

Appliqué Wall Hanging – Bird in Circle

Step-by-Step Sewing Tutorial

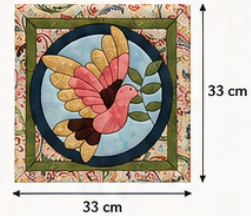


MATERIALS

- 100% Cotton Fabric (U.S. Standard)
- Lightweight Fusible Web
- Cotton Batting
- Cotton Thread
- Fabric Glue (optional)
- Appliqué Needles / Pins
- Water Soluble Pen
- Scissors / Rotary Cutter
- Iron and Ironing Board
- Machine Sewing Foot
- Hand Sewing Needle

FINISHED SIZE

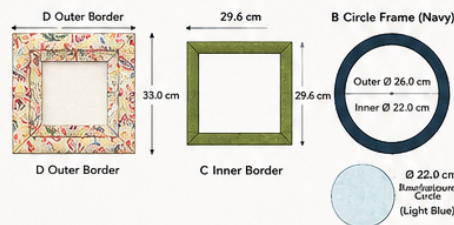
Outer Size (with border):
33 cm x 33 cm
(13" x 13")



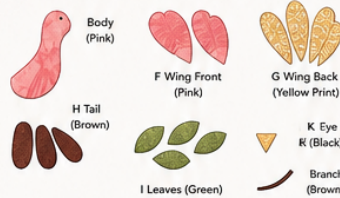
FABRIC (U.S.)

- A Light Blue (Background)
- B Navy Blue (Circle)
- C Olive Green (Inner Border)
- D Floral Print (Outer Border)
- E Bird Body – Pink
- F Wing Front – Pink
- G Wing Back – Yellow Print
- H Tail – Dark Brown
- I Leaves – Green Print
- J Beak – Yellow
- K Eye – Black
- L Branch – Brown

1. PREPARE & CUT PIECES (All measurements include 0.7 cm seam allowance)



Appliqué Pieces (Trace on fusible web and cut)



2. PREPARE APPLIQUÉ PIECES



Trace all appliqué pieces (E to L) on the paper side of fusible web.



Rough cut around each shape and iron onto the wrong side of fabric.

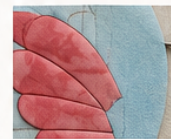


Cut precisely on the lines and peel off the paper backing.

3. APPLIQUÉ THE DESIGN



Arrange all pieces on the background circle (A) as shown.



Fuse pieces in place with a warm iron.

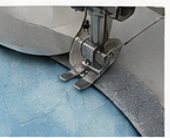


Appliqué using one of the methods below.

4. ASSEMBLE THE CIRCLE



Place the background circle with appliqué into the navy circle frame (right sides up).

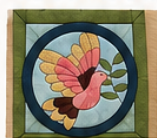


Sew around the circle. Press seam toward the navy.



Your circle block is ready!

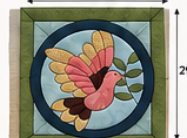
5. ADD INNER BORDER



Sew the olive green inner border (C) to the circle block.

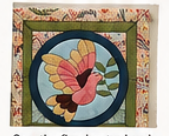


Press the seam outward.

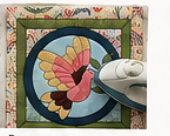


29.6 cm

6. ADD OUTER BORDER



Sew the floral outer border strips (D) to each side.



Press seams outward.



Square up to 33.0 cm x 33.0 cm.

7. FINISHING



Layer: Backing (right side down) + Batting + Top (right side up).



Quilt as desired. Trim excess batting and backing.



Bind the edges to finish.

APPLIQUÉ METHODS (Choose your favorite)

A. Hand Appliqué (Needle Turn)



Turn under the seam allowance and stitch with a slip stitch.

B. Hand Appliqué (Raw Edge)



Sew around the edge with a blanket stitch or running stitch.

C. Machine Appliqué (Zigzag)



Sew around the edge with a narrow zigzag stitch.

D. Machine Appliqué (Straight Stitch)

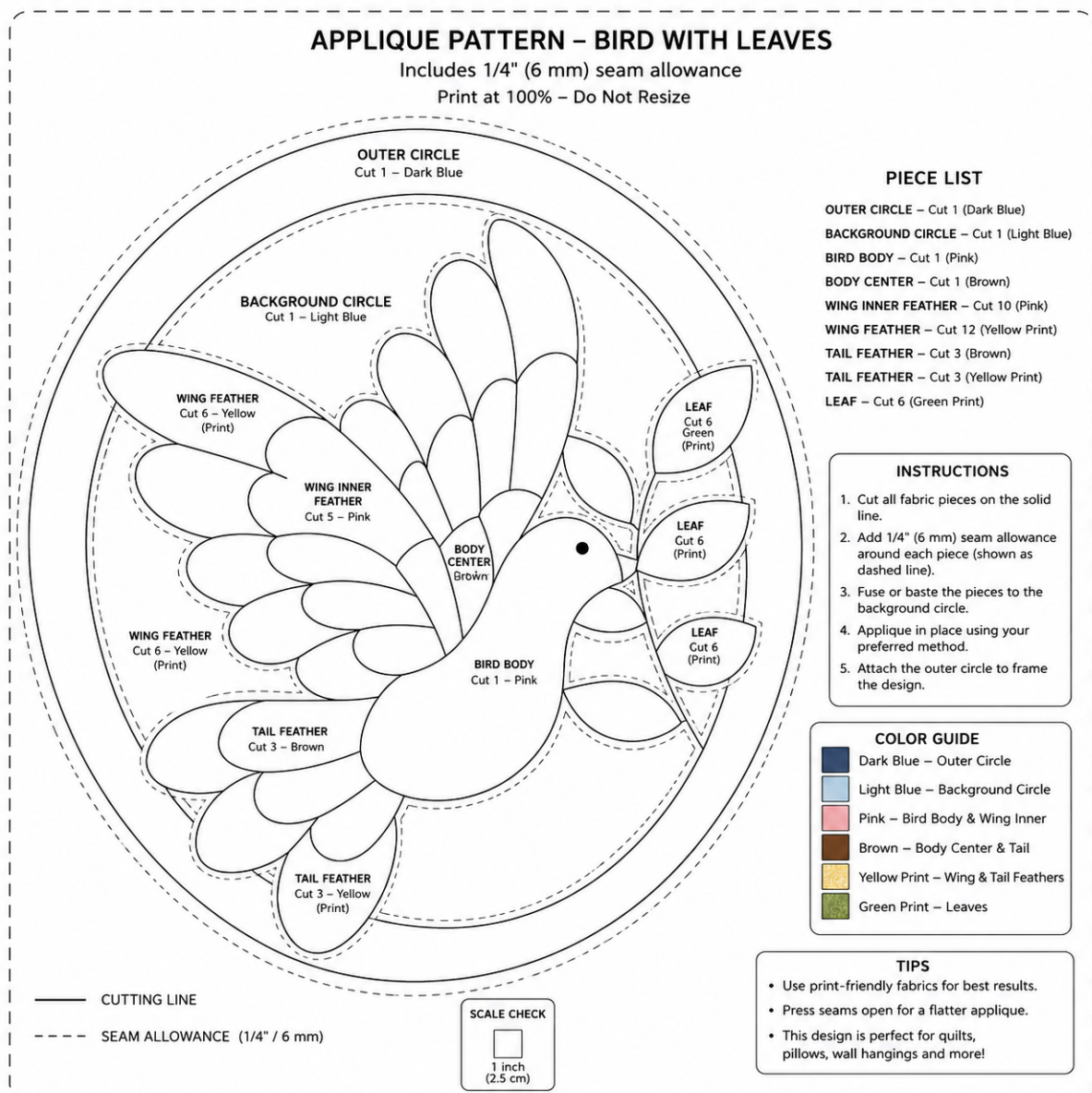


Sew around the edge with a straight stitch.

TIPS

- Use a small stitch length (1.8–2.2 mm) for tight curves.
- Press each step carefully.
- You can add echo quilting around the circle and bird.
- Showcase your wall hanging with pride!

Enjoy your beautiful handmade wall hanging!



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Bird in Circle Appliqué Wall Hanging

Complete Step-by-Step Sewing Tutorial (U.S. Standard Measurements)

Create a beautiful Bird in Circle Appliqué Wall Hanging with this complete tutorial designed for beginners and experienced quilters alike. This guide follows the construction process

shown in the original diagram while providing additional explanations, professional sewing tips, and detailed instructions so anyone in the United States can successfully complete the project from start to finish.

The finished wall hanging measures approximately 13" × 13" (33 × 33 cm), making it a wonderful decoration for your sewing room, hallway, nursery, living room, or as a handmade gift.

Throughout this tutorial, all seam allowances are ¼" (approximately 0.7 cm) unless otherwise specified.

Materials You'll Need

Before beginning, gather all your supplies.

Fabrics

- 100% Cotton Fabric (Quilting Weight)
- Lightweight Fusible Web
- Cotton Batting
- Cotton Backing Fabric

Sewing Supplies

- Cotton Sewing Thread
- Fabric Glue (Optional)
- Appliqué Needles
- Hand Sewing Needle
- Sewing Machine
- Standard Sewing Foot
- Rotary Cutter
- Fabric Scissors
- Cutting Mat
- Acrylic Ruler
- Iron
- Ironing Board
- Water-Soluble Fabric Marker

- **Straight Pins or Wonder Clips**

Finished Size

Outer Dimensions:

13" × 13" (33 cm × 33 cm)

The finished project consists of:

- **Floral outer border**
- **Olive green inner border**
- **Navy circular frame**
- **Light blue background circle**
- **Decorative bird appliqué**
- **Leaf branch**
- **Quilted finish**
- **Binding around all edges**

Fabric Color Guide

To recreate the original design, prepare the following fabrics.

A – Background Circle

Light Blue

B – Circle Frame

Navy Blue

C – Inner Border

Olive Green

D – Outer Border

Floral Print

E – Bird Body

Pink

F – Front Wing

Pink

G – Back Wings

Yellow Print

H – Tail

Dark Brown

I – Leaves

Green Print

J – Beak

Yellow

K – Eye

Black

L – Branch

Brown

H2: Step 1 – Prepare and Cut All Fabric Pieces

Accurate cutting is the foundation of a professional-looking quilt block.

Begin by pressing every fabric before cutting. Removing wrinkles helps ensure precise measurements.

Cut the following pieces.

Outer Border (Piece D)

Cut four strips that will form the decorative floral border.

After sewing, the finished block will measure approximately 13" × 13" (33 × 33 cm).

Inner Border (Piece C)

Cut four olive green border strips.

These create the narrow frame between the circular block and the floral border.

Circle Frame (Piece B)

Cut one navy fabric ring.

Outer Diameter:

10¹/₄" (26 cm)

Inner Diameter:

8⁵/₈" (22 cm)

This ring becomes the circular frame around the appliqué.

Background Circle (Piece A)

Cut one light blue circle.

Diameter:

8⁵/₈" (22 cm)

This circle fits perfectly inside the navy ring.

H2: Step 2 – Prepare the Appliqué Pieces

Trace every appliqué shape onto the paper side of the fusible web.

Remember:

Always trace the mirror image whenever direction matters.

Trace each piece separately.

You should have:

- **Bird Body**
- **Front Wing**
- **Back Wings**
- **Tail**
- **Leaves**
- **Branch**
- **Beak**
- **Eye**

Leave a small margin around each traced shape before ironing.

Fuse the Pieces

Place the rough side of the fusible web against the wrong side of each corresponding fabric.

Follow the manufacturer's recommended temperature.

Do not use steam.

Allow the fabric to cool completely.

Cut Out Every Shape

Using sharp embroidery scissors, carefully cut exactly on the traced lines.

Take your time.

Smooth curves make a significant difference in the final appearance.

Keep all pieces organized according to their labels.

H2: Step 3 – Arrange the Bird Design 🎨

Place the light blue background circle on your work surface.

Do not remove the paper backing yet.

Using the original layout as your guide, begin arranging the design.

Position the Branch

Place the brown branch first.

It serves as the foundation for the leaves.

Add the Leaves

Arrange the green leaves naturally along the branch.

Slightly overlap them to create depth.

Position the Bird

Center the bird over the branch.

The bird should appear to be flying while approaching the leaves.

Add the Wings

Layer the yellow wings behind the bird.

Then position the pink front wing over them.

Slight overlapping creates a realistic layered effect.

Add Tail, Beak, and Eye

Finish assembling the bird by placing:

- **Tail feathers**
- **Beak**
- **Eye**

Step back occasionally to check the overall balance before permanently fusing the design.

Fuse the Design

Once satisfied with the placement:

Remove the paper backing.

Press the pieces with a warm iron according to the fusible web instructions.

Work slowly.

Avoid sliding the iron.

Lift and press instead.

H2: Step 4 – Appliqué the Entire Design

Now permanently stitch every appliqué piece.

Choose the technique that best suits your experience.

Option 1 – Hand Needle-Turn Appliqué

Turn the seam allowance underneath each piece.

Secure using tiny invisible slip stitches.

This method creates the most traditional heirloom appearance.

Option 2 – Hand Raw-Edge Appliqué

Leave the raw edges exposed.

Sew around each shape using:

- **Blanket Stitch**
- **Running Stitch**

This produces a charming handmade look.

Option 3 – Machine Zigzag Appliqué

Select a narrow zigzag stitch.

Sew slowly around every edge.

Keep the stitches even for smooth curves.

Option 4 – Machine Straight Stitch Appliqué

Sew approximately 1/16" from the edge.

This creates a clean modern finish while maintaining the raw-edge appearance.

Sewing Tips

Slow down on tight curves.

Pivot frequently.

Lower the needle before rotating the fabric.

Use matching thread whenever possible.

H2: Step 5 – Assemble the Circle

Place the completed appliqué background inside the navy circle frame.

Right sides should face upward.

Pin carefully around the entire circle.

Sew around the circular seam using a 1/4" seam allowance.

Work slowly.

Curved seams require patience.

After sewing:

Clip the seam allowance slightly if necessary.

Press the seam toward the navy frame.

Your circular quilt block is now complete.

H2: Step 6 – Attach the Inner Border

Take the olive green border strips.

Attach one strip to each side of the circular block.

Sew opposite sides first.

Press.

Trim if necessary.

Then sew the remaining two sides.

Press all seams outward toward the border.

Your square should now measure approximately:

$11\frac{5}{8}" \times 11\frac{5}{8}"$ (29.6 × 29.6 cm)

Check that the circle remains centered.

H2: Step 7 – Attach the Outer Border

Sew the floral border strips around the inner border.

Again:

Attach opposite sides first.

Press.

Attach the remaining two sides.

Square the block carefully.

Final size should measure:

13" × 13" (33 × 33 cm)

Trim only if necessary.

Maintaining accurate measurements ensures the binding fits perfectly.

H2: Step 8 – Build the Quilt Sandwich 🧺

Prepare the three layers.

Bottom:

Backing fabric

Middle:

Cotton batting

Top:

Completed appliqué wall hanging

Lay everything flat.

Smooth away wrinkles.

Secure using safety pins or temporary spray adhesive.

The layers should remain completely flat before quilting.

H2: Step 9 – Quilt the Wall Hanging 🧵

Quilt as desired.

Popular quilting ideas include:

- **Echo quilting around the bird**
- **Echo quilting around the circular frame**

- Leaf vein quilting
- Background swirl quilting
- Straight-line quilting
- Free-motion quilting

Begin quilting near the center.

Gradually work toward the outer edges.

This minimizes fabric shifting.

After quilting:

Trim excess batting and backing evenly.

H2: Step 10 – Add the Binding 🎀

Prepare binding strips.

Join them into one continuous strip.

Press the strip lengthwise with wrong sides together.

Attach the binding around all four sides.

Miter each corner neatly.

Fold the binding to the back.

Hand stitch or machine stitch to finish.

Give the project one final pressing.

Your appliqué wall hanging is now complete.

Professional Tips ★

- Prewash fabrics only if you expect future shrinkage.
- Use quilting cotton for the best results.
- Press after every seam.
- Keep seam allowances consistent.

- Replace rotary blades regularly.
- Use fine pins for curved seams.
- Organize appliqué pieces before removing paper backing.
- Test stitch settings on fabric scraps first.
- Use matching thread for nearly invisible stitching.
- Take your time during the circular construction.

Care Instructions

- Hand wash or use a gentle machine cycle.
- Cold water only.
- Mild detergent.
- Do not bleach.
- Lay flat to dry.
- Iron on the cotton setting if needed.
- Store flat or hang using a quilt sleeve.

Congratulations!

You have completed your Bird in Circle Appliqué Wall Hanging. By carefully following each step—from cutting and preparing the appliqué pieces to assembling the borders, quilting, and binding—you've created a beautiful handmade decoration with a professional finish. Whether displayed in your home or given as a thoughtful gift, this timeless project showcases the beauty of appliqué and quilting while celebrating the joy of handcrafted sewing. Happy quilting!  