

# Every Birdie's Home Tweet Home

## October Block by Carolyn H. a/k/a MountainLaurel

Fall is in the air. The leaves are turning colors, Frost is on the pumpkins and the bird is hiding inside the birdhouse where it is warm.

### Fabric suggestions:

blue-sky fabric

3 shades of green for hills

Brown for the tree limb

Tan with brown speckles for gourd

Black for birdhouse hole and black cat

Orange for pumpkins

Bright fall colors for leaves

Gold with black lines for haystack and corn stalk

13-inch square of muslin to fuse the background fabrics on



### Other items :

Various colors of thread

Gold cording for gourd hanger

Gold embroidery floss for haystack tie

Transparent thread to use to zig zag the cording

Fusible webbing



### Designer's Notes:

The template pieces are printed in reverse so that when you iron them onto the wrong side of your fabrics they will be going in the right direction. The background and tree limb pattern are printed in two sections so you will have to put them together to get a full size pattern. I used my rotary cutter to cut out the

pieces at the same time so they would fit together nicely. I used a satin stitch around all of my pieces. I didn't make a layout for the pieces. I think everyone will be able to place them where they think they look the best. I used the smallest zigzag stitch to put lines on my pumpkins. I put a piece of gold embroidery floss around the haystack and a black button in the birdhouse hole. I didn't put a bird on my block, but you are free to add anything you would like to. The gourd could be colored or with a stripe. Use your imagination and have fun.

### **Instructions:**

1. Cut a 13-inch square of muslin.
2. Fuse the sky and three colors of green onto it to make the background. (Don't forget to add 2" to the top of the sky piece before cutting and fusing.
2. Add the branch, but don't fuse it all the way down so you can slip the gourd hanger underneath.
3. Slip in the gourd hanger, fuse on the gourd and fuse the branch.
4. Next add the leaves and arrange all of the other pieces to your liking and fuse.
5. Stitch your block as desired.

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