

Bird House Block Exchange February 2021

This is a paper piecing block. It's easy for a first-time paper piecer as the pieces are large and there is really no matching required.

Bird House	(#1): 7 ½" x 7 ½"
Sky/Background	(#2, #3): each 5" x 3 ½"
Sky/Background	(#6, #7): 6" square cut on diagonal
Roof	(#4): 6 ½" x 2"
Roof	(#5): 7 ½" x 2"
Bottom	(#8): 9" x 3"



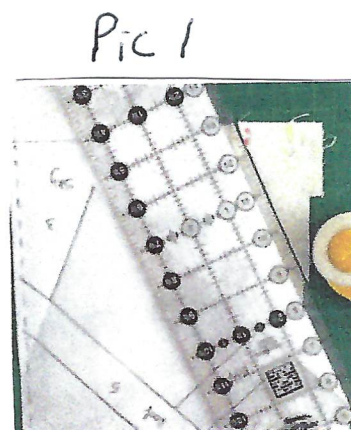
Tips for Paper Piecing:

Set stitch length to 1.8 or less to perforate paper and easier removal. You may want to starch the fabric as some edges might be cut on the bias. (Faultless Starch won't flake.) Fabric is placed on the backside of the pattern. Sew on the marked lines. Fabric pieces are added in the numerical order given on the block pattern, 1 through 8. You can find more tips here: weallsew.com/paper-piecing-for-beginners

Directions:

Paper Piecing is done in numerical order as given on pattern.

1. Place the birdhouse fabric – right side up – on the backside of the pattern making sure it covers the entire #1 area. (I used a pin to hold it in place.) Flip it over so the pattern side is up. Using an index card, fold over just the paper on line between #1 and #2, creating a nice crease on that first sew line. With the paper still bent back, using a ruler and rotary cutter, trim fabric ¼" beyond paper fold. Repeat on the line between #1 and #3. (pic 1)
2. Take a 3 ½" x 5" sky/background rectangle and lay it right sides together on the just trimmed ¼", raw edges on top of each other. To check that the new piece will cover that area, fold back the paper on the line. (pic 2). Hold pieces, turn paper over and sew on that line only. Press fabric. Repeat with #3 sky/background rectangle on the other side.
3. Roof. Again, with paper side up, fold paper back on the line of #4 and trim fabric ¼" away from paper (pic 1). Place roof piece #4 on top of the trimmed line extending at least ¼" on both ends. Turn over and sew on the line. Press. Repeat for roof piece #5.
4. Top sky/background pieces: same procedure: fold back paper; trim fabric to ¼" beyond paper fold: place triangle with long side on top of roof piece; sew on reverse side on the paper line; press.
5. Bottom piece: also, the same procedure: fold back paper; trim fabric with ¼" extra; place fabric right sides together; sew on other side on the paper line; press.
6. Trim block to 8 ½" wide and 10 ½" tall – ensuring you keep at least ¼" from the roof intersection. Remove paper.



Thanks to Sue Tuttle for bringing this back and sharing from a Phoenix Quilt Guild that got it from the Monterey Peninsula Quilter's Guild. Please contact Lori Ringwelski with any questions. Contact info is in the membership directory.

sky # 6

sky # 7

Roof

5

Roof # 4

1

Bird House

sky # 2

sky # 3

Bottom # 8

