to match the body parts, suitable for use either in a sewing machine or for hand stitching, for constructing the Dragonfly



Read the Basic Instructions (pages 6–27) for more detailed information.

Patterns are on page 139. Trace and cut out the patterns.

BODY

1. From felted wool, cut 2 bodies.
2. Place the 2 Dragonfly body felted-wool pieces right sides together. Stitch all around by hand using a backstitch (page 23) or a straight stitch by machine (page 26), leaving a gap at the bottom. Turn the body right side out and stuff.

NOTE

Since the Dragonfly is so small, you will need to sew as close to the edge as you can. Turn the body right side out, using the stuffer stick to poke out the point, and stuff. Stitch the gap with a whipstitch (page 26) in a sewing thread that matches the body color.

WINGS

1. From 1 of the printed fabrics, cut 4 top wings (2 and 2 reverse). From the other printed fabric, cut 4 bottom wings (2 and 2 reverse). From interfacing, cut 2 of each wing.
2. Layer each wing with matching printed-fabric top and bottom, wrong sides together, with the interfacing sandwiched in between. Sew all the way around $\frac{1}{4}$ " (0.5cm) in from the edge of each wing, using a running stitch (page 24) if sewing by hand or a straight stitch (page 26) if sewing on a machine.
3. Attach 1 of the top wings and 1 of the bottom wings to each side of the Dragonfly using random straight stitches (page 23).

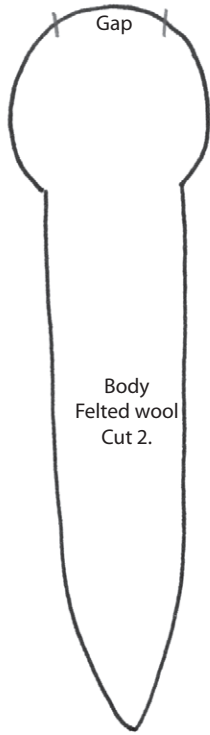


Underside of wings



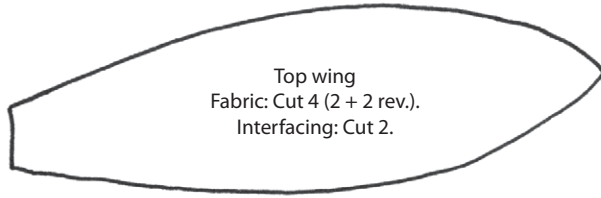
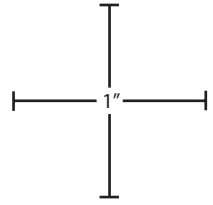
LEGS, ANTENNAE, AND EYES

1. Using the pearl cotton 5, add 6 legs (page 20) to the underside (the side where the bottom wings are attached).
2. Turn the Dragonfly over and add 2 antennae using the pearl cotton 8 (page 20).
3. Add the 2 button eyes.
4. Finish by adding an extra length of thread (pearl cotton 8 will do) as a hanging thread. Anchor it to the Dragonfly in the center of the body between the top wings so it hangs straight when held in the air. Decide how long you want the hanger to be, fold over the other end of the thread, and tie a knot to make a loop.

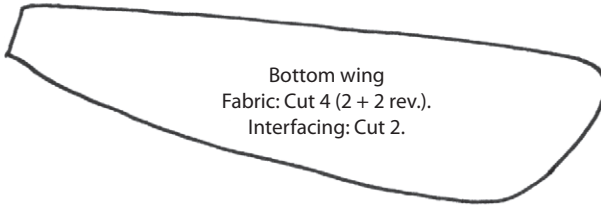


Body
Felted wool
Cut 2.

Dragonfly patterns



Top wing
Fabric: Cut 4 (2 + 2 rev.).
Interfacing: Cut 2.

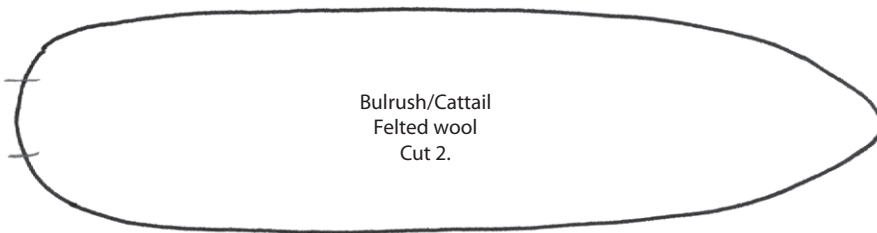


Bottom wing
Fabric: Cut 4 (2 + 2 rev.).
Interfacing: Cut 2.

Bulrush/Cattail patterns



Spike
Craft felt: Cut 2.



Bulrush/Cattail
Felted wool
Cut 2.