

Hearty Flowers Wallhanging

Celebrate this Valentine's Day, or maybe the coming of Spring with our cute little appliqued and quilted floral wallhanging. This is an easy applique, as the pieces have raw edges, and the quilting secures them. This looks lovely as an entrance way wallhanging in your home, or would work equally well as a table mat.



This wallhanging measures 16 x 16 inches.

You Will Need:

Piece of cream or white fabric for the background, measuring 16½ x 16½ inches

Small amounts of coloured fabrics for the flower appliques

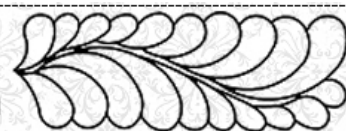
Fusible webbing for applique

Threads to match the flower fabrics

Fat Quarter of fabric for the binding

Batting measuring at least 17 x 17 inches

Backing fabric measuring at least 17 x 17 inches



Note – a heat-resistant applique mat is very useful for this project. If you don't have one, a see-through baking sheet is ideal.

Applique:



Print out and join the two applique template sheets.

The black lines are the applique templates, and the red are the quilting lines for later.

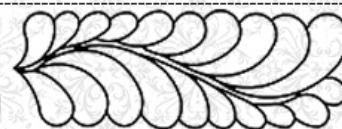
Trace the flower, leaf and stem shapes onto the paper backing of your fusible webbing. Make note too of which pieces overlap others.

Fuse the separate pieces to the wrong side of your selected coloured fabrics, and cut them out.



Place the template under your heat-proof applique mat.

Peel away the paper backings and arrange your shapes so you are happy with the arrangement, and that the correct pieces overlap others.



Fuse the shapes together with your iron.



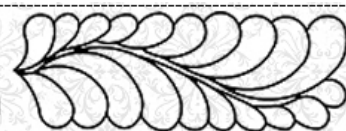
Carefully peel the applique off the applique mat, and place it in the centre of your white backing fabric.

Press well to fuse the shapes in place.

Quilting:

Place your backing fabric face down on a flat surface, then smooth the batting on top. Put your appliqued top on top of that, centred and smoothed flat.

Pin the layers together in preparation for quilting.



Using matching threads, quilt around each flower, leaf and stem shape as shown by the red lines on your template.

Add more thread play on the flowers if you wish.

Quilt the heart shape in a coloured thread – one or more times, as you choose.



We quilted the background with vertical lines 2 inches apart, in matching thread.

We added small free motion heart shapes randomly between the lines too.

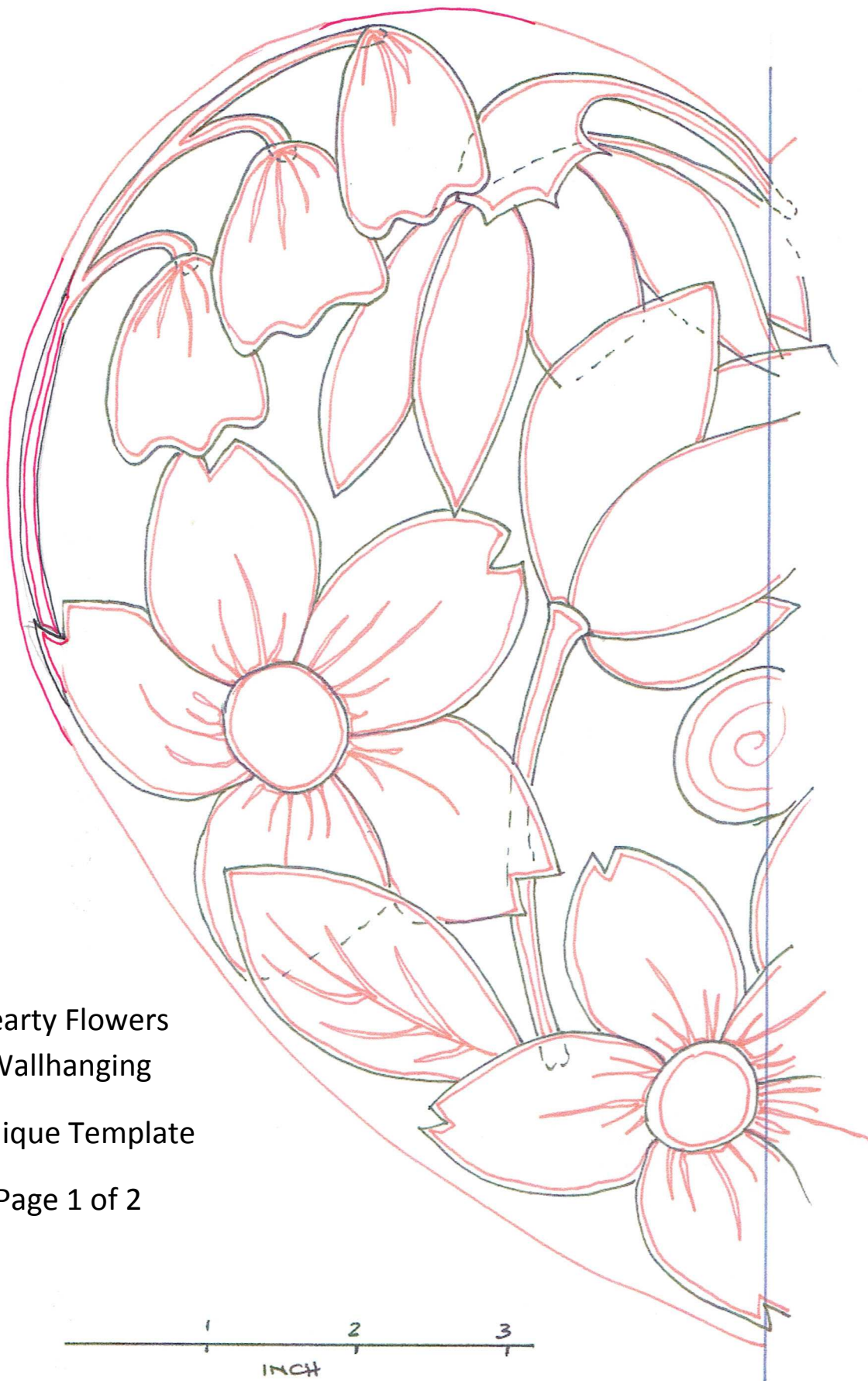
Trim and square up your quilted wallhanging.

Finishing:

Cut sufficient 2¼ inch binding strips from the fat quarter of binding fabric and join together with 45 degree seams. Press the ¼ inch seams open, then fold the strip in half, right sides out and press.

Join the binding to the right side of the quilt edge with a quarter inch seam, mitring each corner as you go. Turn the folded edge of the binding to the back and slip stitch it in place with thread that matches the binding.

Add a hanging sleeve, and you're finished!



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