



Twin Beaks Table Topper

Flk B001

Featuring two 8" square bird blocks from The FLOCK

Finished topper size, 18 x 28"

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This table topper incorporates two of your favorite bird blocks from The FLOCK collection. Add some stash fabrics in high-contrast neutrals to highlight the colorful bird blocks.

For the sample, the American Robin and the Gray Catbird blocks were used.

Requirements

Directional fabrics are not recommended.

Two 8½" square blocks (8" square finished size)

Dark Accent fabric: 6x42"

Light/Medium Border fabric: 14x42"

Backing: 22x32"

Binding: ¼ yard

Batting: 21x31"

Cutting

From Accent fabric:

- Cut two 1x42" strips. Sub-cut one strip into four 1x8½" strips. Sub-cut the second strip into four 1x9½" strips.
- Cut two 1¼x42" strips. Sub-cut one strip into two 1¼x16½" strips. Sub-cut the second strip into two 1¼x10½" strips.

From Border fabric:

- Cut two 2½x42" strips. From each strip cut one 2½x20" strip and one 2½x13½" strip.
- Cut three 2x42" strips. From one strip, cut one 2x25½" strip, and one 2x9½" strip. Trim the second strip to 25½" long. From the third strip, cut two 2x18" strips.
- Cut one 1½x42" strip. Sub-cut the strip into two 1¼x8¾" strips and two 1¼x5¾" strips.

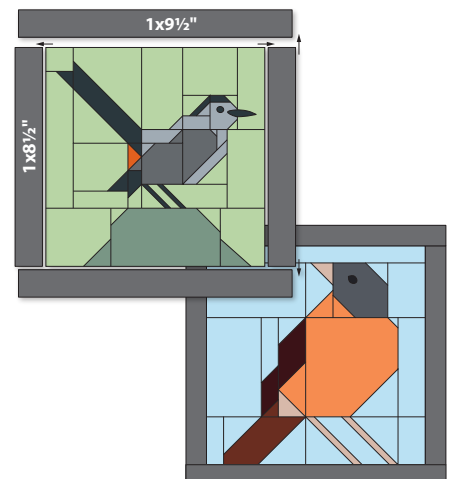
From Binding fabric:

- Cut three 2¼x42" strips.

Construction

Border the blocks with accent fabrics

- Sew a 1x8½" accent strip to each side of both bird blocks. Press the seam toward the strip.
- Sew a 1x9½" accent strip to the top and the bottom of each block. Press the seam toward the strip.
- Each block measures 9½" square with accent borders.
- Refer to the illustration on the right.



Construction (continued)

Add the Inner Border (Refer to illustration A (right).)

- Arrange the two blocks with accent borders into a vertical row with the top of each block oriented toward the center.
- Sew the 2x9½" border strip between the two blocks. Press the seams toward the strip.
- Sew a 2½x20" border strip to each side. Press the seam toward the border.
- Sew a 2½x13½" border strip to the top and bottom. Press the seam toward the border.

Make the Pieced Borders (Refer to illustration B (below).)

Note that the piecing seam direction differs for the side and top/bottom borders.

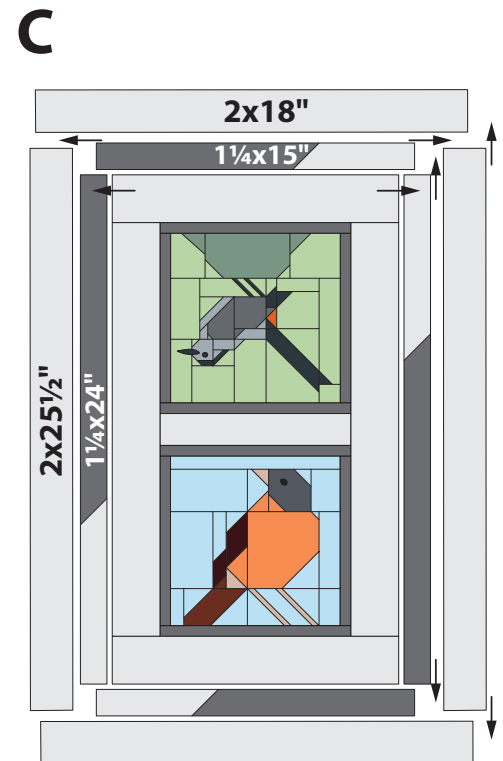
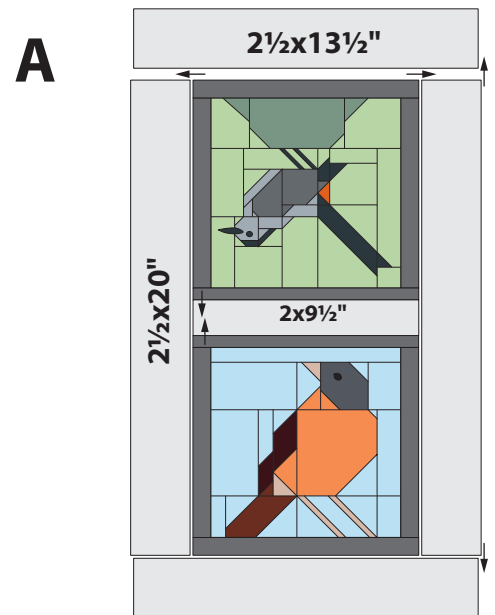
- Use a diagonal seam to connect one end of a 1¼x8¾" border strip and a 1¼x16½" accent strip *as shown*. Trim the seam allowance to ¼", and press the seam toward the accent fabric. Repeat to make two side pieced borders that measure 1¼x24".
- Repeat, using a 1¼x5¾" border strip and a 1¼x10½" accent strip *as shown*. Trim the seam allowance to ¼", and press the seam toward the accent fabric. Repeat to make two top/bottom pieced borders that measure 1¼x15".

Add the Middle and Outer Borders (Refer to illustration C (right).)

- Sew a 1¼x24" side pieced border to each side of the bird assembly. Press the seam toward the pieced border.
- Sew a 1¼x15" top/bottom pieced border to the top and the bottom of the bird assembly. Press the seam toward the pieced border.
- Sew a 2x25½" border strip to each side. Press the seam toward the border.
- Sew a 2x18" border strip to the top and the bottom. Press the seam toward the border.
- The quilt top measures 18x28½".

Sandwich, Quilt, and Bind

- Layer the backing, batting, and quilt top. Baste. Quilt as desired.
- Sew the binding strips together end-to-end using a diagonal seam. Press the seams open, then press the binding in half lengthwise, wrong sides together.
- Trim the batting and backing even with the quilt top. With raw edges aligned, sew the binding to the front of the quilt using a ¼" seam. Miter the binding at the corners.
- Turn the folded edge of the binding to the back of the quilt and hand stitch in place.



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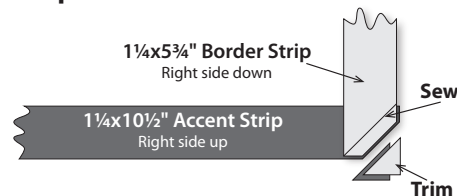
Side Pieced Borders



1¼x24" Pieced Side Border (make two)



Top/Bottom Pieced Borders



1¼x15" Pieced Top/Bottom Border (make two)

