

# Robin



# Redbreast

*"Another old tale tells about the robin and how he got his red breast," said Daddy. "How did he?" asked Peter, looking at a robin who had flown down nearby, hoping for a crumb or two. "Well, a robin saw Jesus on the cross," said Daddy, "and he noticed his crown of thorns. The little bird saw how the thorns pricked Christ's brow, and he flew down to try and peck them out. He stained his breast in the blood of Jesus, and made it red - and as you see, it is still red to this day." 'The Christmas Book' by Enid Blyton 1944*



Requirements: tacky or craft glue and toothpicks

Black and brown acrylic paint

Red colouring pencil

Cotton bud (with hollow plastic stem)

Felt, preferably brown, but it will be painted.

Step 1: From the felt, cut a roughly  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch circle which will then be cut in 2 halves (wings) and a wedge about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch long and  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch at one end tapering to a point at the other (tail). Cut a shallow triangle from the wide end. Paint these and the cotton bud (see photos) brown – do not add water to the paint or it will seep through the cotton bud.

Step 2: When the paint is dry, colour the cotton bud's 'chest' in with the colouring pencil. Cut stem of cotton bud off leaving about  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch for the bird's body.



Step 3: Push the narrow end of the tail wedge into the hole left from the stem in the cotton bud end and glue the wings in place. Touch up paint at tail if necessary

Step 4: Using a toothpick and black paint, dot each eye. Use a little more paint for the beak and draw it out to a small peak if you can.

Glue your little Robin Redbreast where the tail meets the body into his setting.