

Birdhouse Quilt

This quilt would be 70" by 97".

Yardage (borders cut crosswise), based on 40" of usable fabric

2 yards cream (background)

Twelve 9 1/2" by 5" pieces for roofs (scrappy, or 1/2 yard for all one color, as shown)

Twelve 6 1/2" by 7 1/2" pieces for house (scrappy, as shown, or 1/2 yard for all one color)

Twelve 16 1/2" by 1 1/2" pieces for stand and pole (scrappy, or 3/8 yard for a all one color, as shown)

1/4 yard black for birdhouse openings

5/8 yard green

1 1/2 yards for sashing (orange) "

2/3 yard for binding

Cutting:

From Background:

Cut three 5" strips.

From these, cut twenty-four 5" by 5" squares

Cut four 1 1/2" strips.

Cur four 4 1/2" strips

If you are making the quilt scrappy, follow the cutting instructions for the BOM for cutting the Roofs, Houses, and Stands

For Roofs all one fabric:

Cut three 5" strips.

From these, cut twelve 9 1/2" by 5" pieces.

For Houses all one fabric:

Cut two 7 1/2" strips.

For Stands and Poles:

Cut two 1 1/2" strips.

From these, cut twelve 9 1/2" by 1 1/2" pieces.

Cut two more 1 1/2" strips.

Construction:

If you are making your houses scrappy:

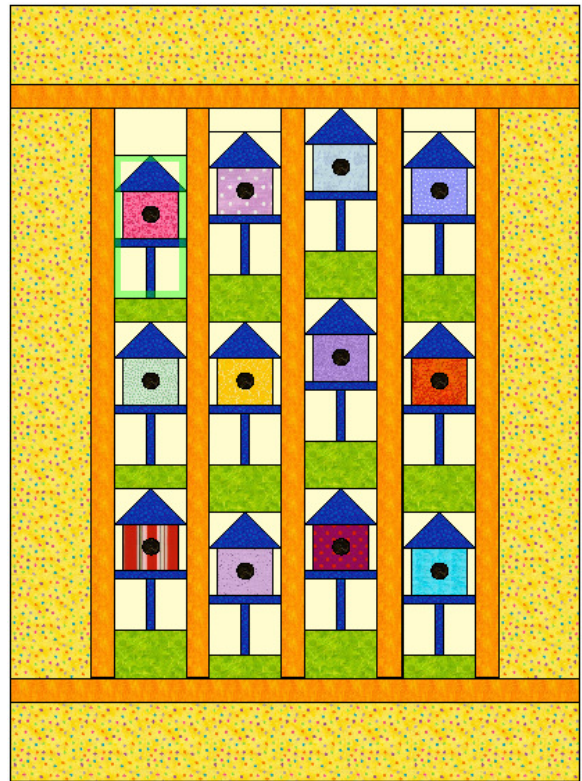
Cut the four 1 1/2" strips of background into twenty-four 1 1/2" by 6 1/2" pieces.

Cut the four 4 1/2" strips of background into twenty-four 4 1/2 by 7" pieces.

If your houses are all the same fabric:

Sew two strip sets, each consisting of 1 1/2" background, 7 1/2" house fabric and 1 1/2" background. This should be 9 1/2" wide.

Cut these sets into twelve 6 1/2" by 9 1/2" pieces



If your poles and stands are all the same fabric:

Sew two strip sets, each consisting of 4 1/2" background, 1 1/2" pole fabric and 4 1/2" background. This should be 9 1/2" wide.

Cut these sets into twelve 7" by 9 1/2" pieces

Follow the BOM (August 2009) instructions to complete the blocks.

Creating rows:

Cut two 9 1/2" by 3 1/2" and one 9 1/2" by 6 1/2" of background.

Cut two 9 1/2" strips of green. Cut these into seven 9 1/2" by 6 1/2" and four 9 1/2" by 3 1/2" pieces.

Arrange the blocks in a manner that pleases you, following the picture.

Sew the rows together, pressing the seams away from the birdhouse blocks.

Sashing and Borders:

Cut fourteen 3 1/2" strips of orange. Sew these together in pairs.

Cut 4 lengthwise 10" strips of border fabric.

Measure your rows. They should be 72 1/2", but may differ, depending on the accuracy of your seams. Cut five strips of sashing and two strips of borders at your measurement.

Sew your sashing and rows together. Press toward the sashing.

Sew one border on each side of the top.

Sew together one sashing and one border strip, making a piece 12 1/2" by length.

Measure the width of your top. It should be approximately 70 1/2". Cut the sashing/border strips to that length, and sew on the top, with the sashing toward the top and the border to the outside.

Binding:

Cut nine 2 1/2" strips. Cut the ends at 45° and sew together into one long strip. Iron in half lengthwise, wrong sides together. Using an even feed (walking) foot, sew to the right side of your quilt. Turn to the wrong side and stitch by hand with a blind stitch.