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SKILL LEVEL
INTERMEDIATE

Finished Block Size
5" x 6"

Note: Foundation Masters are at end of pattern.

Cutting Instructions
(cut in order listed)

- ▣ = cut in half diagonally
- Fabric for bird wing
 - 1 square 3³/₄" x 3³/₄" (for Foundation Master A, area 1)
- Fabric for bird body
 - 1 strip 1³/₄" x 3³/₄" (A5)
 - 1 square 2¹/₄" x 2¹/₄" ▣ (A2, A4)
- Blue texture (sky)
 - 1 square 4¹/₂" x 4¹/₂" ▣ (A3)
 - 1 square 3" x 3" (C1)
 - 1 square 2³/₄" x 2³/₄" (C5)
 - 1 strip 1³/₄" x 3³/₄" (B1)
 - 1 square 1³/₄" x 1³/₄" ▣ (A6)
 - 1 strip 1¹/₂" x 5¹/₂"
 - 1 strip 1¹/₄" x 2³/₄" (C3)
- Orange texture (beak)
 - 1 square 1³/₄" x 1³/₄" ▣ (B2)
- Light brown plaid (legs)
 - 2 strips 1" x 2³/₄" (C2, C4)

Bird Block

Planning

Make up a color combination for your bird in any way that pleases you. Our directions are for foundation (paper) piecing. For help with foundation piecing, visit McCallsQuilting.com and click on Lessons, and then Foundation Piecing Primer.

The bird eye can be created in several different, easy ways. Photos show examples.

Making the Block

1 Make accurate copies of Foundation Masters A, B, and C. Referring to **Diagram I**, foundation piece units for bird. You will have 1 each blue 4¹/₂" and 1³/₄" half-square triangles plus 1 orange 1³/₄" half-square triangle left over. **Trim** excess fabric and paper along outer dashed lines on all sides. Sew A and B together. Add C to bottom to complete bird.

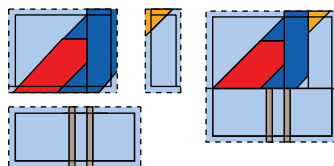


Diagram I

Sew blue 1¹/₂" x 5¹/₂" strip to top of bird to make block (**Diagram II**). Carefully remove paper from back of block.

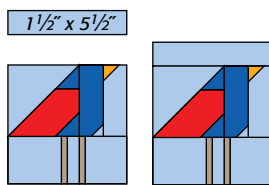


Diagram II

2 Add eye to bird using any of the ideas shown at right.

Bird's Eye Views

Select permanent fabric paint or fabric marker in a color to contrast with your bird body fabric, and paint or draw a small dot for eye (**photo A**).



A

Tack a tiny button or medium-size bead to bird to create an eye (**photos B and C**). (Not recommended if project is intended for young children.)



B



C

Use embroidery floss, yarn, or other fiber to stitch a French knot for bird's eye (**photos D, E, F, G and H**).



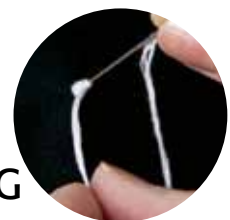
D



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F



G



H

