

Trees Please: Block of the Month

Bird Condo

Unfinished block size: 6 ½" w x 12 ½"high

Finished block size: 6"w x 12"h

Materials:

Birdhouses: 5" scraps and 3" scraps for inside wallpaper

Background: cut 1-7 ½"x13 ½" of background fabric

Birds: felt or wool scraps

15" piece of twine, ribbon or yarn

Fusible fleece

Tear away stabilizer

Directions for Assembly:

1. Using freezer paper and the pattern provided, trace roof, both birdhouse condos and birds. Cut out the patterns.
2. Iron fusible fleece onto the backside of the birdhouse fabrics. Iron freezer paper condo patterns onto the fleece and cut out. Cut away the circles leaving a hole in the center of each house. Remove freezer paper. Under each hole, place tear away stabilizer. With a blanket stitch or a satin stitch, finish the edge of the hole. Stitch twice if necessary. Carefully tear away stabilizer.
3. Iron freezer paper onto roof and bird pieces. Cut out appliqué pieces. Remove freezer paper.
4. Cut out wallpaper for each condo following the size on pattern.
5. Lay all house pieces out on background fabric to see the correct placement of the inside wallpaper. Secure the wallpaper with a pin or glue stick. Set aside the house pieces and stitch down the outer edges of the wallpaper with invisible thread. Stitch down 6" or 7" of twine along left edges of same stitch lines.
6. Replace house pieces. Secure. Beginning with the bottom condo, stitch in place using a zigzag or satin stitch and invisible thread.
7. With an appliqué stitch and invisible thread, stitch together 2 birds, securing desired length of twine between the layers at the bird's mouth.
8. Trim the block to measure 6 ½" wide x 12 ½"high.
9. Gently press.



Embellishment ideas:

1. Add a nest and baby bird to the inside of one condo.
2. Add a branch for the birdhouse condo to hang from.
3. Make each condo a bit different. Add faux windows and shutters. Your bird families will thank you.

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Remember if you complete the quilt and bring it to the June meeting, you will be entered into the \$100 cash drawing.



