



Red Robin Candlemat

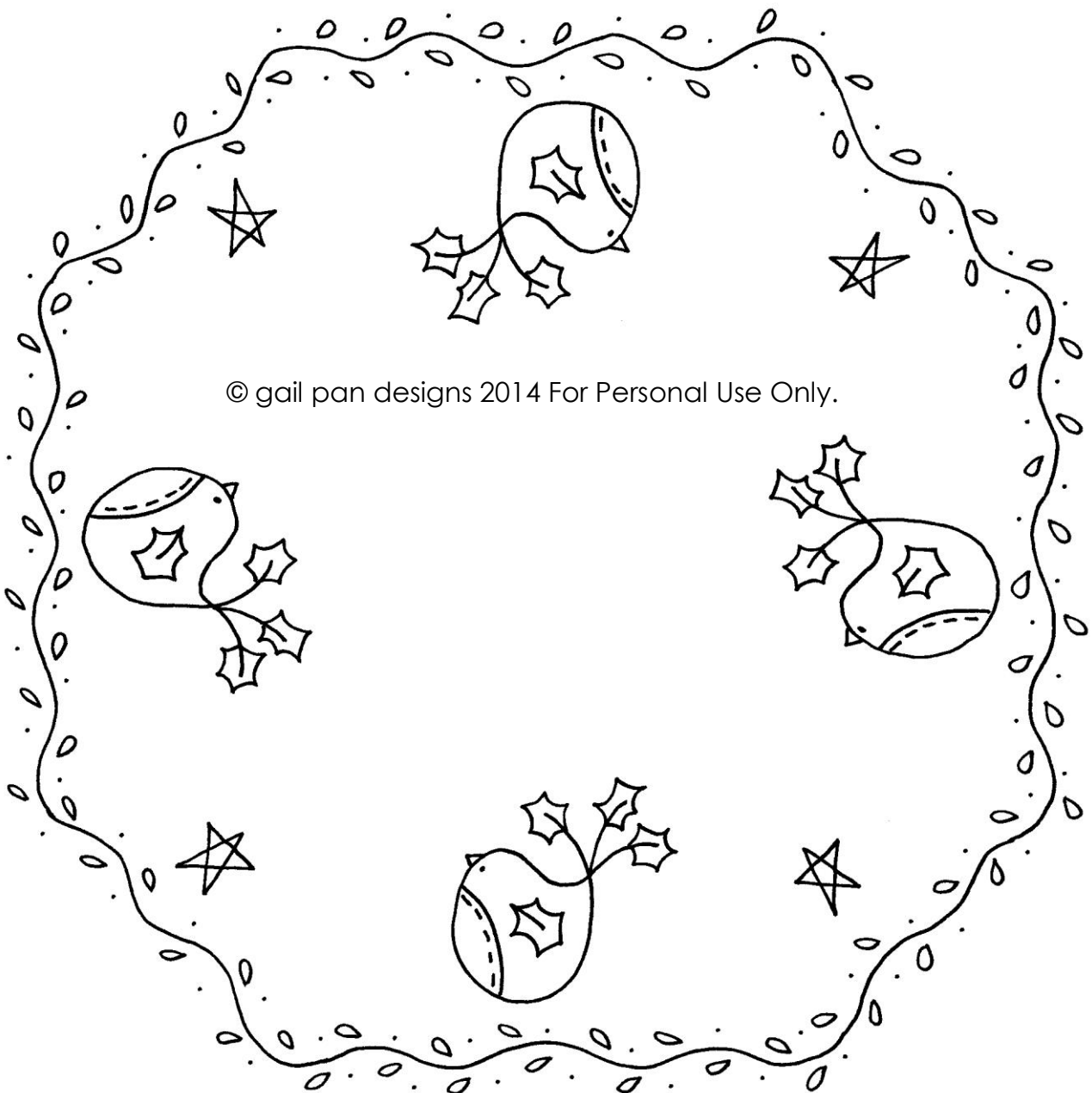
8" square

Cut your background fabric at 10" square. Transfer the design using your preferred method.

If desired, back with a light weight fusible interfacing.

Use The Gentle Arts Sampler Threads in Endive, Schoolhouse Red and Mustard Seed to stitch as follows. Stitch the vine and holly "feathers" with variegated green thread. Stitch the birds and the berries with red thread. Stitch the stars and beak with yellow thread

All stitching is backstitch except for: all dots are French knots and all loops are lazy daisy.



Once you have finished stitching, trim to 8" square. Measure up from each side of every corner 2" and place a small mark. Trim off the corner from mark to mark, to make an octagon shape.

Place a piece of batting behind the top and trim to the same size. Cut out a backing piece that is $\frac{3}{4}$ " wider than the top, all the way around. Place the top and batting on top of the backing piece WRONG sides together. Fold the backing edges, once to meet the sides of the top and then once again to make the binding. Slip stitch in place.

TIP: stitch in redwork if desired!