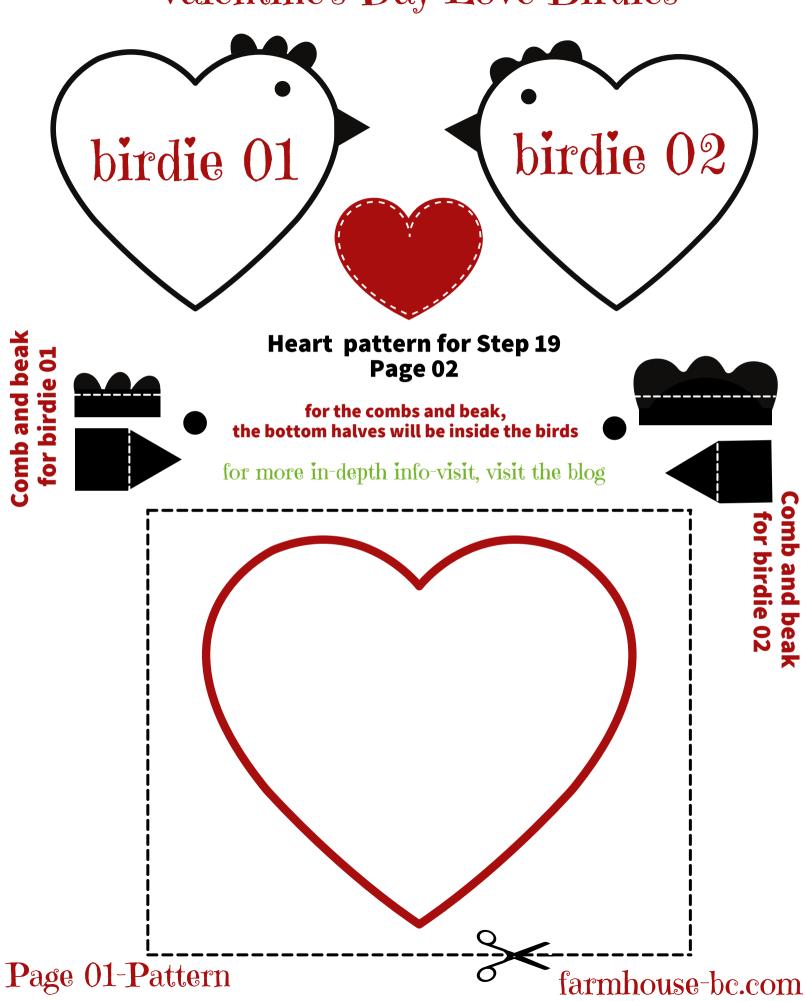
## Valentine's Day Love Birdies



- 1. Cut out one comb, one beak, and 2 eyes for each bird, use wool or felt
- 2. OR, if using embroidery thread, glass beads, or buttons, don't cut out the eyes
- 3. Sewing a long thread through both fabrics where the eyes will go is a great place holder
- 4. Cut out 2 squares on the dashed lines of the heart (or double the fabric and cut once)
- 5. Make a template of the heart with freezer paper, a cereal box, or stencil plastic
- 6. Trace the heart-centered inside the square-use a light color pencil or fade-away pen
- 7. Mark where the comb, eyes, and beak will go on the heart (one side only needed)\*
- 8. With right sides together
- 9. Sew the heart from point 1 to point 2, backspace before and ending the stitches\*
- 10. Push the comb and beak inside the bird, upside down
- 11. Finish sewing the rest of the way back to the beginning, from point 2 to point 1
- 12. Backspace the beginning and end stitches
- 13. If you chose to make an opening between points 1 and 2 for turning inside out, OR.....
- 14. If you chose to cut a slit in the back or front of ONE piece......\*
- 15. Turn the birdie inside out, using either method mentioned above
- 16. Stuff with natural cotton, Polyfil, lavender, etc.
- 17. Finish sewing the side opening if you decided to go that route
- 18. Whipstitch the slit opening closed if you decided to make a slit to turn birdie inside out
- 19. Add the little heart over the slit-(embroider initials, date, etc. before placing the heart on)\*
- 20. Create the eyes with embroidery, glass beads, buttons, etc.
- 21. Add little dashes (eyelashes) above the eyes (optional)
- 22. Hanger material can be jute, yarn, etc. to hang near the top of the heart to hang the bird
- 23. Use a solution of water, cinnamon, a splash of vanilla extract to "age your birdies"
- 24. Oven dry at 200\* for an hour (turning every 10 minutes) or air dry

