Baby Birds

Project Fabric Requirements

Birds: 2006-2 -------------------- 1⁄3 yard
Large Flowers: 2007-22 ----- 1 yard
Lavender Flowers: 2008-55 --- ½ yard
Small White Dots: 2009-2 ---- ½ yard
Small Pink Dots: 2009-22 ---- ½ yard
Med. Pink Dots: 2010-22 ----- ½ yard
Stripe: 2011-2 ------------------ ¼ yard
Green Flowers: 2008-66 ------ ¼ yard

* Includes binding

Backing fabric ------- 3 yards
Batting ------------------ 54" x 54"
Lightweight Fusible Web - ½ yard
Black embroidery floss and embroidery hoop - 1 skein
Coordinating thread
Removable marker
Quilting and sewing supplies
Cutting

**Birds**

*2006-2*

- ½ yard

- Cut 2 - 6 ½" x 12 ½"
- Cut 2 - 4 ½" x 6 ½"
- Cut 2 - 3 ½" x 6 ½"
- Cut 4 - 3 ½" x 3 ½"

**Large Flowers**

*2007-22*

- 1 yard

- Cut 2 - 6 ½" x 12 ½"
- Cut 2 - 4 ½" x 6 ½"
- Cut 2 - 3 ½" x 6 ½"
- Cut 4 - 3 ½" x 3 ½"

- Cut 5 - 2 ½" x 42" (binding)
- Cut 8 - 7" x 7"
- Cut 4 - 3 ½" x 6 ½"
- Cut 2 - 3 ½" x 3 ½"

**Lavender Flowers**

*2008-55*

- ½ yard

- Cut 1 - 12 ½" x 18 ½"
- Cut 4 - 7" x 7"
- Cut 4 - 3 ½" x 6 ½"
- Cut 2 - 5 ½" x 6 ½"

**Small White Dots**

*2009-2*

- ½ yard

- Cut 1 - 9" x 18" (Bird appliqués - will be cut later)
- Cut 1 - 12 ½" x 18 ½"
- Cut 4 - 7" x 7"
- Cut 4 - 3 ½" x 3 ½"

**Small Pink Dots**

*2009-22*

- ½ yard

- Cut 5 - 2 ½" x 42" (binding)
- Cut 8 - 7" x 7"
- Cut 4 - 3 ½" x 6 ½"
- Cut 2 - 3 ½" x 3 ½"

**Med. Pink Dots**

*2010-22*

- ½ yard

- Cut 1 - 9" x 9" (Bird appliqués - will be cut later)
- Cut 1 - 12 ½" x 18 ½"
- Cut 4 - 7" x 7"
- Cut 4 - 3 ½" x 3 ½"

**Stripe**

*2011-2*

- ¼ yard

- Cut 1 - 5" x 6" (Wing appliqué - will be cut later)
- Cut 2 - 5 ½" x 6 ½"
- Cut 4 - 3 ½" x 3 ½"
- Cut 6 - 4 ½" x 6 ½"

**Green Flowers**

*2008-66*

- ¼ yard
Sewing

Sew with a scant ¼" seam allowance. Sew with right sides together (RST). Press seams as indicated by arrows.

Making Row 1
Position the following pieces as shown (Dia. A). Pin and sew smaller pieces together first, then join pieced sections together. Press seams toward darker fabric.

Block 1
1- 4 ½" x 6 ½" (Green Flowers 2008-66)
1- 6 ½" x 8 ½" (Small Pink Dots 2009-22)
1- 6 ½" x 12 ½" (Birds 2006-2)
1- 3 ½" x 12 ½" (Stripe 2011-2)
Block 1 should measure 12 ½" x 15 ½". Repeat to make a second block that is the mirror image.

Block 2
1- 3 ½" x 6 ½" (Birds 2006-2)
1- 3 ½” square (Small Pink Dots 2009-22)
1- 3 ½” square (Large Flowers 2007-22)
1- 6 ½" x 8 ½" (Med. Pink Dots 2010-22)
1- 4 ½" x 6 ½" (Green Flowers 2008-66)
Block 2 should measure 9 ½" x 12 ½". Repeat to make a second block that is the mirror image.

Position the blocks as shown (Dia. A). Pin and sew together to make Row 1, 12 ½" x 48 ½".

Making Row 2
Trace the bird and wing applique pieces on the paper side of the fusible web. Trace one as shown, and two as the mirror image (Dia. B). Cut out about 1/8" outside of the drawn line. Position all pieces on the WRONG side of the fabrics: two birds (mirror images) on (Small White Dots 2009-2), one bird on (Med. Pink Dots 2010-22), two wings (mirror images) on (Small Pink Dots 2009-22), and one wing on (Stripe 2011-2) (Dia. C). Fuse according to the manufacturer’s directions. Transfer markings for eye and legs. Cut out on the drawn line and remove the paper backing.
Position the birds and wings as shown on the 12 ½" x 12 ½", and 12 ½" x 18 ½" (Lavender Flowers 2008-55), and the 12 ½" x 18 ½" (Small White Dots 2009-2). Using coordinating thread, finish the edges with a small zig zag or buttonhole stitch around the body and wing, and black around the beak. Transfer markings for the eye and legs (extend to edge of block). Use three strands of embroidery floss and a satin stitch to make the eye, and a back stitch to make the legs (Dia. D). Position the three blocks as shown, pin and sew together to make Row 2, 12 ½" x 48 ½".

Making Row 3:

Make the Half Square Triangles by drawing a diagonal line on the wrong side of the 7" squares (Large Flowers 2007-22). Place one, RST with one 7" square (Small Pink Dots 2009-22) and pin together. Sew ¼" on each side of the marked line. Cut apart on the line. Press seam as shown (Dia. E).

Square up to 6 ½", keeping the diagonal seam centered. Repeat with three squares from each fabric for a total of eight Half Square Triangles. Repeat with four 7" squares (Large Flowers 2007-22) and four 7" (Small White Dots 2009-2), for a total of eight Half Square Triangles.

Position the sixteen Half Square triangles as shown. Pin and sew into two rows, press seams as shown (Dia. F). Pin and sew the rows together, nesting the seams to make Row 3, 12 ½" x 48 ½".

Making Row 4

Position the following pieces as shown (Dia. G). Pin and sew smaller pieces together first, then join pieced sections together. Press seams toward darker fabric.

Block 3:

- 2 - 3 ½" x 3 ½" (Birds 2006-2)
- 2 - 3 ½" x 6 ½" (Med. Pink Dots 2010-22)
- 1 - 4 ½" x 6 ½" (Birds 2006-2)
- 1 - 5 ½" x 6 ½" (Lavender Flowers 2008-55).
- 1 - 3 ½" x 12 ½" (Stripe 2011-2)

Block 3 should measure 12 ½" x 12 ½". Repeat to make two.

Block 4:

- 2 - 3 ½" x 6 ½" (Large Flowers 2007-22)
- 2 - 3 ½" x 3 ½" (Small Pink Dots 2009-22)
- 2 - 3 ¼" x 3 ¼" (Green Flowers 2008-66)
- 1 - 4 ½" x 6 ½" (Green Flowers 2008-66)
- 1 - 6 ½" x 8 ½" (Med. Pink Dots 2010-22)

Block 4 should measure 12 ½" x 12 ½". Repeat to make two.

Position the units as shown (Dia. G), pin and sew together to make Row 4, 12 ½" x 48 ½".
Piecing the Quilt Top

The top will be put together in rows.
Pin and sew rows 1-4 together as shown, nesting the seams where possible.
Press the seams in one direction (Dia. H).

Finishing

Quilting

Remove selvages from the backing fabric and cut in half to make two 54" x 41" pieces. Sew together along the 40" side to make one piece approximately 80 ½" x 54". Press seam open. Press backing and quilt top well. Layer backing with the wrong side up, batting, and quilt top with the right side up. Baste layers together and hand or machine quilt according to personal preference. Trim excess batting and backing when quilting is complete.

Binding

Use the five 2 ½" strips (Large Flowers 2007-22) for the binding. Cut the ends at a 45-degree angle and sew end to end to make one piece of binding approximately 200 inches long. Fold in half lengthwise and press wrong sides together. Sew the binding to the front of the quilt, raw edges together. Turn the folded edge to the back and hand stitch in place.
Wing Template
Cut 1 as shown
Cut 2 mirror image

Baby Bird Template
Cut 1 as shown
Cut 2 mirror image

Leg position for center bird
Leg position for side birds