



BROOKLYN
QUILTERS
GUILD

MARCH 2021 BOM

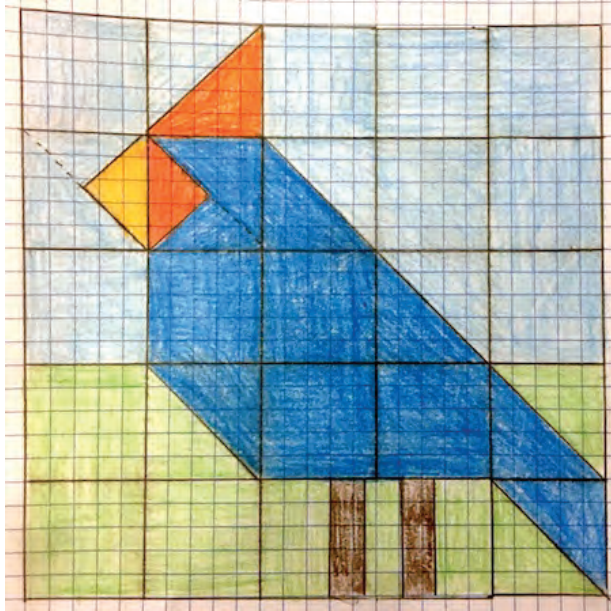
BERTIE THE BIRD

THIS EARLY BIRD is popping in to remind us that Spring is coming, even though the Ground Hog gave us six more weeks of winter. Number nine in our Block-of-the-Month animal series, Bertie Bird can be feathered as shown, garbed in bright scraps or with contrasting wings or tail. The sky's no limit for a bird! ~Robin Engleman & Joy West

first of two pages



Assembly Diagram



Fabrics & Cutting

Ground (grass shown):

- 1 - 6" w by 3" h strip
- 3 - 3" squares
- 2 - 3 1/2" squares (cut diagonally - you will use 3)

Legs: dark contrast color

- 2 - 1" w by 3" h strips

Sky:

- 8 - 3" squares
- 2 - 3 1/2" squares (cut diagonally - you will use 3)
- 1 - 4" square (cut diagonally once and then cut one of the halves again into quarters)

Head Crest: suggest a bright contrast color

- 1 - 3 1/2" square (cut in half diagonally - you will use 1)

Beak: suggested yellow or orange

- 1 - 4" square (cut diagonally twice - you will use 1)
(or a scrap triangle - see Step 3: Beak)

Face: suggest a different bright contrast color

- 1 - 4" square (cut diagonally twice - you will use 1)
(or a scrap triangle - see Step 3: Beak)

Bird's Body: this will be the main bird color (may be scrappy)

- 4 - 3" squares
- 3 - 3 1/2" squares (cut diagonally once - you will use 5 of these)
- 1 - 4" square (cut diagonally once and then cut one of the halves in half again)

Sewing instructions

All seam allowances are 1/4".

STEP 1: Legs

- Take the 6" x 3" grass and cut it into three pieces as follows: cut a 1" w strip off one end and then cut the remaining piece in half. (figure 1)
- Sew together one larger piece to one leg and the 1" grass to the other leg, followed by the last larger grass piece. (fig. 2)
- Press and trim a bit from both sides of the width to equal 5 1/2" across. (figure 3)

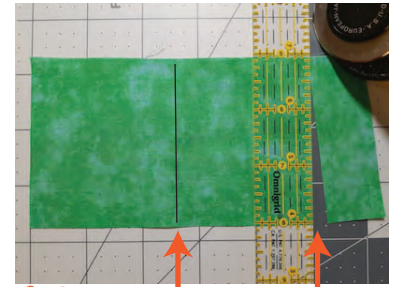


fig. 1

cut

cut

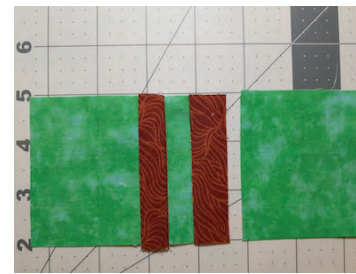


fig. 2

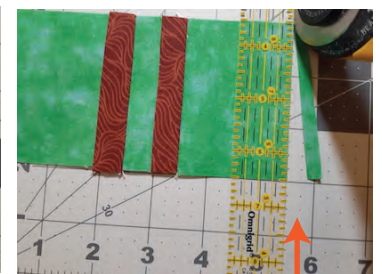


fig. 3

trim
to size



fig. 4

STEP 2: Bird's Feather Crest

- Pair one of the sky-3 1/2" half squares to the crest-3 1/2" half square. Sew along the diagonal side, being careful not to stretch your fabric. Press open and trim to 3" square, aligning the diagonals carefully with the corners. (figure 4)

STEP 3: Beak

- Cut the 4" sky in half diagonally and then cut one of the halves again into quarters.
- Do the same to the 4" beak square. Replace one of the small sky pieces with a small beak triangle. (figure 5) Alternatively you could find a scrap for the beak and cut to the size of the small triangle.
- Sew the small beak to the small sky, press. Sew the larger half of the sky to the pieced beak and sky half. Press an carefully trim down to to 3 inches square, aligning the diagonals at the corners. (figures 6-7)



fig. 5

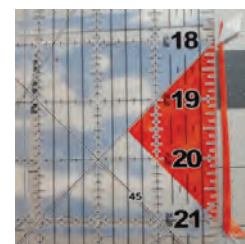


fig. 6

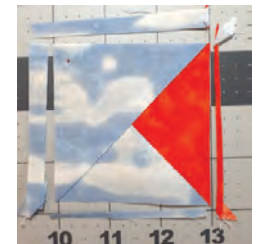


fig. 7

Continued...



Sewing instructions contintued

STEP 4: Head/ Face

- The construction is the same as the beak but facing the other way. Use the face small triangle and the bird body 4" square, cut as directed, for the rest of the square. Press and trim to 3" square.
- Sew the beak and face together matching the triangles (suggestion: Press this seam open to reduce bulk.)

STEP 5: Bird Body and Tail

Make 2 half square triangles with sky and body halves. Do the same with 3 half square triangles of grass and body halves. Press and trim to 3".

Final Assembly:

- Assemble the squares according to the diagram. Sew together into rows and then sew the rows together. Press and trim to 12 1/2" square block (you can trim from the bottom and beak sides without cutting off points).
- You can also assemble the pieces to have the bird pointing in the other direction!

Additional Helpful Hints

- As you go, carefully measure the distance across the squares. They should be 2.5" finished.
- Alternate pressing the seams to one side to reduce the number of layers that come together at the corners.
- Try to match up the seams to each other. A pin placed perpendicular to the edge through both seams can help keep blocks aligned while sewing. (fig.8)

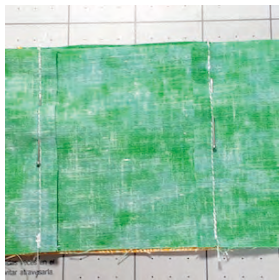


fig. 8

- When sewing blocks together that have a diagonal seam in the corner, position the block so that the seam will be just a bit past the corner point. (fig.9) When the seam is pressed out the corner will be right on point!

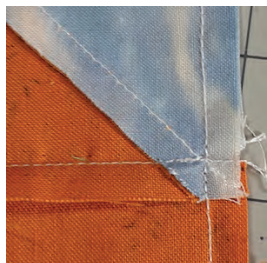


fig. 9

Post your block
to our
Facebook
page!



Join our **BQG Block of the Month Group (BOM)** (<https://tinyurl.com/y99wbf-gy>) where you can share your block and enter the online lottery to win the collection of blocks!

Post your completed BOM by 11 am the third Saturday of the month (Sept. 19th) to enter the drawing. Each completed block gives you a chance to win. The entries will be numbered and the winning number will be pulled and announced. Everyone will privately mail their block/s to the winner.

Not on Facebook? You can still participate! Email margaret.marcy@gmail.com for details.

Finished block measures about 12.5" to 13" square. (12 - 12.5" block with 1/4" seam allowance all sides.)

