



WOOL FLORAL TABLE TOPPER

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THIS UNIQUE DECORATIVE ITEM IS AN UPDATED VERSION OF A TRADITIONAL HOME ACCENT, THE WOOL PENNY RUG. IN PLACE OF APPLIQUÉD CIRCLES (PENNIES), NEEDLE PUNCHED FLOWERS SOFTEN THE LOOK, ADD COLOR AND LEND AN AIR OF SOPHISTICATION TO THIS DISTINCTIVE HOME DÉCOR PROJECT.

FREEZER PAPER PATTERNS

Make a pattern for the rug by cutting the following from freezer paper:

- 12" circle
- 12½" circle
- 2½" x 3" rectangle - round the corners on one short end of each for the tongues
- 3" x 3¼" rectangle - round the corners on one short end of each for the tongues

CUTTING FABRIC PIECES

Press the freezer paper patterns to the wool:

- 12" circle and smaller tongue to the black wool (1 circle and 12 tongues)
- 12½" circle and larger tongue to the contrast wool (1 circle and 12 tongues)



NEEDLE PUNCH FLORAL

Attach the Decorative Needle Punch Accessory Set to an applicable BERNINA® machine following the directions included with the set. *Note: Viewing the included DVD is recommended before first using the Needle Punch Accessory Set.*

Using chalk, lightly draw vines and leaves in the center of the black circle, similar to the photo above.

Punch green yarn or roving over the chalk lines and shapes. Position various colors of yarn or roving at the end of each vine, loosely shaping each one into a

SUPPLIES

- ½ yd black felted wool
- ½ yd contrast felted wool
- Multi-colored wool roving or loosely woven yarn (should have green and floral colors)
- HRFive Spray & Stick temporary spray adhesive
- Mettler Cordonnet/Top Stitching thread
- Size #100 Topstitch Needle
- BERNINA® Decorative Needle Punch Accessory Set

triangular shape. Punch the yarn several times until you see the fibers come through on the back. Needle punch the flowers one more time from the back.

Create needle-punched blossoms in the same manner on each of the black tongues for the edging.

Tip: On a scrap piece of wool, experiment with different arrangements of yarn before stitching on the actual project.

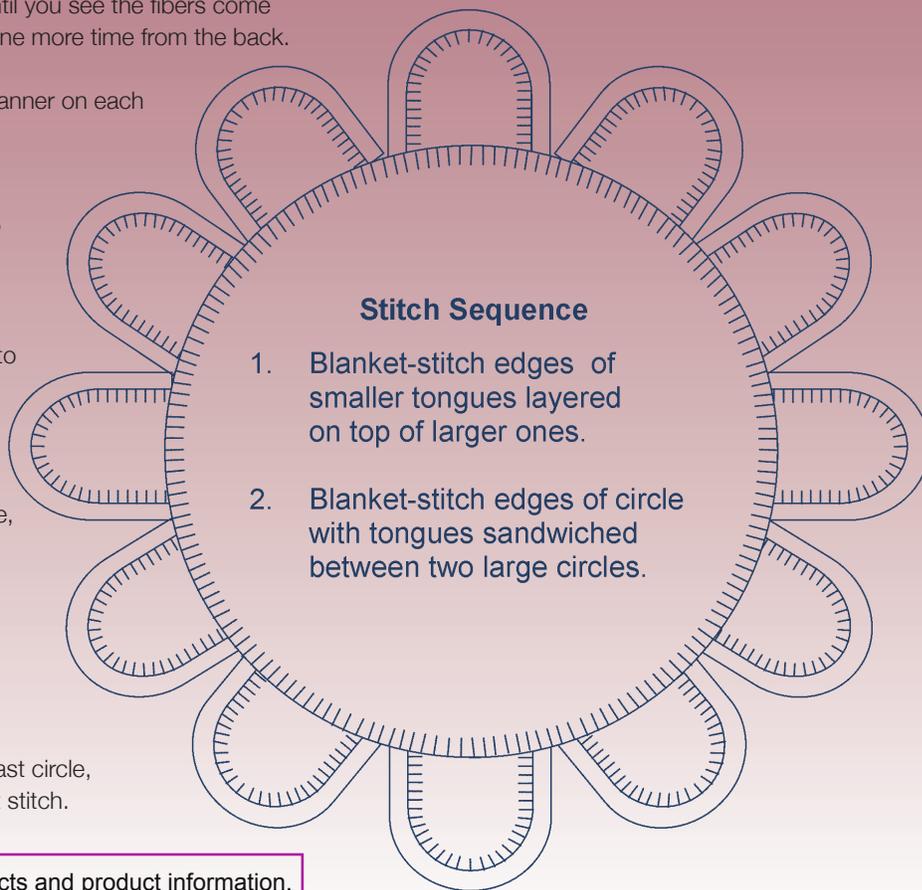
ASSEMBLING THE RUG

Using spray adhesive, adhere the black tongues to the contrast tongues with bottom edges even; the contrast wool should extend about $\frac{1}{4}$ " on three sides.

With Cordonnet thread and #100 topstitch needle, blanket stitch around the black tongue, sewing it to the contrast wool.

Arrange the 12 tongues evenly around the black circle and pin or baste in place with the straight edges under the edge of the circle.

Adhere the black circle with tongues to the contrast circle, exactly centering it. Sew in place with the blanket stitch.



Stitch Sequence

1. Blanket-stitch edges of smaller tongues layered on top of larger ones.
2. Blanket-stitch edges of circle with tongues sandwiched between two large circles.

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