

Puzzle Block

Shop Hop Block 2020

Finished Size 12 ½"



We called this the Puzzle Block because you can move the 4 squares inside the block around to get a variety of results in your finished quilt. Play with the block to see what you can create. We selected the Cedar Waxwing for our sample block because it is a beautiful bird that has graced our backyard each spring. We have a particular bush in our yard that has red berries that the Cedar Waxwings love. Last year the birds did not even wait until they were fully ripened before they converged on the bush. I was up to a count of 13 before they moved around so much that I lost count! What makes it even more special is that the bush is right up against the house so I am only about a foot away as I watch these wonderful birds!

Cutting Instructions: For each block:

Bird Print: Cut (2) 2 ½" Squares.

Bird Sashing: Using one or two coordinating prints: Cut (2) 2 ½"x4 ½" Rectangles
and (2) 2 ½"x6 ½" Rectangles.

Background Fabric: Cut (4) 2 ½" Squares and (4) 2 ½"x4 ½" Rectangles.

Coordinating Prints: Cut (6) 2 ½" Squares.

Block Construction:

1. Make (2) 4 patch squares using the 2 ½" squares of background and coordinating prints.
2. Using the photo above for placement, add a 2 ½"x4 ½" rectangle to the side of the 4 patch.
3. Add 2 ½" coordinating fabric square to the end of a 2 ½"x4 ½" background rectangle.
4. Sew the segments of step one to step 2 to make (2) 6 ½" squares.
5. Add the 2 coordinating sashing pieces to the bird prints to make (2) 6 ½" squares.
6. Now sew the (4) 6 ½" squares together to make a 12 ½" unfinished square.

A Straight Stitch

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