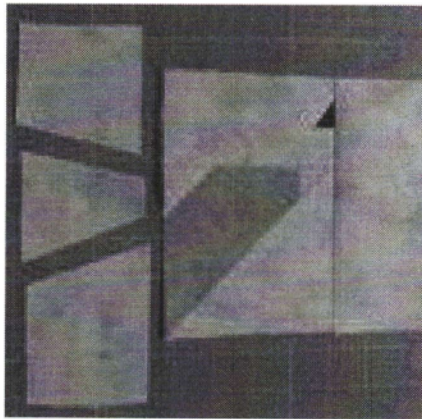


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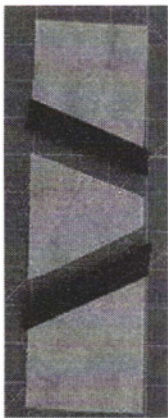
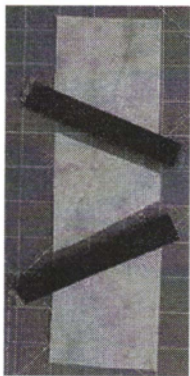
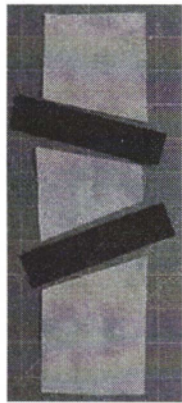


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 $3\frac{1}{2}$ x 8
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Create the bird's legs by laying the $3\frac{1}{2}$ by 8 inch rectangle at the bottom of the bird and, using your rotary cutter, "draw" two slashes where you'd like to position the legs. Keep in mind that the space between the slashes will shrink by approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ inch after the seams are sewn.



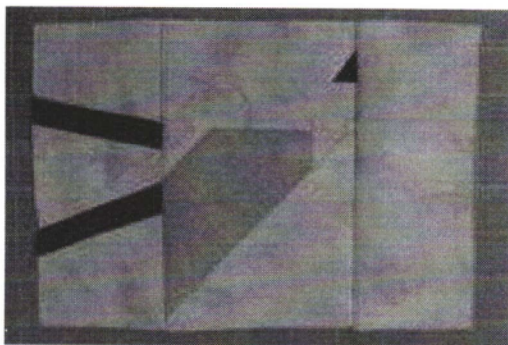
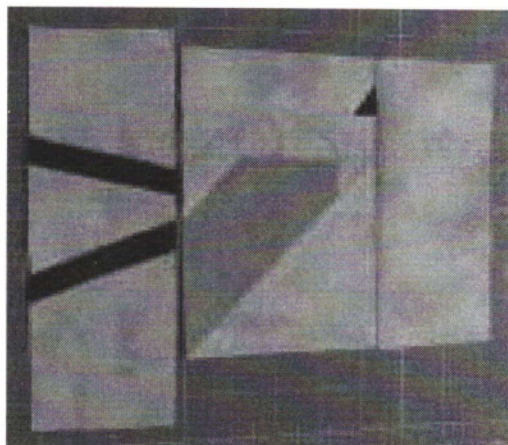
11 Insert the BLACK (or black and white strips and sews the rectangle back together again, first sewing the legs to one of the sky section, then trimming them even with the top and bottom of the sky section to make it easier to line things up.



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FINISHING THE BLOCK AND VARIATIONS

12 Place the leg section under the bird and put it into position and sew in place. Press. Trim block to $6\frac{1}{2}$ by $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches.



VARIATIONS OF THE BASIC BIRD BLOCK

To make a TALLER or SHORTER bird, change height of the two large SKY rectangles. In the basic block, each is cut at 3 inches high. You can change the proportions to make a shorter or taller bird. The two (new) heights should add up to 6 inches. The height of the leg section should be at least 2 inches. The height of the sky above the bird should be at least $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The taller you make your bird, the longer the skinny BLACK rectangles will need to be. To make a RIGHT-FACING bird, you'll use exactly the same pieces to create a mirror image of our bird.

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