

Little Bird Patch Appliqué Pattern

This adorable **Little Bird Patch Appliqué** measures approximately **7 x 5 inches (18 x 13 cm)** when finished and is perfect for quilts, wall hangings, pillows, tote bags, baby blankets, table runners, and decorative sewing projects.

The pattern is made using simple appliqué techniques with layered fabric pieces, making it suitable for beginners and experienced crafters alike.


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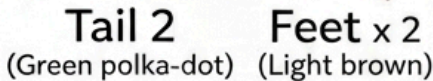
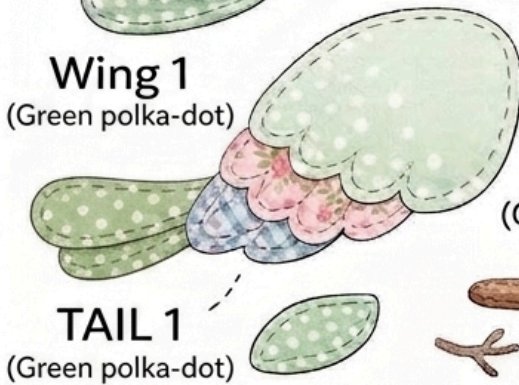
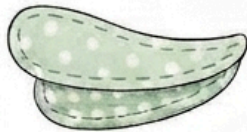
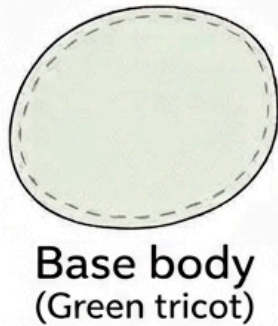
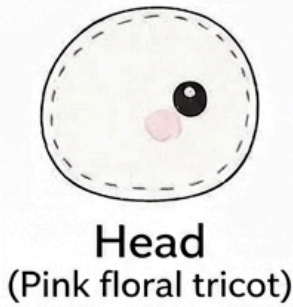
Before starting, gather the following materials:

- Pink floral fabric (bird head)
- Light green fabric (bird body)
- Green polka-dot fabric (wings and tail)
- Red plaid fabric (tail accent)
- Floral fabrics (flowers and decorative feathers)
- Light brown fabric (branch and feet)
- Orange fabric (beak)
- Green fabric scraps (leaves)
- Black button or fabric circle for eye
- Fusible web (optional)
- Fabric scissors
- Small embroidery scissors
- Sewing pins or clips
- Fabric glue stick (optional)
- Embroidery needle
- Matching sewing threads
- Iron and ironing board
- Printable template on A4 paper

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Medium Size (approx. 18 x 13 cm) 

Template for A4 sheet printing 



Eye
(Fabric or button)



Beak
(Orange tricot)




TAIL 1
(Red plaid)

Leaf x 4
(Green tricot)



Fabric Scrap Suggestions:

- Polka-dot -- Tricot
- Plaid --- Floral
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- Light brown --- 



Polka-dot



Plaid



Floral



Solid Felt

Understanding the Pattern Pieces

The finished bird is assembled from several layers.

Head

- Shape: Round circle
- Fabric: Pink floral tricot
- Approximate size: 2¼ inches (5.5 cm) diameter

Base Body

- Shape: Oval
- Fabric: Light green tricot
- Approximate size: 4¼ inches wide × 3 inches high (11 × 7.5 cm)

Wing

- Shape: Scalloped teardrop
- Fabric: Green polka-dot
- Approximate size: 2¾ inches × 2 inches (7 × 5 cm)

Tail Feathers

The tail contains layered feathers.

Tail 1

- Green polka-dot version
- About 1¾ inches long (4.5 cm)

Tail 2

- Green polka-dot version
- About 1 inch long (2.5 cm)

Red Plaid Tail Accent

- About 1¾ inches long (4.5 cm)

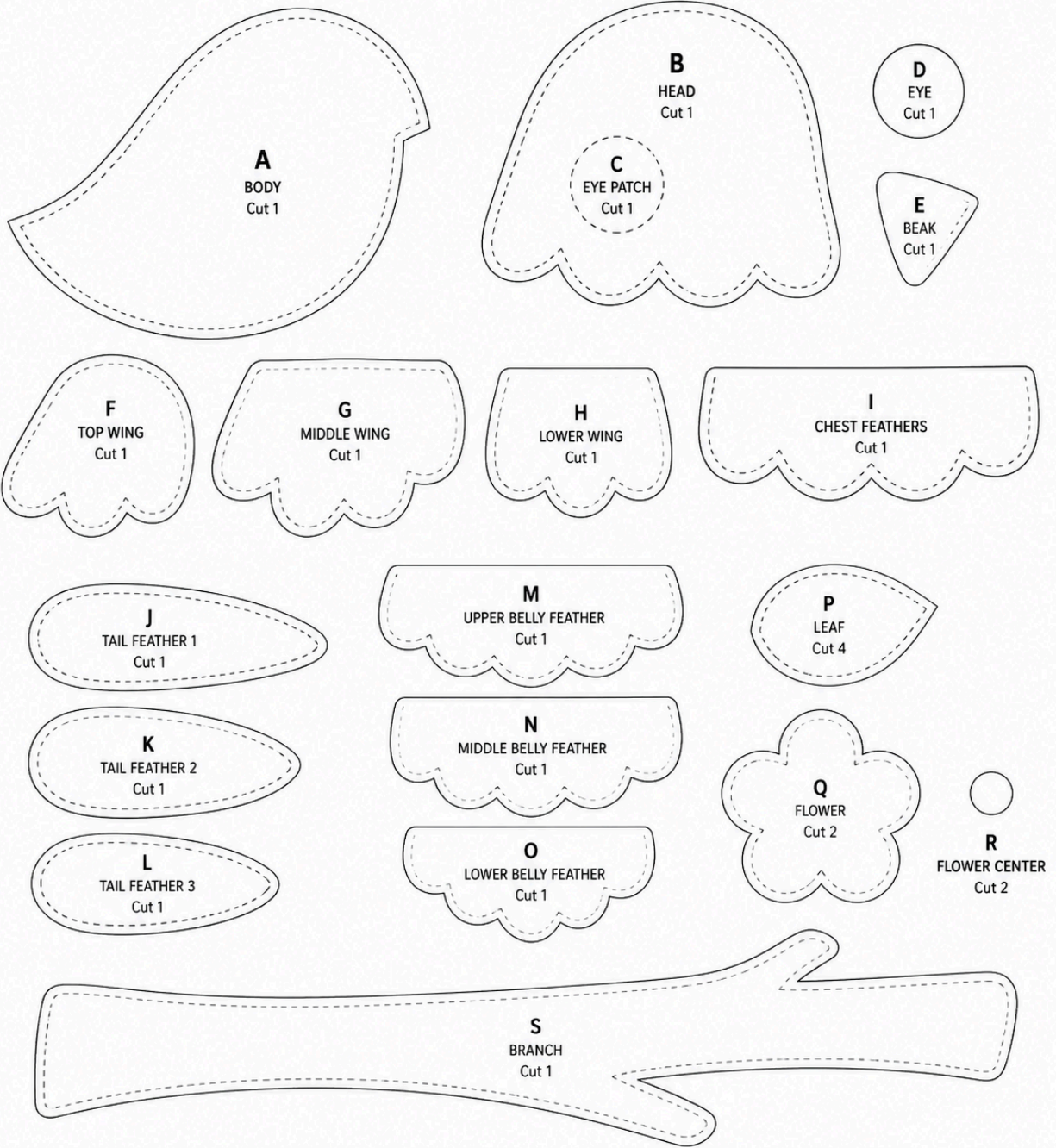
Beak

- Orange tricot
- Small triangle shape
- About ¾ inch long (2 cm)

PATCHWORK BIRD APPLIQUE – PATTERN

ALL PIECES – ACTUAL SIZE

SEAM ALLOWANCE: 0.25 in (0.7 cm) INCLUDED



Eye

Choose either:

- Small black button
- Fabric circle

Approximate size:

- ¼ inch (6 mm)

Branch

- Light brown tricot
- Approximate length: 6½ inches (16.5 cm)

Feet

- Two pieces
- Light brown fabric
- About ¾ inch (2 cm) each

Leaves

- Eight leaves total
- Green fabric
- About 1 inch (2.5 cm) each

Flowers

- Two or three flowers
- Floral fabric
- About 1 inch (2.5 cm) diameter

Step 1 – Print and Prepare the Template

Print the template on an A4 sheet at **100% scale**.

Do not resize the image.

Carefully cut out all paper template pieces:

- Head
- Body
- Wing

- Tail 1
- Tail 2
- Beak
- Branch
- Leaves
- Flowers
- Feet

Label each piece to avoid confusion during assembly.

Step 2 – Prepare the Fabric Pieces

Place each paper template on the correct fabric.

Trace around each shape using a fabric marker.

Add approximately:

- ⅛ inch (3 mm) seam allowance for turned-edge appliqué

OR

- No allowance if using fusible appliqué.

Cut all pieces carefully.

You should now have:

Bird Pieces

- 1 head
- 1 body
- 1 wing
- 3 tail feathers
- 1 beak
- 1 eye

Decorative Pieces

- 1 branch
- 8 leaves
- 2–3 flowers
- 2 feet

Press all fabric pieces flat with an iron.

Step 3 – Assemble the Tail

The tail is built first because it sits behind the body.

Layer the feathers as shown in the pattern.

Start with:

1. Green Tail 1 feather
2. Green Tail 2 feather
3. Red plaid feather

Arrange them so each feather remains partially visible.

Allow approximately:

- ¼ inch (6 mm) overlap between feathers.

Pin in place.

Using small hand stitches, secure the feathers together.

The finished tail should resemble a fan shape.

Step 4 – Create the Wing

The wing contains decorative feather layers.

Lay down the scalloped wing piece.

Under the lower scalloped edge, insert several small decorative feather pieces made from:

- Floral fabric
- Plaid fabric
- Polka-dot fabric

Allow each decorative feather to show about:

- ¼ inch (6 mm)

from underneath the scallops.

Pin carefully.

Sew the layers together using tiny hidden stitches.

Once complete, the wing should have a dimensional layered appearance.

Step 5 – Prepare the Head

Place the circular head piece flat.

If using turned-edge appliqué:

- Fold seam allowance to the back.
- Press gently.

If using fusible web:

- Fuse according to manufacturer instructions.

Position the eye slightly above center.

The eye should sit approximately:

- ¾ inch (2 cm) from the beak area.

Attach using:

- Small stitches
- Or fabric glue

Add a small pink fabric circle beneath the eye for the bird's cheek.

This detail gives the bird its sweet expression.

Step 6 – Attach the Beak

Position the orange beak on the right side of the head.

Only a small portion should overlap the head.

Pin securely.

Stitch around the beak using tiny appliqué stitches.

For extra detail, lightly embroider a mouth line extending from the lower edge of the beak.

Step 7 – Build the Main Bird Body

Lay the body piece flat.

Position the completed tail behind the body on the left side.

The tail should extend approximately:

- 1½ inches (4 cm)

beyond the body.

Pin in place.

Next, position the wing on top of the body.

Place it slightly above center.

The wing should cover part of the tail attachment area.

Sew the wing securely using small invisible stitches around the edge.

Step 8 – Attach the Head to the Body

Position the head overlapping the upper right area of the body.

The head should overlap approximately:

- ½ inch (1.2 cm)

onto the body.

Pin carefully.

Stitch around the edge using matching thread.

The bird shape should now be clearly visible.

Step 9 – Embroider Facial Details

Using black embroidery thread:

Create 2–3 tiny eyelashes extending from the eye.

Each eyelash should be approximately:

- ¼ inch (6 mm)

long.

These small details bring the bird to life.

Step 10 – Create the Branch

Cut the branch from light brown fabric.

Press flat.

Using darker brown embroidery thread, add wood-grain lines throughout the branch.

Work irregular lines to mimic natural bark.

Add a few short lines and knots for realism.

Step 11 – Position the Bird on the Branch

Place the branch underneath the bird.

Position the bird slightly above the center of the branch.

The branch should extend beyond both sides of the bird.

Pin everything securely.

Appliqué the branch first.

Then attach the bird over it.

This layering creates depth and realism.

Step 12 – Add the Feet

Position the two feet beneath the body.

Each foot should appear to wrap around the branch.

Stitch carefully using matching brown thread.

Small embroidery stitches work best for these delicate pieces.

Step 13 – Arrange the Leaves

Place four leaves near the left flower cluster.

Place four leaves near the right flower cluster.

Angle the leaves in different directions.

This creates a natural appearance.

Attach each leaf using appliqué stitches.

For extra detail, embroider a center vein and side veins.

Step 14 – Add the Flowers

Position:

- One flower on the left side of the branch
- One or two flowers on the right side

Pin in place.

Attach using invisible stitches.

Add a small embroidered center using:

- French knots
- Tiny buttons
- Small fabric circles

Step 15 – Final Decorative Stitching

Using embroidery thread, add:

- Veins to leaves
- Extra wood grain to branch
- Decorative outlines around feathers
- Small quilting accents if desired

Keep stitches delicate and consistent.

These finishing details dramatically improve the finished look.

Step 16 – Press and Finish

Inspect the entire appliqué.

Trim any loose threads.

Give the project a final press from the back side using a pressing cloth.

The completed Little Bird Patch Appliqué should measure approximately:

7 inches wide × 5 inches high (18 × 13 cm).

You can now attach the finished appliqué to:

- Quilts
- Tote bags
- Table runners
- Cushion covers
- Baby blankets
- Wall hangings
- Seasonal decorations