

## North Hampshire Quilters Block of the Month

### June Bird Appliqué

12 inch finished block

Please read through all instructions before starting which apply to ALL the appliqué blocks.

#### You will need:

- Background fabric
- Wadding
- Backing fabric
- A selection of fabrics for the appliqué
- Fusible web



I would suggest cutting background fabric, wadding and backing fabric 13" x 13" and trimming to 12½" x 12½" after you have applied the appliqué. This is especially important if you are quilting cross hatching before applying the appliqué design.

[Click here for the pattern of the block to print off and trace](#)

#### Cutting Notes:

Before you print the patterns check that the size reads 100%

If you are not using fusible web and are turning your appliqué design you will need to add 1/4" seam allowance when cutting out.

Stems need to be cut on the cross.

#### Construction:

I have cross hatched my block before applying appliqué design, but take care if you are cross hatching from corner to corner; the fabric is on the cross and is liable to stretch. Bonus with this is that once you have applied your appliqué design the block is finished, no fussing trying to quilt around the appliqué design. Of course

you will need to sandwich your backing and wadding with your background fabric and appliqué through the three layers.

I will make all my blocks as quilt as you go, including the pieced blocks which I will sandwich and quilt it then join them all together as quilt as you go. It was my choice to crosshatch my blocks and join them this way.

You may choose to appliqué your blocks in the usual way; background fabric and appliqué, then join with the star block the way you choose and quilt the completed top.

You will need to decide how you are setting your blocks, if you are setting on point you will need to re-adjust the setting of some of the designs to suit. For example, any block pattern set straight on will need to be set corner to corner. (just turn your fabric to face you with the corners top and bottom).

I have used in the main a small blanket stitch, but if you don't have this on your machine another useful stitch for appliqué is a small zigzag.

Happy Quilting