

Bird Block By Cindy McCoey

Simple Yet Elegant BOM - Block 5

This month, we are going to make the **Bird** block for our Baltimore Album quilt. This is an intermediate block and should not take you too long to complete. Let's get started.

In the first 6 issues of **The Quilt Pattern Magazine**, we are providing a variety of appliqué techniques. You can use any of the techniques provided or use a method you already prefer.

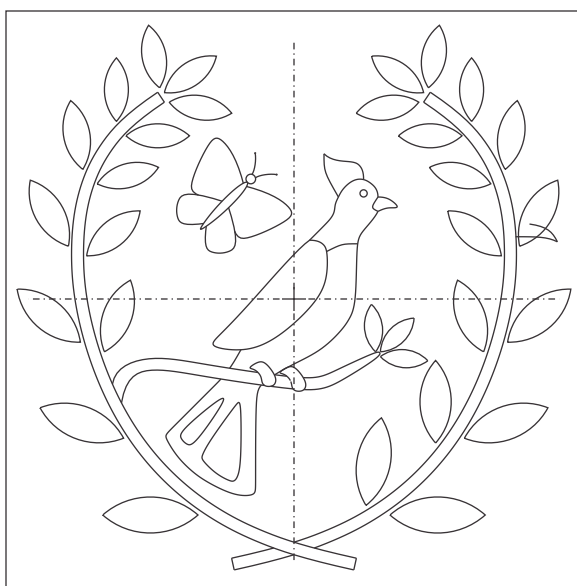


12" by 12"



Creating the Location Map

Take the three pages for the map and tape them together to make a **Location Map** as shown in the figure below.



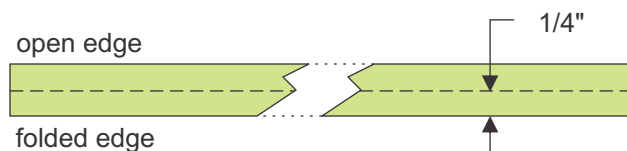
Materials Needed

For this block you will need:

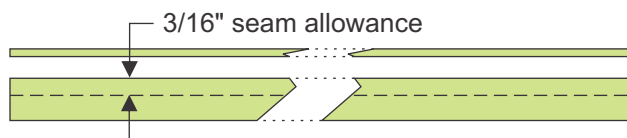
- 14" x 14" background fabric
- red fabric for bird and butterfly wings
- dark blue fabric for butterfly wing
- black fabric for butterfly body
- gold fabric for bird crown and tail
- light blue fabric for bird body
- beige fabric for bird head
- yellow fabric for bird beak and feet
- green fabric for stem and leaves
- black embroidery floss

Creating the Bias Strip

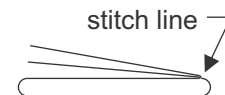
Cut two (2) 1" x 12" strips along the bias of the green fabric. Fold the strips lengthwise (wrong sides together) and stitch 1/4" away from folded edge.



Cut away fabric leaving a 3/16" seam allowance as shown in figure below.



Fold the each piece in half lengthwise and press. Figure shows end view of strip. These are pieces 14a and 14b.



Appliqué

Appliqué the pieces in order, starting with 1. You can use the taped **Location Map** to help you place the pieces on the background fabric.

Note: You will need to tuck in the ends for 14a and 14b.

Square the block to 12 1/2" x 12 1/2" and save it for the last step.

Have fun!

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