

A Summer to Crow About

2014 Row by Row Experience

The Quilt Rack

Our spunky little blackbird has just broke free from the pie and is proudly marching across the flag with his banner proclaiming his love for Summer! Our fun-filled Row by Row Experience pattern includes a little piecing, a little hand embroidery, a little machine applique and just enough wool applique to add that homespun appeal.

Use as a finished 9" row for your quilt-or add our optional borders for a sassy table runner-it is sure to be

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Fabrics for row:

- 4-Fat 1/8th yards blue for star backgrounds
- 4-Fat 1/8th yards cream for stars
- 6" x WOF beige for stripes
- 1/4" red for stripes

Fabrics for applique:

- 9 x 3 grey pie tin
- 8 x 3 tan pie top
- 10 x 3 tan print pie crust
- Fat 1/8 muslin

- 6 x 2 brown print flag pole
- 6 x 8 black wool
- 4 x 2 1/2 wool plaid
- 4 1/2 x 3 pink wool
- 9 x 20" fusible fleece

Turn me into a sassy little runner:

- 5/8 yard border & binding
- 5/8 yard prairie points

- 1/2 yard backing fabric
- 16 x 42" batting

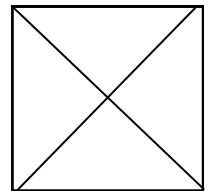
Lets create the stars:

From each blue fabric cut:

- * (4) 1 5/8" squares
- * (1) 3 1/2" squares

From each blue 3 1/2" squares you will cut on the diagonal twice

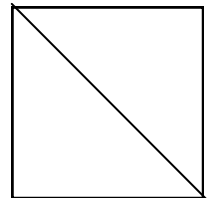
This is a 1/4 square triangle.



From each cream fabric cut:

- * (1) 2 3/4" square
- * (4) 2" squares

From each cream 2" square you will cut on the diagonal once. This is a 1/2 square triangle.



Sew with a scant 1/4" seam cream 1/2 square triangles to each side of the blue 1/4 square triangle to form star points. You will make 4 of these units for each star.

Sew 2 rows with 1 star point unit with the 1 5/8" blue squares on each side.

Sew 1 row with 2 3/4" cream square with a star point units on each side.

Each star should measure 5". Sew the four star units together. This unit should measure 9 1/2" square.



Now lets make the stripes:

From the red fabric cut:

* (2) 2 1/4" x 27 1/2" pieces

* (1) 2 1/2" x 27 1/2" piece

From the beige fabric cut:

* (2) 2 1/4' x 27 1/2" pieces

Sew alternating colors with the 2 1/2" red stripe as the center stripe.



Sew the two sections together to measure 9 1/2" x 36 1/2"

Now lets do the hand embroidery:

Trace letters to spell Summer on muslin. Space each piece to allow for banner shape. Iron the fusible fleece to backside and embroider with backstitch in thread color of choice. We used a light golden brown. After embroidering cut banner shape around each letter. When placed with other applique stitch them on by machine about 1/8" inside. Embroider the thread that holds the banner together.

Applique is the best:

Trace the applique pieces on fusible web. Press to the wrong side of fabric then cut on lines. Arrange per picture and machine applique in place with matching thread.

Wool applique:

Fuse traced pieces to wool and cut on lines. Arrange wool pieces per picture and hand blanket stitch with matching thread. Use perle cotton, floss or wool thread. This is a great time to experiment with new threads.

For Runner:

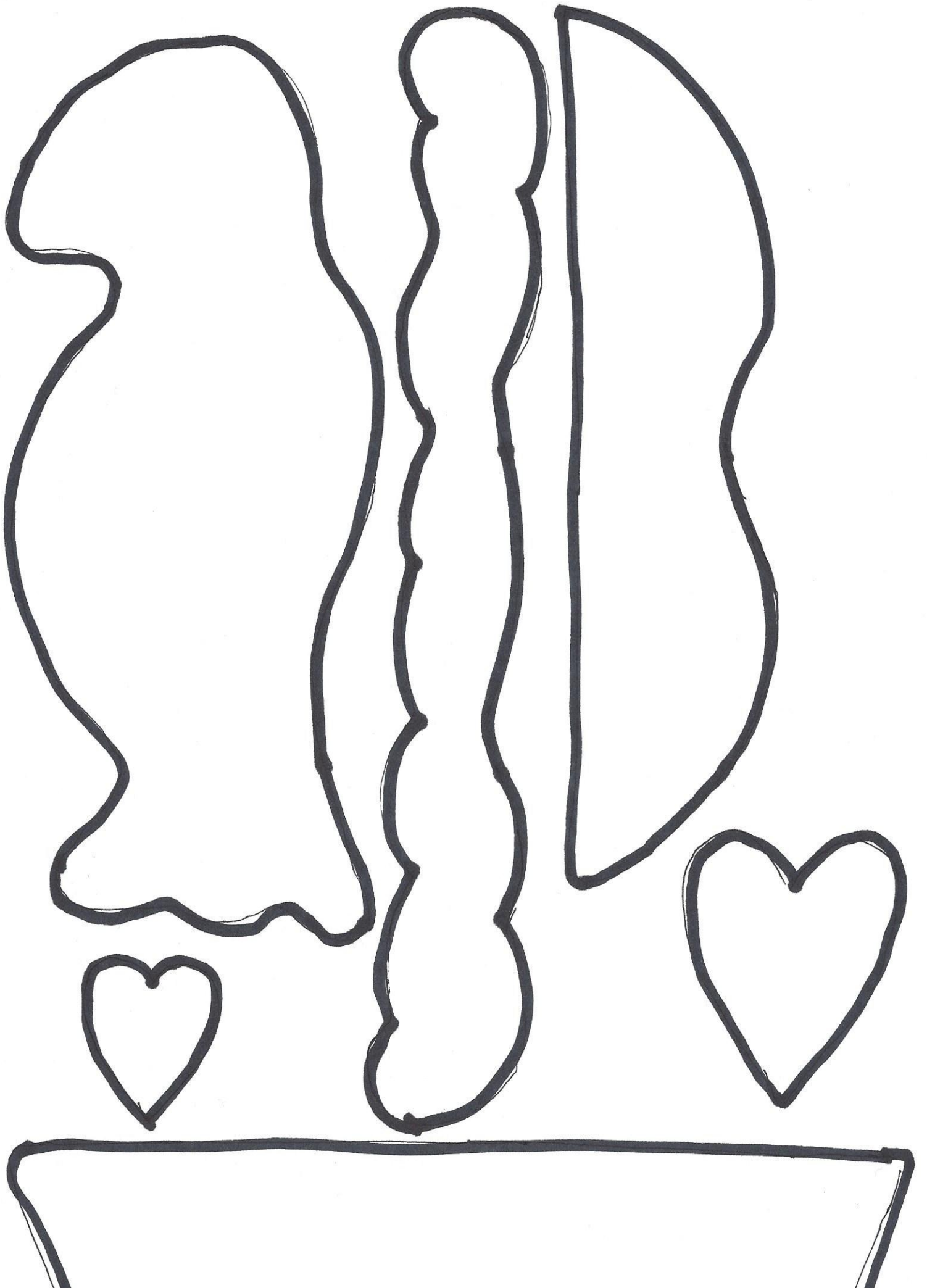
Cut (42) 4" squares for prairie points. Arrange in double pattern 17 on long sides and 4 on short ends. Stay stitch in place.

Borders:

Cut (3) 3 1/2" strips for borders. Attach long sides then ends.

Binding:

(3) 2 1/2" strips





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