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# ♥ PATCHWORK BIRD ♥

## ♥ APPLIQUÉ & EMBROIDERY ♥

### STEP-BY-STEP TUTORIAL

A sweet and colorful bird made with fabric, stitches, and lots of love! ♥

FINISHED SIZE	MATERIALS	TOOLS	YOU WILL MAKE
<p>Approx. 20 cm (8 in) wide 19 cm (7.5 in) high</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cotton fabric (various colors &amp; prints)</li> <li>• Fusible web / Interfacing</li> <li>• Felt (small pieces for flowers/leaves)</li> <li>• Embroidery floss (various colors)</li> <li>• Pearls &amp; beads</li> <li>• Satin ribbons</li> <li>• Lace trim</li> <li>• Fabric glue (optional)</li> <li>• Backing fabric</li> <li>• Basic sewing supplies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Sewing machine</li> <li> Scissors</li> <li> Pins or clips</li> <li> Iron</li> <li> Needle (hand sewing)</li> <li> Embroidery needle</li> <li> Fabric marker / Chalk</li> <li> Measuring tape</li> </ul>	<p>A beautiful patchwork bird with embroidered details, ribbon embellishments, and a 3D floral decoration. Perfect for clothes, bags, pillows, or wall art!</p>

- #### BEFORE YOU START
- ♥ Prewash and iron all fabrics.
  - ♥ Plan your color placement.
  - ♥ Trace all pattern pieces.
  - ♥ Use sharp scissors for clean edges.

#### FABRIC & PATTERN PIECES (TRACE & CUT)

Add 1/4 in (0.6 cm) seam allowance.

- #### EMBROIDERY STITCHES USED
- Blanket Stitch (appliqué edges)
  - Back Stitch (details)
  - Satin Stitch (flowers, hearts)
  - French Knots (flower centers)
  - Lazy Daisy Stitch (leaves)
  - Running Stitch (decorative lines)
  - Straight Stitch (accents)

### ♥ STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS ♥

<p><b>1. PREPARE THE BASE</b></p> <p>Place lace trim on the background fabric and secure with pins. This will be the base for your bird.</p>	<p><b>2. APPLIQUÉ THE HEAD</b></p> <p>Layer the face patch on the head. Appliqué with fusible web and blanket stitch around the edges.</p>	<p><b>3. ADD THE BODY</b></p> <p>Appliqué body front pieces together as shown. Stitch with blanket stitch.</p>	<p><b>4. ATTACH WING BASE</b></p> <p>Place the wing base on the body. Appliqué and stitch with blanket stitch.</p>	<p><b>5. ADD WING FEATHERS</b></p> <p>Layer the feather pieces from bottom to top. Appliqué and stitch each layer.</p>	<p><b>6. EMBROIDER DETAILS</b></p> <p>Embroider flowers, hearts, and leaves on the wing. Add French knots and accents.</p>
<p><b>7. ADD THE TAIL FEATHERS</b></p> <p>Layer and appliqué the tail feathers as shown. Stitch around each.</p>	<p><b>8. ATTACH THE BEAK</b></p> <p>Appliqué the beak pieces together and stitch in place.</p>	<p><b>9. ADD THE FEET</b></p> <p>Appliqué the feet and stitch securely.</p>	<p><b>10. CREATE FLOWERS</b></p> <p>Make fabric flowers using circles and gathers. Add leaves. Embroider or stitch details.</p>	<p><b>11. ADD EMBELLISHMENTS</b></p> <p>Glue or stitch flowers, pearls, ribbon roses, and leaves around the bird.</p>	<p><b>12. FINAL TOUCHES</b></p> <p>Add ribbon bows, beads, and extra embroidery. Check all stitches.</p>

#### COLOR PALETTE IDEAS

Use soft and cheerful colors that complement each other. Mix prints (florals, gingham, polka dots) for a playful look.

- #### TIPS FOR SUCCESS
- ♥ Use fusible web to keep pieces in place before stitching.
  - ♥ Take your time with stitching for a neat finish.
  - ♥ Mix embroidery stitches for texture and charm.
  - ♥ Press gently as you go.

#### BACK VIEW (OPTIONAL)

Use backing fabric and stitch around the edges or add a fabric lining for a clean finish.

- #### CARE INSTRUCTIONS
- Hand wash gently in cold water.
  - Lay flat to dry.
  - Do not bleach.
  - Iron on low (avoid embellishments).

- #### IDEAS TO USE
- ♥ Decorate tote bags and backpacks.
  - ♥ Add to pillows or wall hangings.
  - ♥ Embellish kids' clothes or aprons.
  - ♥ Great as a handmade gift!

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Create a beautiful whimsical fabric bird featuring patchwork fabrics, appliqué, embroidery, flowers, ribbons, and decorative embellishments. This project is perfect for tote bags, pillows, wall hangings, baby quilts, nursery décor, and sewing journals.

### **Finished Size**

- Width: Approximately 8 inches (20 cm)
- Height: Approximately 7.5 inches (19 cm)

**Skill Level:** Intermediate

## **Materials**

### **Fabrics**

- Turquoise gingham fabric (head)
- Floral cotton fabrics (body)
- Pastel cotton scraps (wings)
- Pink fabric (face patch)
- Mint fabric (body back)
- Assorted fabrics for tail feathers
- Orange fabric (beak and feet)

### **Decorative Materials**

- Fusible web
- Embroidery floss
- Satin ribbons
- Lace trim
- Pearl beads
- Buttons (optional)
- Fabric glue (optional)

### **Tools**

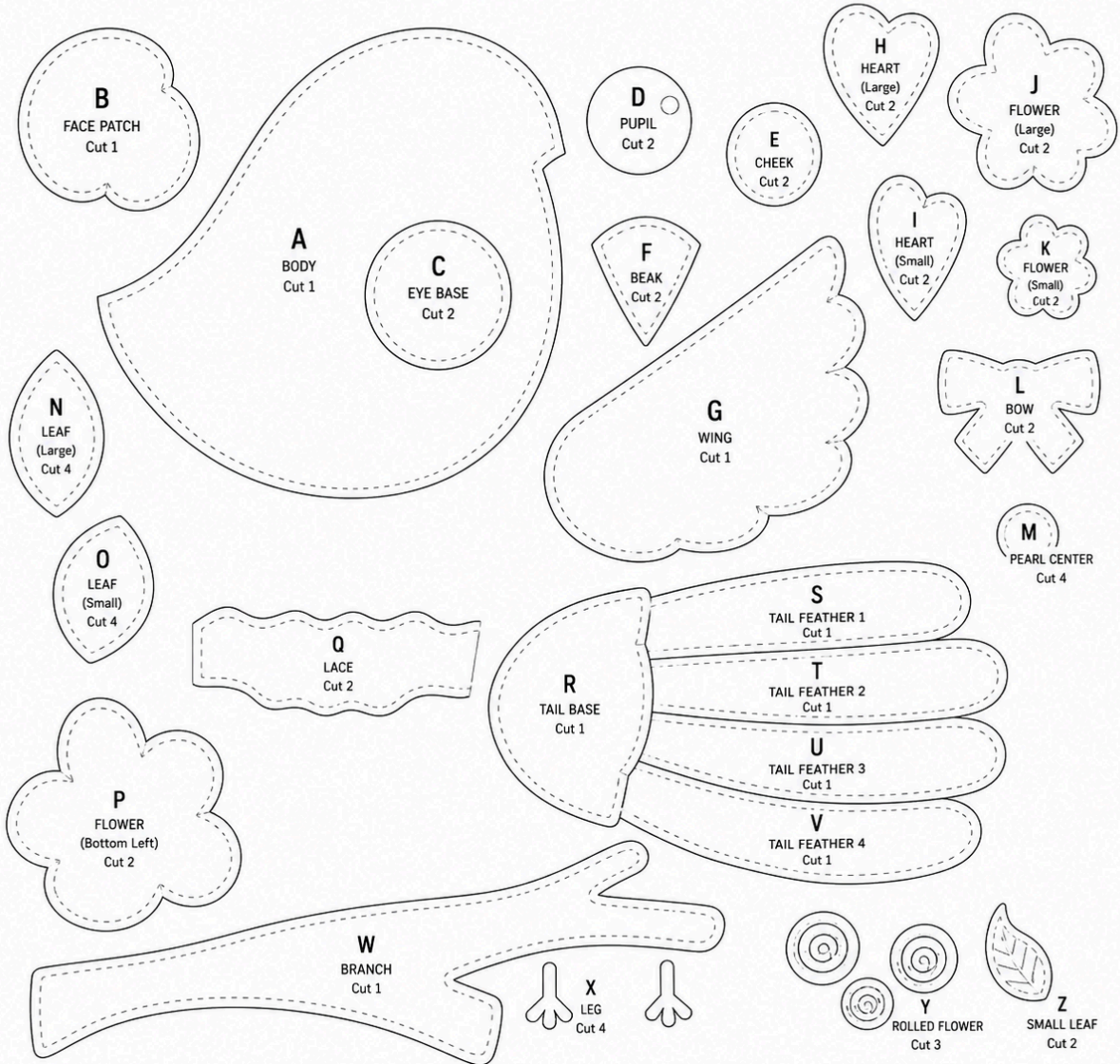
- Sewing machine
- Embroidery needle
- Hand sewing needle
- Fabric scissors
- Pins or clips
- Iron
- Fabric marker
- Measuring tape

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## PATCHWORK BIRD APPLIQUÉ – PATTERN

ALL PIECES – ACTUAL SIZE

SEAM ALLOWANCE: 0.25 in (0.7 cm) INCLUDED



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## Step 1: Prepare the Background

Cut a background fabric square:

- 12 x 12 inches (30 x 30 cm)

Press thoroughly.

Place lace trim in a circular shape where the bird will sit.

Pin temporarily.

Do not sew yet.

This helps determine final placement.

## Step 2: Trace and Cut Pattern Pieces

Transfer all pattern pieces onto fusible web.

Cut:

### Head

- 1 circle
- Diameter: 4 inches (10 cm)

### Face Patch

- 1 piece
- Approximately 2.5 x 2.5 inches (6 x 6 cm)

### Body Front

- 1 piece
- Approximately 6 x 4 inches (15 x 10 cm)

### Body Back

- 1 piece
- Same size as front

### Wing Base

- 1 piece

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- Approximately 4.5 x 4 inches (11 x 10 cm)

### **Wing Feathers**

- 6 to 8 feather pieces
- Length: 2–3 inches (5–8 cm)

### **Tail Feathers**

- 5 pieces
- Length: 3 inches (8 cm)

### **Beak**

- 2 pieces
- Length: 1 inch (2.5 cm)

### **Feet**

- 2 pieces
- Length: 1.25 inches (3 cm)

### **Flowers**

- 3 to 5 flowers
- Diameter: 1–2 inches (2.5–5 cm)

### **Leaves**

- 6 leaves
- Length: 1.5 inches (4 cm)

### **Hearts**

- 3 small hearts
- Width: 1 inch (2.5 cm)

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### **Step 3: Create the Head**

Fuse the head circle onto the background.

Center it slightly above the body position.

Fuse the face patch over the lower section of the head.

Stitch around the face patch using:

- Blanket stitch  
or
- Tight zigzag stitch

Press carefully.

### **Step 4: Build the Body**

Arrange the body pieces.

Layer front body over back body.

Position directly beneath the head.

Fuse in place.

Using matching thread:

Sew around the entire body.

Use a blanket stitch for a handcrafted appearance.

### **Step 5: Create the Wing Base**

Position the wing base on the bird's body.

The wing should cover approximately one-third of the body.

Fuse temporarily.

Sew around the outer edge.

Do not sew the center excessively because additional layers will be added.

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## Step 6: Layer the Wing Feathers

This is what creates the dimensional appearance.

Begin with the lowest feather.

Work upward.

Each feather should overlap the previous feather by:

- ¼ inch (0.6 cm)

Continue layering until the wing is complete.

Sew each feather individually.

Mix colors and prints for a patchwork effect.

## Step 7: Add Embroidery Details to the Wing

Using embroidery floss:

Add:

- Flowers
- Vines
- Hearts
- Decorative leaves

Recommended stitches:

### Flowers

- French knots
- Satin stitch

### Leaves

- Lazy Daisy stitch

### Decorative Outlines

- Back stitch

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## Small Accents

- Running stitch

Take your time.

This is the focal point of the project.

## Step 8: Attach the Tail Feathers

Arrange tail feathers behind the body.

Fan them outward.

Overlap each feather slightly.

Pin in place.

Stitch securely.

Add decorative stitching along the feather edges.

## Step 9: Make and Attach the Beak

Place both beak pieces right sides together.

Sew around edges.

Turn right side out.

Lightly stuff if desired.

Position on the face.

Hand stitch securely.

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## Step 10: Add the Feet

Position feet underneath the body.

Allow approximately:

- ½ inch (1.2 cm) to extend below the body

Hand stitch securely.

Add small embroidery details if desired.

## Step 11: Create the Eye

Draw the eye placement.

Use black embroidery floss.

Work:

### Eyelashes

- Straight stitch

### Eye Outline

- Satin stitch

### Highlights

- White embroidery floss

The large expressive eye creates the bird's personality.

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## Step 12: Create Fabric Flowers

Cut fabric circles:

- Diameter: 2 inches (5 cm)

Gather around the edges.

Pull tightly.

Form flowers.

Add:

- Pearl centers
- Buttons
- French knots

Make 3–5 flowers.

## Step 13: Create Leaves

Cut leaf shapes from green fabric.

Fuse onto background.

Outline using:

- Back stitch  
or
- Satin stitch

Make approximately 6 leaves.

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## Step 14: Arrange Floral Decorations

Position flowers around the bird.

Place leaves underneath.

Balance the composition.

Typical placement:

- 2 flowers below bird
- 2 flowers beside wing
- 1 flower near tail

Attach securely.

## Step 15: Add Ribbons and Hearts

Create small ribbon bows.

Attach:

- Near wing
- Near flowers
- Near tail

Add heart appliqués among the floral elements.

Use matching pastel colors.

## Step 16: Add Embellishments

Sew on:

- Pearls
- Decorative beads
- Small buttons

Scatter sparingly.

Avoid overcrowding the design.

The embellishments should enhance the bird rather than hide it.

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## Step 17: Final Embroidery

Add:

- Decorative swirls
- Tiny flowers
- Vines
- Accent stitches

Fill empty spaces around the bird.

This creates the rich handcrafted appearance shown in the project.

## Step 18: Press and Finish

Press from the back.

Use a pressing cloth.

Do not iron directly on ribbons or pearls.

Trim loose threads.

Inspect all stitching.

## Optional Finishing Methods

### Pillow Front

Add backing and create a cushion cover.

### Wall Hanging

Attach batting and backing.

Quilt lightly.

Bind edges.

### Tote Bag Panel

Fuse stabilizer behind the design.

Sew onto a tote bag front.

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## Quilt Block

Frame with borders.

Incorporate into a larger quilt.

## Care Instructions

- Hand wash recommended
- Mild detergent only
- Lay flat to dry
- Avoid bleach
- Iron from the back side
- Protect embellishments while washing

## Finished Project

Your completed **Patchwork Bird Appliqué & Embroidery** should measure approximately:

- 8 inches (20 cm) wide
- 7.5 inches (19 cm) tall

The finished piece combines patchwork, appliqué, embroidery, ribbons, flowers, hearts, pearls, and dimensional wing feathers to create a charming handmade bird full of color and personality.