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SUPPLIES: *A complete supply kit is available at www.KathySchmitz.com under kits (while supplies last)*
fabric (front and back) 10" x 12" - about 4 1/2" x 10" for back and 7 1/2" x 10" for embroidery background
teal ric rac size #17 (super tiny) - 24"
small red bead - about 8mm (the one in the sample is a wooden bead)
DMC floss - black 310 / brown 801 or 898 / olive green 732 or 731 / red 3777 / teal 501
4" wire hanger (www.ackfeldwire.com)

EMBROIDERY:

Trace the design onto the embroidery background fabric. Trace the outline also. This will be your cutting line.
Using 2 strands of the floss embroider following the colors on the pattern page and these stitches -

solid lines - stem stitch
dashed lines - running stitch
solid red berries - satin stitch
bird wing detail & leaf veins - fly stitch
Bird eye - French knot (1 wrap)

1. When all of the embroidery is finished, press the piece well.
Trim to the cutting line.
Starting at the point, using a basting stitch, sew the ric rac around the edges like this



2. Layer the flannel, backing, and embroidery together.
(right sides of embroidery and backing together). Pin.



3. Using a 1/4" seam allowance sew around the all sides EXCEPT for across the top.

4. Trim the excess fabric EXCEPT for the backing fabric. Clip the corners.



5. Turn right side out and press.
Press the backing to the inside.
Hand stitch the top closed.

6. Using a doubled length of all 6 strands of the green floss thread through the red bead and tie a double knot (or a single knot twice). Attach to the end of the point. Bring the ends of the floss to the back and tie a know. Hide and clip the thread ends.



7. Hand quilt at desired.

8. Attach to the wire hanger using a couple of stitches.

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Some methods of tracing require the pattern in reverse.

