BIRDS OF PARADISE
by Susan Vaughan

FEATURING:
Lady Bird
by Crystal Manning

INGREDIENTS

6" BLOCK
FROM FABRIC 1, CUT:
* {A} (8) 1½" squares
* {B} (4) 2" squares
FROM FABRIC 2, CUT:
* {C} (2) 3½" squares cut in half along the diagonal*
FROM FABRIC 3, CUT:
* {D} (2) 2¼" squares - cut in half along the diagonal*
FROM FABRIC 4, CUT:
* {A} (4) 1½" squares
FROM FABRIC 5, CUT:
* {E} (1) 2½" square
FROM BACKGROUND FABRIC, CUT:
* {B} (4) 2" squares
* {A} (4) 2½" squares
* {F} (4) 1½" x 2½" rectangles

12" BLOCK
FROM FABRIC 1, CUT:
* {A} (8) 2½" squares
* {B} (4) 3" squares
FROM FABRIC 2, CUT:
* {C} (2) 5¼" squares cut in half along the diagonal*
FROM FABRIC 3, CUT:
* {D} (2) 4" squares - cut in half along the diagonal*
FROM FABRIC 4, CUT:
* {A} (4) 2½" squares
FROM FABRIC 5, CUT:
* {E} (1) 4½" square
FROM BACKGROUND FABRIC, CUT:
* {B} (4) 3" squares
* {A} (4) 2½" squares
* {F} (4) 2½" x 4½" rectangles

*oversized for trimming

YIELD 6" or 12" block
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STEP 1. MAKE FLYING GEESE
Draw a diagonal line on the back of (A) background squares. With right sides together, layer one (A) square on the top right corner of an (F) rectangle. Sew on the line, trim, and press out. Repeat on the opposite corner to form a flying geese unit.

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STEP 2. MAKE HALF SQUARE TRIANGLES
Draw a line on the back of (B) background squares. With right sides together, layer one Fabric 1 (B) square with background square. Sew ¼” on each side of marked lines. Cut along the diagonal line. Press to the darker fabric and trim squares to 2½” square (for 12” block) or 1½” square (for 6” block).

Repeat to make (8) half square triangles.

STEP 3. MAKE CENTER
Draw a diagonal line on the back of (A) squares. With right sides together, layer one (A) square on the top right corner of a (E) square. Sew on the line, trim, and press out. Repeat on remaining 3 corners.

Attach (D) triangles to the sides of the unit created above. Once all four triangles are added, trim block to ¼" beyond the point. My squares measure approximately 6 1/8” square for the 12” block and 3 3/8” square for the 6” block. Your measurements will vary depending on your seam allowance. The ¼” seam allowance is more important than the actual measurement.

Attach (C) triangles to the sides of the unit created in above. Once all four triangles are added, trim block to 8 ¼” (for 12” block) or 4.5” (for 6” block). Your ¼” seam allowance might be slightly larger than ¼” but this will ensure your block comes out to the proper size when finished.
STEP 4. ASSEMBLE BLOCK

Arrange units according to block diagram. Sew units into rows, and sew rows together to form block. Press seams open to create a flatter block. Block measures 12½” unfinished or 6½” unfinished.

BIRDS OF PARADISE - BONUS!

4” or 6” FUSSY CUTTING BLOCK

Lady Bird has so many beautiful prints that are just perfect for fussy cutting. These Fussy Cut Blocks are the perfect complement to add as a filler block to any of your quilts - interesting yet don’t take away from your main blocks. Start with a 2 ½” or a 3 ½” square and build your block from there!

Cutting Instructions:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Color</th>
<th>4” finished block</th>
<th>6” finished block</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>White</td>
<td>2 ½” square [a]</td>
<td>3 ½” square [a]</td>
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<tr>
<td>Blue</td>
<td>(2) 2 ¾” squares cut in half along the diagonal [b]*</td>
<td>(2) 3 ½” squares cut in half along the diagonal [b]*</td>
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<tr>
<td>Red</td>
<td>(2) 3 ½” squares cut in half along the diagonal [c]*</td>
<td>(2) 4 ½” squares cut in half along the diagonal [c]*</td>
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*oversized to allow for trimming

Block Assembly:

Step 1: Attach [b] triangles to the four sides of [a]. Press out. Once all four triangles are added, trim block to ¾” beyond the point. My blocks measure approximately 4 ¾” for the 6” block and 3 3/8” for the 4” block. Your measurements will vary depending on your seam allowance. The ¼” seam allowance is more important than the actual measurement.

Step 2: Attach [c] triangles to the four sides of the unit created in Step 1. Press out. Once all four triangles are added, trim block to 4 ½” or 6 ½”.