

Every Birdie's Home Tweet Home

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Fabric suggestions:

Blue raindrop for sky (13" square)

Black/gray shingle for roof

Mottled brown for birdhouse

Wood plank for boat

Black for birdhouse hole

Red for bird

Yellow for umbrella & bird's beak

Light blue for water (1 1/2 x 13")

Other items : (see designer's notes)

Template material

Fusible webbing if desired

Black bias tape (umbrella pole)

Black thread (umbrella ribs)

Duck button



Designer's Notes:

If you are going to fuse the pieces on (I use Wonder Under Light but use whatever you prefer) you will not need to add any seam allowance, but if you are going to needle turn, add your usual 1/8-1/4". I chose shingle fabric for the roof, mottled brown for the sides of the birdhouse, black for the hole opening, and wood plank for the "boat". I made my bird red with a yellow umbrella but he could be any color and the umbrella could be 3 different colors. I used black thread 4 strands thick for the ribs on the umbrella. As usual, use any fabrics of your choice. I originally wanted a basketweave for the boat but couldn't find it at the time. I used a duck button (one I got on one of the cruises) but I have also included a pattern for an appliqué duck.

Instructions:

1. Cut sky background block 13" square. This will be trimmed down to 12 1/2" after the appliqué' pieces have been added.
2. For the water rising, cut a strip 1 1/2 x 13 and just cut it an easy curve for waves. You can make it as smooth or choppy as you like.
3. The pole for the birdhouse and umbrella is black bias tape. The umbrella pole is folded in half to make it narrower.
4. Lay everything out on the block to get a feel for where you would like it. Stitch down the pole first, then the water. Next the birdhouse followed by the boat and roof.
5. Place the body of the bird on the roof with the beak under the face. Next comes the umbrella pole and the umbrella. Add the wing over the pole so he is holding the umbrella under the wing.
6. Add the ribs on the umbrella, a dot for the bird eye, position the opening on the birdhouse and you are done.

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