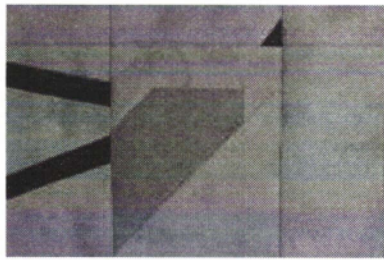


ABOUT THE BLOCK

BASIC BIRD

I've been seeing a lot of birds flying (or walking) on quilts in blogland for a while. It's about time we invited some of these feathered friends to the Block Lotto.

This 6 by 9 inch rectangle (finished size) basic bird block is inspired by Lynne Tyler's Bird How-to tutorial on her blog, Patchwork Menagerie.



FABRIC GUIDELINES

CHOOSING FABRICS FOR YOUR BLOCK

Bird block is made from FOUR fabrics:

SKY—a ~~soft blue~~ ^{white} fabric. It may be solid, a tone-on-tone (TOT) print or a multi-color low-volume print that "reads as blue" if you are looking at it from across the room

BODY—may be any BRIGHT fabric, solid, tone-on-tone or multicolor print.

WING—may be any BRIGHT fabric, solid, tone-on-tone or multicolor print that has good contrast with the BODY fabric.

BLACK (or Black and White) — may be solid BLACK, black on black (BOB) print or black and white print. Used for both beak and legs.

If you make multiple blocks, you may use the same SKY and BLACK (or BLACK and WHITE) fabric in all your blocks. You may use the Bright BODY and WING fabrics in multiple blocks, as long as each body + wing combination is unique.

CUTTING FABRICS



CUT FABRICS FOR ONE BLOCK

In this example, the BODY is yellow, WING is orange and I used a BOB for beak and legs.

From SKY cut:

One ~~4-7/8~~ ^{5-1/4} inch square cut in half diagonally *

One 1-1/2 inch square

One rectangle ~~1-1/2~~ ^{3-1/4} by 4-1/2 inches

One rectangle ~~3-1/2~~ ^{3-1/2} by 6-1/2 inches

One rectangle ~~4~~ ^{3-1/2} by 8 inches **

From WING, cut:

One ~~4-7/8~~ ^{5-1/4} inch square cut in half diagonally *

From BODY cut:

One rectangle 1-1/2 by 4-1/2 inches

Two 1-1/2-inch squares

From BLACK (or Black and White), cut:

Two ~~1~~ ^{3/4} inch by 4-1/2-inch rectangles **

One 1-1/2 inch square **

NOTES

* If you'd like to cut the square for the large triangles larger, that's OK. (I cut mine at 5 inches square. See the note about when/how to trim the HST unit to 4-1/2 inches.

** These pieces are cut larger and trimmed after used in Improvisational piecing technique. Several of the sneak peekers suggested cutting the longer rectangle (SKY for the leg section) a bit taller to make it easier to square up and trim during the sewing/assembly of the block.

