

Moda Blockheads

Jan Patek - Block #4- Birdhouse

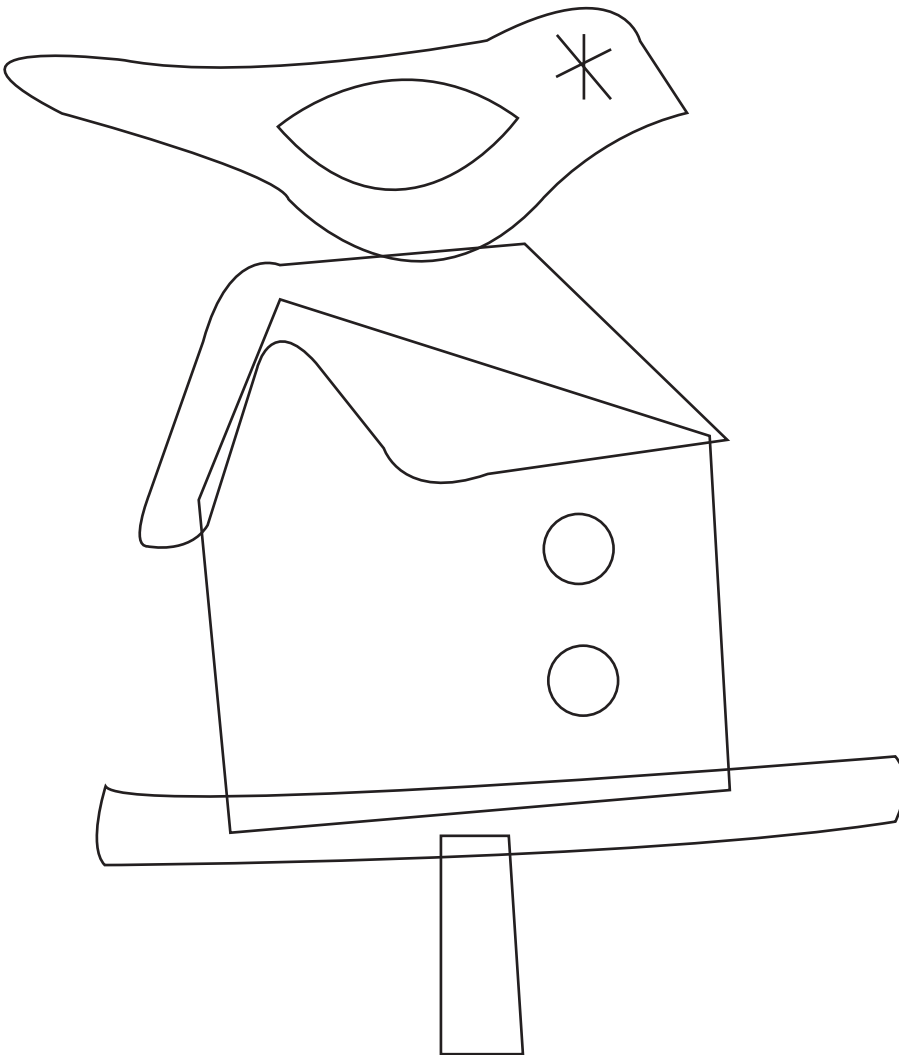
Instructions: (all measurements include seam allowance)

Back

Cut a 6 1/2" x 6 1/2" background block.

Using Freezer Paper Applique directions cut out applique pieces. Applique roof and holes birdhouse. Applique birdhouse to stand, then the stand to the pole. Applique wing to the bird.

Applique bird, birdhouse, stand and poles to background referring to photo. Embroider eye on bird using 2 strands of cotton floss.



Making birdhouse holes or berries is a snap following our easy method. Trace the circle the required number of times onto freezer paper. Cut the circles out and iron the freezer paper to the wrong side of your fabric. Cut the fabric 1/4" larger than your pattern. (I keep my patterns and fabric circles in a Ziploc bag so I don't lose any.) Make a knot in your thread and do a running stitch around the outer edge of fabric. Pull the thread until fabric is snugly around your paper circle. Backstitch and cut your thread. Applique circle to birdhouse.

Freezer Paper Applique:

Draw on the matte side and iron shiny side to fabric. Draw your templates the exact size, do not add seam allowances. Cut out freezer paper templates. Iron onto right side of fabric and cut out adding 1/4" seam allowance. Mark around templates with colored pencil or chalk. This line will help you know where to needle turn. I like to use a sandpaper board to help hold the fabric in place while I'm tracing around the shape. Peel off freezer paper.

Freezer paper appliqué templates are reusable.

Place the shapes on the background.

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