

# Downeast Thunder Farm Northern Shrike

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- Note: Create two mirror images for a double-sided ornament.
- Tack the tail to the back of the body and add the tail's decorative stitches using two strands of white floss.
- Position the wing on the body front. Position the head and tack along the inside edge with a running stitch using one strand of white floss. Using two strands of white floss, add the backstitches, running stitches, and lazy daisy stitches as illustrated on the back and wing. Note that the top lazy daisy stitch on the wing is light gray.
- Position the beak and tack with a running stitch for the mouth using one strand of black floss. Position the mask on the body and tack with a running stitch using one strand of black floss.
- Layer the white and black eye pieces on the face. With two strands of black floss, tack with a French knot or a black seed bead.
- If desired, create the legs by folding the wire in half. Starting with the folded end, wrap the wire around a toothpick a few times. Wrap a small loop at the other end. On the back of one of the body pieces, position the wire leg and tack it in place through the loop.
- Pin the two body pieces together. With two strands of floss, sew the two bodies together with a blanket stitch. Use black floss along the tail and white floss elsewhere. Pause when you're about 1½" from finishing the blanket stitch. Take small pieces of the fiberfill and lightly stuff the ornament; finish sewing the edge and tie it off.

Have fun!

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