Craft a Felt Flower Brooch
Inspired by a Quilt at the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg

Baltimore Album quilts like this one were most popular in the 1840s and 1850s. The maker, Sarah Lankford, used the technique of appliqué to create the colorful designs.

Baltimore Album Quilt
Sarah Anne Whittington Lankford
Baltimore, Maryland, 1847-1853
Gift of Marsha C. Scott, 1979.609.14

Inspiration Object
Pin the template to the felt. Cut along the largest circle (#1) of the FLOWER template. Repeat so you have two large circles. Next pin the same template to the next color felt. Cut out the flower shape (#2). Use the template again to cut out the next three circles (#3 #4 #5) from felt. Use the LEAF template to cut out two leaves.

Stack your layers of felt largest to smallest to create a flower. Using thread, stitch a button to the center through ALL your layers of felt. Don’t cut your thread yet.

Using that same thread, stitch the leaves onto the back of the flower, making sure the pointed ends extend past the largest circle.

Poke the safety pin through two layers of felt or sew on a pin-back. Your flower brooch is complete.

What you need

- Template (on next page)
- Felt in a variety of colors
- Straight pins
- Scissors
- Needle
- Thread
- Button
- Pin-back or safety pin