Make your own embroidered peacock - instruction sheet

(Allow 5-6 hours for this craft)

This craft is inspired by a beautiful stained-glass window made by the Bromsgrove Guild of Applied Arts which is now part of Worcestershire County Museum's collections at Hartlebury Castle.



You will need:

- Printed copy of template (download from the Museums Worcestershire website);
- Embroidery threads;
- Felt squares;
- Seed beads;
- Sequins;
- Fine needles and pins;
- Pencil;
- Invisible thread.



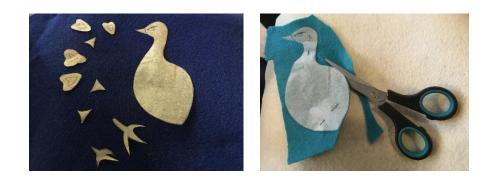
Sourcing equipment:

All of the materials are available cheaply from online retailers on sites such as eBay and Amazon. We chose the following shades but you can use any colours you like: cream, light yellow, green, turquoise, blue.



Instructions:

1. Cut out the peacock's body, feathers and feet from the template. Pin the paper pieces onto the relevant colour felt and cut out the felt shapes.





2. Arrange the felt shapes onto your background colour and pin into place.



3. Using the coloured embroidery threads and blanket stitch, sew the felt pieces on to the background.



4. Add details with embroidery as follows: satin stitch for beak and crest; chain stitch for eye and feathers.





5. Decorate with seed beads and sequins. Use invisible thread if you have some. Add any extra details you fancy (we added the blue shading under the eye).



Ta da! Enjoy your beautiful peacock embroidery!

