

Fanciful Birds General Directions

There are 8 bird blocks and a birdhouse block in this series. The blocks are different sizes, but use the same background fabric. The blocks are worked with a fusible web product, and some freehand stitching. This stitching can be done by machine, by hand, or with a fabric marker.

Materials:

1 yard background fabric

1 yard fusible web of your choice

Each bird will require a 10 inch square of fabric for the bird and a 10 inch square of polka dot fabric for the wing and tail. The leftover fabrics from the birds will be used for the fill-in blocks when setting the quilt together.

Other small pieces for grass, a branch, fence posts, a sun, rocks, and a birdhouse are needed.

Read the directions for the fusible product you are using as to heat setting, steam/no-steam, and time for bonding.

Please feel free to smooth out any curve or straighten any line of my drawing as you are constructing your block.

I used 30's reproductions fabrics for the bird bodies and Kaffe Fassett polka dots for the wings and tails. Use whatever fabrics you like. The birds would be cute made from plaids or small floral prints.

Edge stitch the appliqués using a narrow satin stitch or a blanket stitch. On the small pieces like the legs and beaks, I used a straight stitch close to the edge.