

God Bless America

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This patriotic banner makes a nice decorative accessory to hang on your door or add to your home decor. It features 100% felted wool applique on cotton Moon Cloth.

Supplies Needed:

- 1/3 yard woven cotton homespun for background
- 10' x 10" Tan windowpane wool for star
- 3" x 14" Red for center penny and bottom scallop
- 6" x 10" Blue pinstripe for star and pennies
- 3" x 3" Gold herringbone for pennies
- 1 yd. paper backed fusible
- Eleganza EMZ1009 Heart Beat Red
- Eleganza EMZ1015 Pumpnickel
- Eleganza EMZ1038 Nocturnal Blue
- Chalk Cartridge

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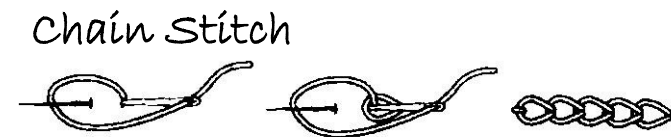
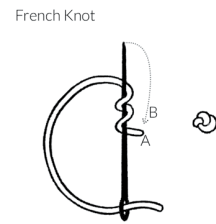
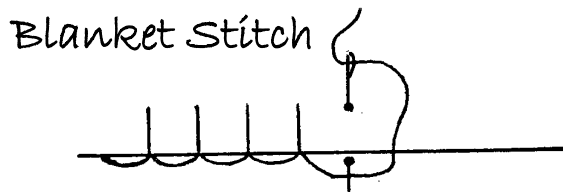
Instructions:

1. Cut 2 - 12" x 18" (1 background & 1 backing) leaving the selvage at the top edges.
2. Trace all shapes on paper side of fusible and cut out roughly 1/8" outside of traced line.
3. Fuse shapes to corresponding wools.
4. Cut wool shapes out on traced lines. Set all shapes aside for now.
5. Chalk a reference line 3 3/4" down from the selvage edge for lettering placement on background cotton.
6. Using your favorite transfer technique, draw the lettering on the background to prepare for stitching. TIP: I traced the lettering onto tissue paper. Using a sharp pencil I made reference dots every 1/4" on each letter poking through the tissue paper.
7. Using the blue perle cotton make small chain stitches for your lettering following your dotted lines.
8. Place the blue Star wedges onto the background star. Blanket stitch the interior stitching edges.
9. Fuse the Star by placing the top Star point 1" below the lettering and centering the Star on the background.
10. Blanket stitch the Star to the background.
11. Using a chalk marker, free hand draw two curvy lines for the vine. Adding tendrils for interest.

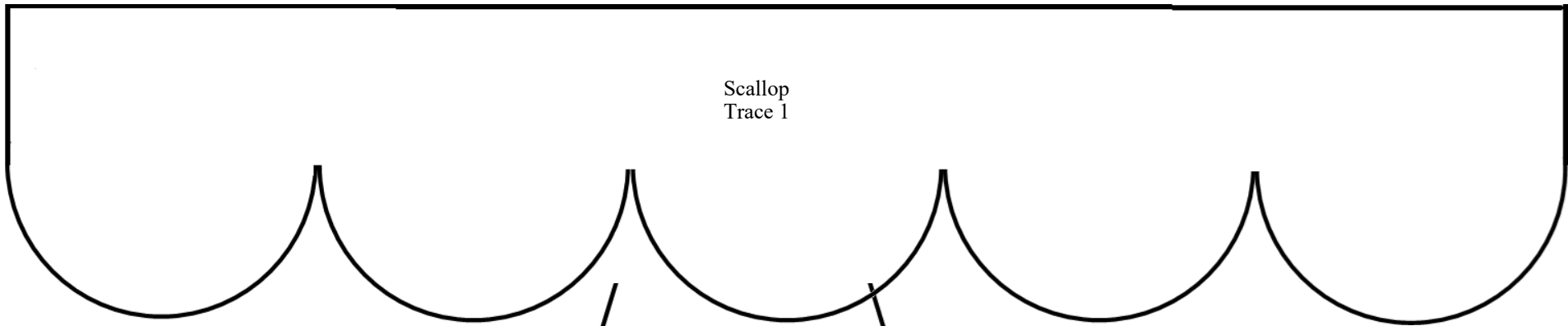
12. Blanket stitch the vine using a chain stitch with golden tan perle cotton.
13. Add double strand French Knots for the berries.
14. Fuse all 1" pennies to 1-red and 5-blue 1 1/2' pennies.
15. Blanket stitch using Red perle cotton.
16. Fuse the red/gold penny to the center of the Star and the blue/gold pennies to the red scallop edge.
17. Blanket stitch using blue perle on the blue pennies and red perle cotton on the red penny.
18. Place the red scallop 1 1/2" below the bottom Star points. Fuse.
19. Using red perle cotton blanket stitch the top edge.
20. Fuse a 12" x 18" piece of fusible to the back of your project.
21. Fuse the backing cotton to the back of your project. Square side edges and scissor trim around the scallop edge. Blanket stitch all but the top salvage edge.
22. Fold the top edge down 2" to make the rod pocket.
23. Blanket stitch the top folded over edge using red perle cotton.

OPTIONAL:

- ♦ Using all three colors of thread I made 3" tassels to add to the top corners. You can get many directions on tassel making by googling it online.
- ♦ Use wire to make a hanger and stitch it to the front top edge rather than using the rod pocket to hang the banner.



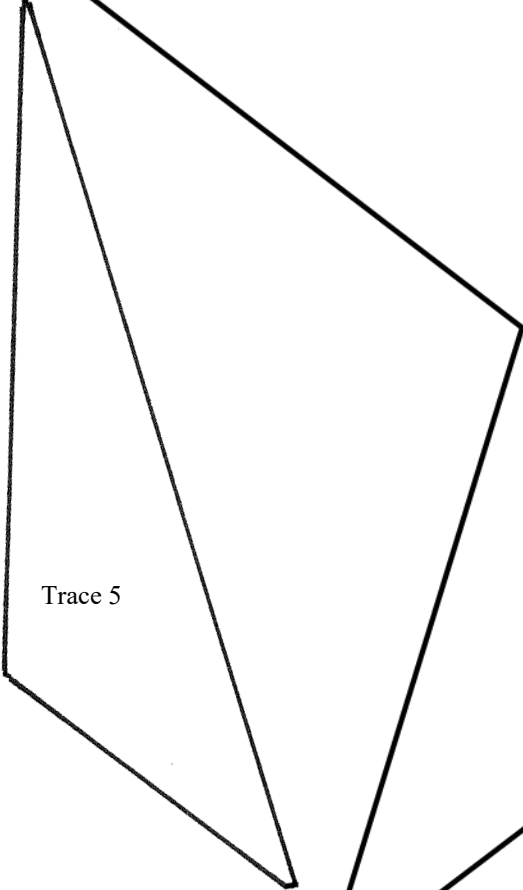
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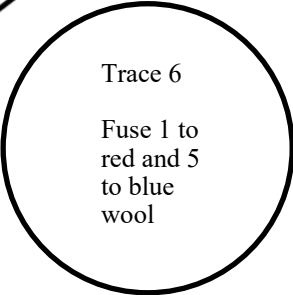
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Trace 1



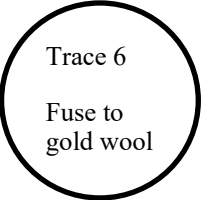
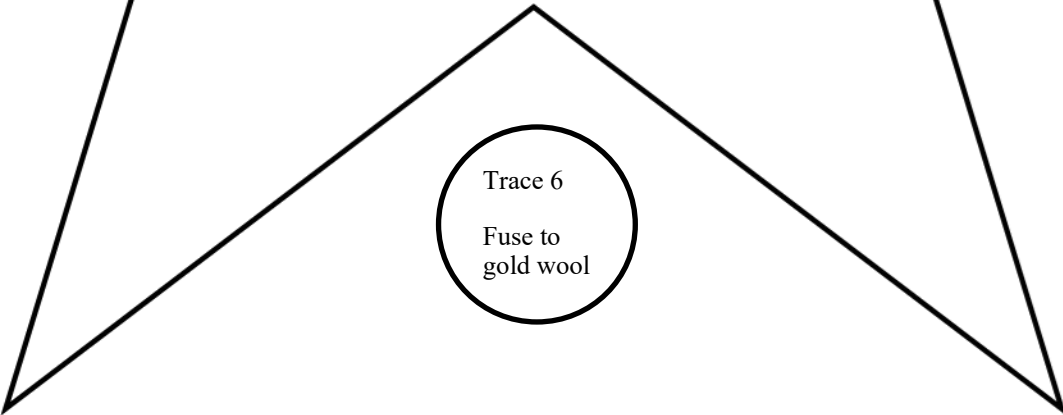
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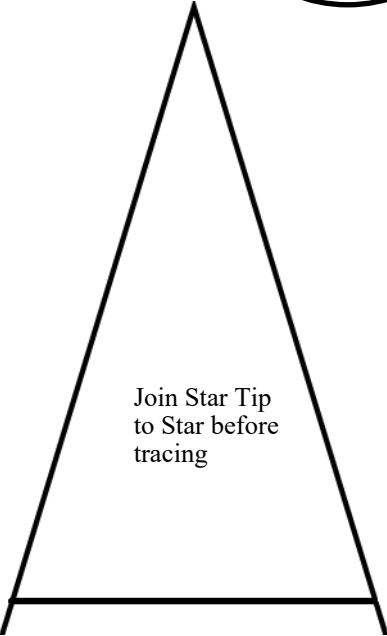
Trace 5



Trace 6
Fuse 1 to
red and 5
to blue
wool



Trace 6
Fuse to
gold wool



Join Star Tip
to Star before
tracing

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