

**Every Birdie's Home Tweet Home
May Block by Carol H. a/k/a Indycat**

The April showers have brought May Flowers....

Fabric suggestions:

Blue for sky (13" square)

Light pink crackle for house

Dark pink for roof

Mottled brown for eave

Yellow for sunflower and tulips

Brown dot for sunflower center

Red for tulips

Various greens for flower leaves and stems

Fabric of your choice for bird

Other items : (see designer's notes)

Template material

Fusible webbing if desired

White bias tape (fence)

Bumblebee appliqué (optional)

Seed beads (optional)



Designer's Notes:

If you are going to appliqué add your usual 1/8 - 1/4" turn under to the templates. If you are fusing, cut out the templates as they are. For the fence, I used just a little over 2 1/2 yards for my fence style. You might want to do yours straight across or any other style you like for a fence. You can put your birdhouse in the center if you like. Mine is just where it is because my background fabric had other "sun" motifs in it and I needed to put it there to hid them. The sunflower was one I drew for my Izzy quilt. I have dotted material for the center of that, but you could fill it in with seed beads. The tulips are a

smaller version of my Izzy flowers also. I originally bought sunflower buttons to use for my flowers, but when it came time to do the flowers, I couldn't find them, so flower buttons would be another option. Also, you ladies that know how to make ribbon flowers, those would be great here. I originally was going to take the bird from Nan's March block, give it a little rounder tummy and turn it into a robin, but DH didn't like my color choice, so I went looking through my bird fabric that I had purchased at Wal-Mart and found this robin. Now I know some of you may say that a robin doesn't live in a birdhouse, but this one is just coming for a visit. LOL My bumblebee is also from fabric purchased from Wal-Mart. Once again, have fun.

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. Use white bias tape for fence poles. Sew the horizontal poles first and then add the uprights. Top stitch these in place.
3. Add the birdhouse. First the base, then the roof, then the eave. To add dimension to the birdhouse, stitch on dotted lines indicated on template.
4. Add the bird appliqué.
5. Add as many or as few flowers as you like.

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