

Every Birdie's Home Tweet Home

November Block by Bev G. a/k/a AZGirl

Fabric suggestions:

Light Blue for sky - Cut $10\frac{1}{2}$ by $10\frac{1}{2}$ square

Green or Brown for ground - Cut $3\frac{1}{2}$ by $10\frac{1}{2}$ rectangle

Woodgrain for Tree Trunk - Cut $4\frac{1}{2}$ by $13\frac{1}{2}$

Blue for birdhouse

Fall Leaf Fabric for pile of leaves - Cut 4 by 5

Bright Gold for perches, holes and roof

Leaf Fabric for flag

Brown, Yellow, Red & Black for turkey



Other items :

Pigma Pens

Embroidery Floss

Black Braid or Ribbon (optional)

White Beads (optional)

Fusible webbing



Designer's Notes:

I used Natural Woodgrains by Deborah Corsini by P&B Textiles for the tree trunk and Benartex "Happy Holidays" by Nancy Halvorsen for the birdhouse. I bordered the birdhouse at the corners with a small width black braid, but you could use embroidery floss or ribbon too. The tree trunk and birdhouse were topstitched. The rest of the pieces were attached with Lite Steam-A-Seam2. I traced around a quarter for my

birdhouse holes. The leaf flag was fussy cut from a leaf motif fabric. I freehanded "Give Thanks" with a pigma permanent pen.

I debated over adding some pumpkins and gourds, a cornucopia or a bird other than a turkey but when I got right to it I decided Turkey and November go hand in hand. Have fun!

Instructions:

1. Sew sky and ground pieces together.
2. Depending which side you want your tree trunk on sew a piece of brown to the chosen side of your sky/ground piece and cut a piece 4 ½ by 13 ½ - fold your raw edge under an inch at the top of your brown and about 1/4 inch at the bottom. Top stitch this piece to your sky/ground piece which will give you the illusion of the top of your tree trunk being somewhat smaller than the bottom. Square up your background to 13 inches.
3. Next cut your bird house. Cut your house out of the paper template page, lay your pattern on the right side of your fabric and using your rotary cutter, cut 1/4" beyond your pattern all the way around it. Then press under your 1/4" seam allowance and top stitch to the background.
4. Next, add the pile of leaves in the corner, the perches, holes and roof and any message you wish.
5. Now for Mr. Turkey Lurkey.....Cut the body and head out of a brown fabric, cut a tiny piece for the beak and tiny red for the "Hangie thing" - sorry but I just forgot what that was called! His legs are just embroidered and his eyes are two tiny white beads but you could easily do french knots - that is if your are better than I am at french knots. If he looks too plain you can

embroider or use a black pigma pen to add some detail feathers, etc. His pilgrim hat was cut from a tiny piece of black fabric.

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