Summer Meadow Wool Wallhanging

Whether you're enjoying Summer, or thinking of the one to come, you'll love our gentle summer meadow scene, with a touch of simple hand embroidery, and some 3D flowers. This simple and effective felted wool applique pattern is sure to brighten up your home.



This wallhanging measures 13 inches wide x 11 inches high.

You Will Need:

Light blue cotton for the sky background – a piece measuring $13\frac{1}{2}$ inches x $11\frac{1}{2}$ inches. (Use a sky blue or we used graduated ombre fabric)

For the hills: Wool felt. Distant line of mountains - grey wool - a piece measuring 10 x 2 inches

Middle hills: Mid green or blue wool – a piece measuring 12½ x 2½ inches

Meadow: Light green wool – a piece measuring 121/2 x 4 inches

For the trees and flowers: Scraps of wool in brown, green, red, yellow, orange

Embroidery thread in colours to match your wool felt.

Fusible webbing for applique

A piece of batting measuring 131/2 x 111/2 inches

Backing fabric measuring 13½ x 11½ inches

Binding: A dark brown strip measuring 48 x 1½ inches

A white strip measuring 48 x 1³/₄ inches

Construction:

Using the template/diagram provided, trace the mountain, hill and meadow strips onto your fusible web and press them to the wrong side of the wool felt strips. Also trace the trees and trunks and fuse to your green and brown wool felt. Make sure to allow an extra ¼ inch on the lower edges of the mountain and hill strips for an overlap of the appliqued pieces.

Starting with the grey wool mountain strip, press the pieces onto the blue background. NOTE: YOU WILL HAVE TO PRESS THEM INTO PLACE FROM THE BACK AS THE HEAT WILL NOT GO THROUGH THE WOOL LAYER. You will need to position them carefully before ironing to be sure they go in the right place. Do one piece at a time.

Attach the middle range of hills next with a small overlap over the background ones.

Next add the dark green tree, small tree trunk then light green meadow and the 2 green trees last.

NOTE: You may find it easier to do the handworked flowers on the pale green meadow before you stick it in place.

Using matching thread with 2 strands, work buttonhole stitch around all pieces.

When embroidering the flowers, use any stitch you wish (straight stitch, backstitch, lazy daisy, knots etc) but make sure they get smaller in size as they go into the distance over the hill.

Vary the colours of the flowers too.

The more distant knots are worked with one strand of thread.



Detail of some of the embroidered meadow flowers.



The larger flowers and leaves in the foreground are made of pieces of wool in the colours of your choice.

Trace the flowers and leaf shapes off the diagram and applique to your meadow right front corner as shown.



The biggest overhanging leaf in the front is not added until you finish the binding.

(It is pictured here just sitting where it will be added when the binding is done.)



Detail.

You can buttonhole stitch around the larger pieces to attach them, and simply backstitch up the centre of the smaller pieces to applique them in place.

The small yellow flowers were appliqued with a few French or colonial knots in the centre, with matching thread.

Finishing:



Lay the backing face down on a flat surface. Smooth the batting on top, and then lay your wallhanging on top of that, facing up. Smooth all layers and pin or thread baste.

We just quilted a few wavy lines across the picture. Make sure to sew around all edges too, to keep the layers together.

Trim to 13 x 11 inches.



For the binding, join your 1½ inch strip of brown lengthwise to the white 1¾ inch strip. Treat this as you would any other piece of binding by folding exactly in half and pressing carefully.

Arrange the beginning and end join in the binding to be behind the overhanging leaf in the foreground.

Stitch the binding on from the BACK, with the brown side facing the backing, then fold it to the front and finish it off with a white row of machine stitching in the ditch between the brown and white strips, mitering the corners as you go.

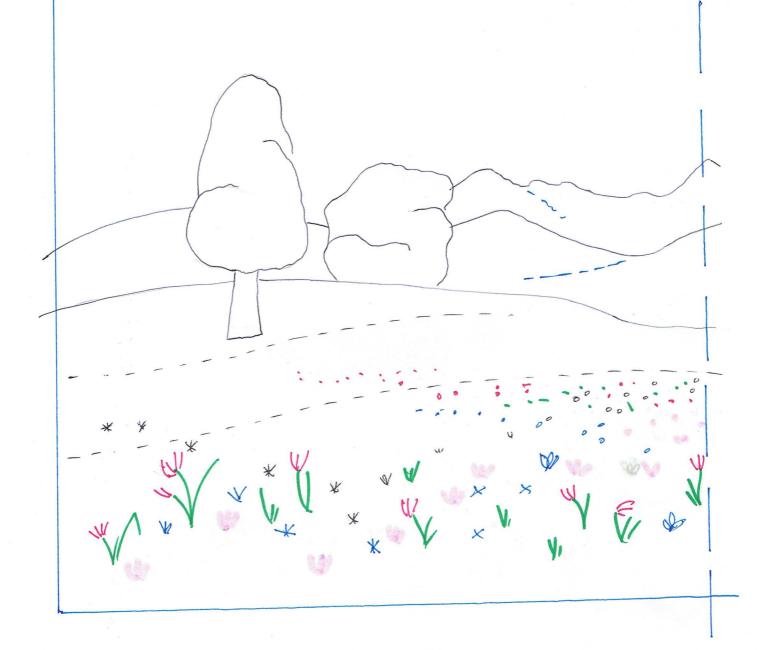
Finally stitch on the wool overhanging leaf to cover the join in your binding. Add a rod pocket and label and your "Summer Meadow" is ready for the wall.



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