

Langley Quilters' Guild

Block of the Month

For the January 2009 Meeting

Birds of a Feather

Unfinished Block size: 8 ½" x 8 ½"

This is a very simple appliqué block that is quick and fun to do. You may use any method of appliqué that you prefer. Do you have a favourite bird that could be suggested with fabric choices? A bird in your imagination? Have fun!

You will need:

Background fabric: a sky – type fabric of light blue or grey, cut 7" x 7" (will be trimmed to 6 ½" x 6 ½" after appliqué is finished)

1-Branch: brown or black

2-Bird: colour of your choice

3-Wing: accent colour

4-Leaves: a colour to reflect the season of your bird

5-Eye: use a large French knot, bead or tiny button

Border for the block: Choose a coordinating fabric to frame your bird block.

Cut 2 strips 1½" x 6 1/2". Cut 2 strips 1 ½" x 8 ½".

Construction:

- 1- Cut your Background fabric 7"x 7". Fold in half twice diagonally to find centre point for placing bird.
- 2- Appliqué the Branch: Cut out using the pattern piece adding a small seam allowance unless you are fusing. The branch should be approximately ¼" wide when finished. If you place the pattern piece on the diagonal of the fabric, it is helpful to get the curves. The ends of the branch will be enclosed in the seam allowance with the border.

- 3- Appliqué the Bird: Use the centre marking on the bird pattern to match with the centre fold on the background fabric. Be sure your bird faces to the right.
- 4- Appliqué the wing and the leaves.
- 5- Before you add the Eye, trim the block to $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$.
- 6- Add the Eye.
- 7- Borders: Sew, using $\frac{1}{4}''$ seam, the $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$ strips to the left and right sides of the block. Add the $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 8\frac{1}{2}''$ strips to the top and bottom of the block. Press seam allowances toward the borders.

Questions?

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