

Sierra Quilt Guild Block of the Month - May 2018

Bird in Flight

The completed block measures 10" square finished (10 1/2" square unfinished). All seams sewn at 1/4". Press seams as you sew.

Fabric Requirements

Background (BR): **Beak** two 1 1/2" squares, 1 1/2" X 1" rectangle (RGL), 2 1/2" X 2" RGL

Body: Four 3" squares, 2 1/2" square, 1 1/2" square

Borders: From 2 1/2" strip, cut one at 4 1/2", one at 8 1/2", one at 10 1/2"

Black for beak: 2 1/2" X 1 1/2" RGL

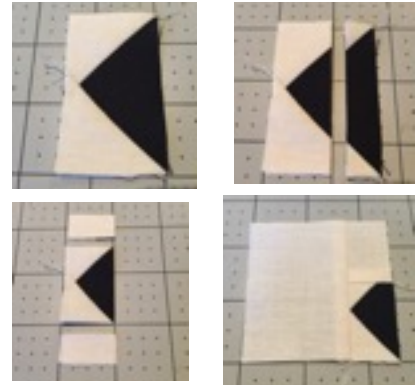
Tiny flower (TF) for wing: 3" square; four 2 1/2" squares

Green (GRN) for head, tail: Two 3" squares; 2 1/2" square

Flower (FLR) for belly: 3" square; three 2 1/2" squares

Step One - Make the beak

1) Draw diagonal lines on the wrong sides of the two 1 1/2" BR squares. Position the squares on the corners of the black RGL, RST. Stitch on the diagonal lines. Press the background fabric towards the corners; trim the **black** corner pieces to 1/4". 2) Trim width of beak piece along the black edge piece to 1". Trim the length of the beak piece to 1 1/2", centering on the point of the peak. 3) Add the 1 1/2" X 1" RGL to the top. Add the 2 1/2" X 2" RGL to the front.



Step Two - Make the head

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong sides of the a 1 1/2" BR square. Position on a corner of a GRN 2 1/2" square, RST. Stitch on the diagonal line. Press the background fabric towards the corner. Trim the GRN corner piece to 1/4".

Step Three - Half Square Triangles

With right sides together, match pairs of the 3" squares as follows: 1 BR/FLR, 2 BR/GRN, 1 BR/TF. Draw a diagonal line through one of each pair. Stitch 1/4" on each side of drawn line. Cut apart on drawn line and press seams open. Trim block to 2 1/2" square, matching the diagonal sewn line to the 45 degree line on your ruler. Reserve a TF and GRN, HST, for another project.



Step Four - Make the wing flaps

On the wrong side of one TF 2 1/2" square, mark 1/4" in from the upper left corner and mark 1 1/2" down from the top edge along the right edge. Draw a line between those two points. Make the same mirror image markings on the wrong side of the other LT 2 1/2" square. Match RST with the two FLR 2 1/2" squares. Sew along the drawn lines. Press the TF flap towards the corner. Trim the blocks to 2 1/2" square according to the FLR fabric.



Step Five - Make the birdie

Arrange pieces according to photo. 1) Stitch the beak/head row pieces together. 2) Stitch the body/wing blocks together. 3) Add the 4 1/2" border piece to the front of the body/wing block. 4) Stitch the tail feather to the 8 1/2" border piece. Press row seams in opposite directions. Stitch the four pieces together (incl top border BR piece).

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