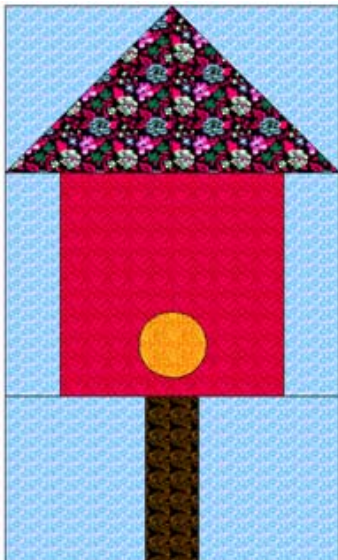


BIRDHOUSE #1 BLOCK

Instructions are given in this document for a very simple, pieced, birdhouse block that measures 6" x 10" finished, 6 ½" x 10 ½" unfinished.

This is a great little quilt for rotary cutting and chain piecing!

Instructions for BIRDHOUSE #1, 6" x 10" Block



Color suggestions: Use a blue fabric for the "sky" background and a brown fabric for the post that the birdhouse is sitting on. The rest is up to you!

Instructions: Use good quality, 100% cotton, pre-washed fabrics for best results. Follow the instructions below for each block.

Sew each seam with a scant ¼" seam allowance. A "scant" seam allowance means that you sew it a few threads **short** of the measurement. You will be sewing just a tad bit short of ¼".

| FABRIC PIECES NEEDED | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| (for one block) | | | |
| BLUE | BROWN | COLOR A | COLOR B |
| 2 – 3" x 3 ½" | 1 – 1 ½" x 3 ½" | 1 – 4" x 4" | 1 – 1 ¼" circle |
| 1 – 4" x 4" | | COLOR C | |
| 2 – 1 ½" x 4 ½" | | 1 – 4 ½" x 4 ½" | |

| FABRIC REQUIREMENTS (25 blocks) | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|
| BLUE | BROWN | COLORS A, C | COLOR B |
| 1 ¼ yards | 1/8 yard (or 1-3 1/2" strip) | 1 yard total (1/2 yard each) | Scraps |

- 1) Cut each of your fabric pieces out according to the measurements given in the chart above for each block being made. The BLUE fabric is for the sky, the BROWN is for the post of the birdhouse, COLOR A is for the roof, COLOR B is for the hole/entry section (to be appliquéd) of the birdhouse, and COLOR C is for the house section of the birdhouse.

This block is pieced in three sections: a) The post section that the birdhouse sits on, b) The house section, and c) The roof section. The order in which you piece these sections does not matter, since all three sections are sewn together anyway, so we begin with the post section.

- 2) The post section consists of three pieces: The brown "post" that the birdhouse sits on, and two blue "sky" fabrics. With right sides of the fabric together, stitch the long side of the 3" x 3 ½" rectangle to the longest side of the rectangular "post". Next, with right sides together, stitch the longest side of the other 3" x 3 ½" rectangle to the other long side of the rectangular "post". Press the seams so that they go **AWAY FROM** the small rectangular "post". Set this section aside for now.
- 3) The house section consists of four pieces, of which we are only going to use three now. The fourth piece is the circle that is appliquéd last, once the block is finished. With right sides together, stitch one of the rectangular pieces of blue "sky" fabric to the 4 ½" square of "house"

fabric. Next, with right sides together, stitch the other rectangular piece of blue “sky” fabric to the opposite side of the 4 ½” square of “house” fabric. Press the seams toward the darkest fabric. Set this section aside for now.

- 4) The roof section consists of four pieces, but since it involves triangles sewn on the bias, we’re going to do it the fast and easy way, thereby avoiding the bias edges! Take the blue “sky” 4” square and place it right sides facing the 4” square “roof” fabric. Draw a line on the diagonal on the outside fabric (the wrong side of the fabric). Then, stitch ¼” on **EACH** side of this diagonal line. Cut the fabrics into two pieces, **ON** the diagonal line. This makes two half-square units. Press the seams to the darker fabric. Stitch these two half-squares together so that they form a ‘V’ in the middle, thusly creating the “roof”. Refer to the diagram if you need to see how this looks. Press the seam in any direction. Set this section aside for now.

Now that the three sections have been sewn, it’s time to assemble them into the block.

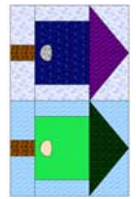
- 5) With right sides facing one another, stitch the house section to the roof section, making sure that the points on the roof are NOT on the edge being sewn. The roof needs to point up! Press the seam in any direction.
- 6) Next, place the post section and the house/roof section right sides together and stitch them, making sure to sew the post section to the house section and NOT the roof section. There are no seams to match.

This completes the piecing portion of your block. Now, it’s time to complete the block.

- 7) Appliqué the circle to the center bottom of the birdhouse in any manner you wish; either button-hole stitch, whip-stitched, needle-turn, whatever!
Option: Use a large button or a fabric “yo-yo” instead of a fabric circle!
- 8) Press the entire block flat.

This now completes your block! Congratulations! If you finish a quilt or wallhanging, please e-mail me a picture of it and it will be posted on the Web site with credit given to you! Thanks, Terry.

This block can be used in combination with the Birdhouse #2 pattern!



Coming soon! Birdhouse #3!



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