Scarlet Tananger/Songbird Ornament

Materials
Red and black felt fabric (Or other color combination you want)
Red and black embroidery floss ("")
2 beads for eyes
Ribbon—to hang ornament
Polyester fiberfill
Needle

Directions
1. To create Scarlet Tanager, using outside line of pattern pieces as a guide, cut 2 body shapes out of red felt. Cut 2 wing shapes out of red felt. If creating another bird, select other colors for body and wing (possibly adding shapes for face or wing coloring).
2. Cut a length of thread to match the wing color. Thread your needle, tying a knot at one end.
3. Sew wing to the body, one on each side with the second side being the mirror opposite of the pattern (flip the second body and wing pieces over). Follow pattern* for the suggested placement of the wings.
4. Sew beads on for eyes. Send thread through bead and fabric several times.
5. Cut a piece of ribbon 4-5" to hang the ornament. Fold in half. Sew both ends of the ribbon behind the front body piece. Follow the pattern for suggested placement.
6. Sew body pieces together: Place bird bodies together so that all edges meet up and the wings are on the outsides. Look at the "START" mark on the pattern. Begin sewing your bird at this point, continuing all the way around the body until you reach the area where the pattern says "STOP." Leave your needle and thread connected to the bird. Stuff the bird with fiberfill through the small opening where you have not yet sewn. After you have stuffed the bird, finish sewing the rest of the body together. **Note:** you may find it easiest to whipstitch the body pieces together. To whipstitch, bring the needle and thread up through both pieces of fabric, wrap over the edge, and bring the needle up again through the fabric.
STITCHES for SEWING

Blanket Stitch

Running Stitch

Whip Stitch