



Pattern of the Month - September 2015

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Happy Birds

7" finished block

Whether you love to feed them in your yard, or know someone who likes birds, these little "Happy Birds" might be perfect for a special quilt. Just one or two could decorate a tote bag, pillow or wherever you would like to put them. The birds shown have a bright colored body with a black and white wing, with embroidered feet and a French knot eye. They are quick to make, with easy fusible applique and a little stitching by machine or hand. Doesn't that make you happy?

Materials for one block

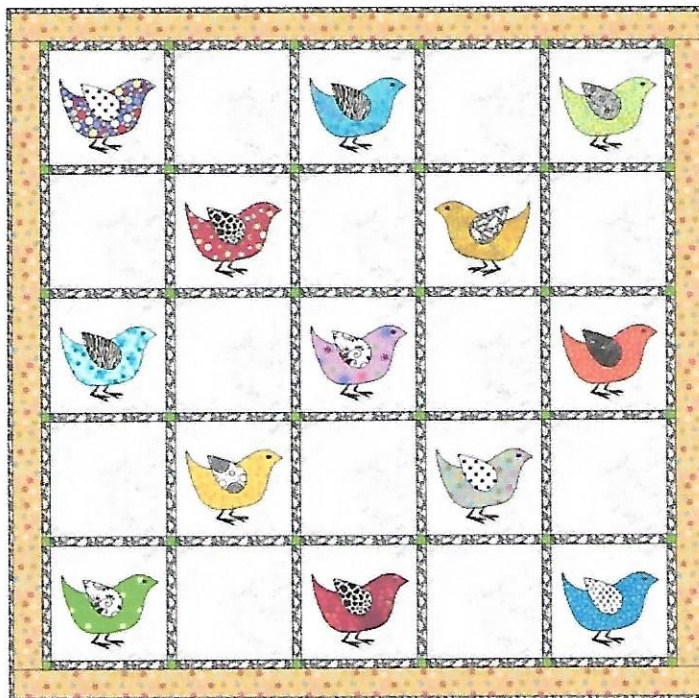
One 7½" square background fabric

Scraps for body and wing

Wonder Under paper-back fusible

Black embroidery thread (or fabric)

Iron-on, tear-away stabilizer, for machine stitching



Quilt approx. 42" x 42"

Trace body and wing separately onto paper side of fusible. Roughly cut out shapes leaving about ¼" outside drawn lines. Following manufacturer's directions, fuse onto wrong side of selected fabrics. Allow to cool completely, then cut out on lines and remove paper. Arrange body and wing on background square, right sides up, leaving room to add feet. Cover with damp pressing cloth and fuse. When cool, stitch around shapes by machine or hand, using stitch of choice. Add eye and feet as desired, either with stitching or fusible method.

Note: When using fusible applique, tracing the shapes as shown → will result in a bird that faces to the right. To have bird facing left, hold pattern up to window or over a light box and trace from reverse side. A fused bird will end up being mirror image of the one traced!

