**BIRDHOUSE**

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We live in the country and have multiple bird houses and feeders that I can see outside my kitchen window.

**CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Please note:** (2) sheets of Freezer Paper are required for all block sizes. Applique Templates are given for all block sizes.

(For fabric choices refer to the diagram)

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<td><strong>A:</strong></td>
<td>(1) 4 ¼” x 4 ¼” square for background.</td>
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ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:

**Please note:** Applique instructions are for needle turn applique. Please use your preferred method when completing applique. Applique Templates A–K do not include a ¼" seam, therefore the printed size of template is the finished applique size.

1. Print the appropriate set of applique templates for the block size you wish to create. (4” finished, 6” finished, 8” finished or 12” finished)
2. Trace Templates A–K onto the matte side of Freezer Paper. Cut the shapes out, exactly on the line.
3. With the shiny side down, iron the Freezer Paper onto the right side of the fabric. Freezer Paper should adhere to the fabric.
4. Lightly draw around the shape with a chalk marker.
5. Cut out each applique about ¼” outside the Freezer Paper shape. Pull the Freezer Paper away.
6. Pin the appliques onto the background fabric. Stitch in place, using your needle to turn under the seam allowance as you stitch. (On inward curves, clip the seam allowance almost to the marked seamline to make turning the edge easier.)
7. Repeat for all appliques until the block is complete.
8. Embroider the bird eye using (1) strand of embroidery floss and backstitch.
9. Press the block on the wrong side. Refer to Page 1 for finished and unfinished block sizes.

**DESIGNER INFO**

Tips: I use 3/4” labels for the birdhouse hole. Making berries or birdhouse holes is a snap following our easy method. Trace the circle the required number of times onto freezer paper (Or buy Avery ¾” dots at your office supply store). Cut the circles out and iron the freezer paper to the wrong side of your fabric. Cut the fabric ¼” larger than your pattern. Make a knot in your thread and do a running stitch around the outer edge of fabric. Pull the thread until fabric is snugly around your paper circle. Backstitch and cut your thread. Applique circle to birdhouse. Cut out the back and spray lightly with water if you used freezer paper. You can use tweezers to remove the paper.

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Block 4 - Birdhouse 4" Block by Jan Patek

Ensure that block measures 1".
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Block 4 - Birdhouse 8" Block by Jan Patek

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Block 4 - Birdhouse 12" Block by Jan Patek