

President's Block for April Sterling

April is an avid birdwatcher, so we thought this block would be appropriate for her.

Included in kit:

*Background fabric 5 ½ x 7 ½ in.

*Instruction sheet with templates

Instructions:

Cut out or trace templates for bird body, wing, tail and beak.

Choose your fabrics. Remember there are all colors of birds, so be creative. We will be using a raw edge applique method.

Using fusible product, (wonder under, heat and bond lite, steam a seam, etc.), fuse fabrics to backing and cut out shapes using templates. Your bird can face either to the right or left as desired.

Make a strip of brown fabric and fusible about ½ inch wide for a branch for your bird to perch on.

Peel backing off each piece and arrange as desired. Please leave at least ½ inch border around your bird, except for the branch, which should go to the edges of your background fabric. See photos on website for several examples. Fuse in place.

Using complementary or contrasting thread, stitch around the edges of your appliques as desired. I use a narrow (2-2.5mm wide) blanket or zigzag stitch. You can also use a short straight stitch close to the edges.

Stitch or sign your name on your block. Please be sure to leave at least ½ inch around the outside of your design including your name so the blocks can be trimmed as necessary without cutting off anything other than backing or branch ends.

Please return your completed square in the bag provided by the November meeting to Sandy Metzger or Alice Whitaker.

