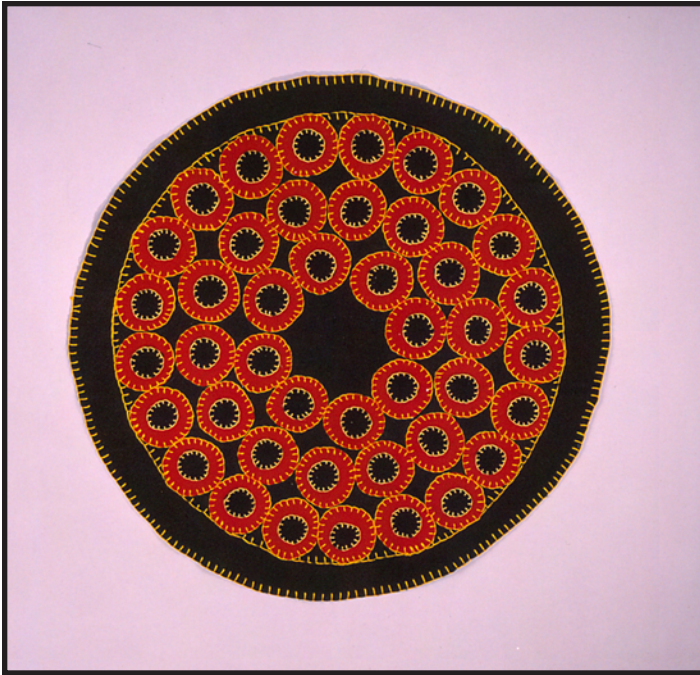


Penny Rug Table Cover



Penny Rugs get their name from the use of pennies or dollars as patterns for cutting out circles of wool felt. When fabric was scarce after the US Civil War, Southern ladies used the bits and pieces of wool available to make colorful penny rugs to decorate their homes. Create your own easy-to-sew penny rug table cover to match your décor.

MATERIALS:

- Rainbow Classic Felt™:
 - ONE yard of Black
 - FOUR 9" x 12" cuts of Red
- TWO skeins of DMC Pearl Cotton #444 Yellow size 5
- Tapestry needle

INSTRUCTIONS:

STEP 1: Cut one 18" circle and one 22" circle from black felt. Cut (43) 1¼" circles from remaining black felt. Cut (43) 2½" circles from red felt.

STEP 2: Using yellow pearl cotton and tapestry needle, blanket stitch black circles to center of red circles.

STEP 3: Working from outside edge of the 18" circle, line red circles up along edge and work to middle. If you want to fill in the whole background piece you will need to make additional red circles. Pin or glue circles in place. Blanket stitch red circles to black background.

STEP 4: Center 18" circle in center of 22" circle and blanket stitch around edge of center circle stitching it to the background fabric. Finish outside edge of table cover with blanket stitching.