

Bird and Basket

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Inspired by an antique French fabric panel, our *Bird and Basket* come to life with a multi-media rendering. Wool appliqué will be enhanced with velvet and ribbon flowers and embroidery, and you can even use a vintage doily for your basket to rest on if you wish. We will learn several methods for wool appliqué, as well as the simple embroidery stitches to embellish it, including the bird's luxurious tail feathers.

Skill level: Advanced beginner to advanced

Required ribbon kit fee: \$35—includes ½ yard of 1.5"-wide wired ribbon, ¾ yard of 2"-wide silk bias ribbon, 2 packages of Painters Threads 7mm silk ribbon, 14 inches of 1"-wide bias silk ribbon, 10 inches of velvet ribbon, The Thread Gatherer Aurora thread, beads, and pattern with instructions.

Optional kits:

- Wool (10 colors) **\$9** [Does not include doily]
- Thread by Weeks DyeWorks (4 flosses, 1 pearl cotton #5, 2 pearl cotton #8) **\$20**

- Complete kit: cotton, wool, thread, ribbon, beads, & pattern **\$60** (does not include background or doily)

Basic sewing supplies needed:

- Thread for appliqué (*fine cotton, silk, or poly—we use Aurifil 50 or 80 wt cotton or Invisafil 100 wt*) to match fabrics
- Strong thread for ruching and basting (40-50 wt cotton or polyester)
- Needles: appliqué, #22 chenille, large milliners needles (size 1 or 3)*
- Scissors: sharp embroidery scissors, paper scissors, & junk scissors for cutting wired ribbon
- Straight pins
- Sewline Trio (or your favorite marking pencil)*
- Tweezers*
- Small ruler
- Paperbacked fusible web
- Freezer paper
- Teflon pressing sheet*

*Items available for purchase



Our basket sits atop a vintage doily, but you could use a piece of wool, if you wish.

Materials needed for block:

Cotton—

- 18"x20" background fabric
- Crocheted doily, 6-7" in diameter

Wool—

- Greens (variety of 3): 6.5"x3.5", 2"x6", 4" sq.
- Oranges (2): Light 2"x6", Dark 2.5"x4"
- Gold 2.5"x3.5"
- Reds 5"x5" OR 2"x5" for bird and 3"x3" for poppy
- Brown 5"x6"
- Teal 2" sq.
- *Optional: if not using a doily: White 2"x7"*

Threads—

- Floss: yellow green, light variegated green, taupe, crimson, and teal to match bird
- Pearl cotton #8: variegated green and tan/brown
- Pearl cotton #5: variegated brown



Roses with two different ribbon techniques



Velvet blooms with faceted beads add elegance.



This colorful bird has such luxurious tail feathers!



Embroidered hand-dyed silk ribbon blooms



Poppy with dimensional center



Wool and silk rosebuds