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**Bird Song quilt pattern, featuring Nature's Poetry by Chad Barrett**

Quilt designed by Jean Ann Wright

**Quilt size:** 72" x 86"**Block size:** 12"

<b>Yardage</b>			<b>for Antique colorstory Quilt</b>	<b>for Vintage colorstory quilt</b>
Fabric A	blocks	1 panel	ACF-10893-200	ACF-10893-199
Fabric B	center block	2 yds	ACF-10894-199	ACF-10894-200
	borders			
Fabric C*	spacers, borders	7/8 yd	ACF-10895-238	ACF-10895-200
Fabric D	corner spacers	1-1/2 yds	ACF10899-66	ACF-10899-200
Fabric E	borders	1-1/2 yds	EKJ-10975-66	EKJ-10975-133
Fabric F	blocks, borders	1-1/2 yd	EYJ-5573-95	EYJ-5573-163
Fabric G	corner spacers	1 yd	EYJ-5573-78	EYJ-5573-184
Fabric H	spacers, borders	1-1/2 yds	EYJ-5573-175	EYJ-5573-175
	binding			
*Backing		5-1/4 yds	ACF-10895-238	ACF-10895-200

**Cutting**

- Fabric A Fussy cut (8) squares positioning your ruler a scant 1/4" on each side of the border for each print motif to cut out the squares at approximately 10-1/2" square
- Fabric B Cut (2) 5-1/2" x 64-1/2" length-wise strips for side borders. From remainder of fabric (about 30" wide), cut (5) 5-1/2" x wof strips; sew together end-to-end, then cut 2 strips 5-1/2" x 60" for top/bottom borders. Fussy Cut (8) 6-1/2" squares, with a bird in the center of each square.
- Fabric C Cut (4) 6-1/2" x wof strips, recut into (10) 6-1/2" x 12-1/2" spacers
- Fabric D Cut (3) strips 4-1/4" x wof, recut into (20) 4-1/4" square then cut each square in half on diagonal twice to make (80) quarter-square triangles. From remainder of 3rd strip Cut (2) 4" squares, cut each square in half on diagonal once to make (4) half-square triangles. Cut (8) 3-5/8" x wof strips, recut into (80) 3-5/8" squares
- Fabric E Cut (8) 5-1/2" x wof strips for outside borders, sew together end-to-end and cut (2) 5-1/2" x 90" borders and (2) 5-1/2" x 76" borders.
- Fabric F Cut (4) 2" x wof strips, recut into (16) 2" x 10-1/2" strips  
Cut (6) 2" x wof strips, recut into (16) 2" x 13-1/2" pieces  
Cut (3) 3-1/2" x wof strips, recut into (32) 3-1/2" squares  
Cut (9) 1-1/2" x wof strips, sew together end-to-end then recut into (4) 1-1/2" x 48-1/2" horizontal borders and (2) 1-1/2" x 64-1/2" vertical borders
- Fabric G Cut (8) 3-5/8" x wof strips, recut into (80) 3-5/8" squares
- Fabric H Cut (8) 1-1/2" x wof strips, sew together end-to-end and cut (2) 1-1/2" x 90" borders and (2) 1-1/2" x 76" borders. Cut (4) 3-1/2" x wof strips, recut into (40) 3-1/2" squares. Cut (8) 2-1/2" x wof strips for binding.

**Backing:** Cut the backing into two equal pieces and sew together selvedge to selvedge. Trim to 4" larger all around than quilt top.

**Sewing Note:** This quilt is designed with the Circle of Nine setting using spacers instead of sashings to connect the blocks.

#### Block Assembly

1. **Print square blocks:** Sew a 2" x 10-1/2" fabric F strip to opposite sides of a fabric A print square. Center and sew a 2" x 13" fabric F to the top and bottom of a fabric A print squares. Press seams. Center the fabric A print square and trim the block to 12-1/2" x 12-1/2".
2. **Square in a square units:** Position a 3-1/2" fabric F square in opposite corners of an 6-1/2" fabric B square. Sew on the diagonal and trim 1/4" from the stitching line. Fold triangles out and press. Repeat in remaining two corners. Make 8 square in a square units. Set four aside for borders.
3. **Center block:** Sew together four square in a square units to make one 12-1/2" x 12-1/2" block.
4. **Center spacer units:** Using the same method to make the units in step 2, position and sew a 3-1/2" fabric H square in each corner of a 6-1/2" x 12-1/2" fabric C rectangle to stitch corner triangles in the spacer and border units. Make 10.
5. **Corner spacer units:** Sew 3-5/8" fabric G squares to quarter-square fabric D triangles and half-square fabric D triangles to make four 6-1/2" x 12-1/2" corner spacer units and four 6-1/2" x 18-1/2" corner spacer units.
6. **Quilt center assembly:** Sew an outside row to each side of the center row to complete the quilt center.
7. Sew a block with corner spacer units to the top and bottom of a block with a center spacer unit to make the left block and spacer row of the quilt center. Repeat in reverse order to make the right block and spacer row of the quilt center.
8. **Outside rows:** Watching orientation of blocks and corner spacer units, sew a center spacer unit to the inside of two of the print square blocks. Sew a 6-1/2" x 12-1/2" corner spacer to one side of the remaining four print square blocks. Sew the remaining 6-1/2" x 18-1/2" spacer units to the top of two of the blocks and to the bottom of the other two blocks.
9. **Center row:** Sew a 6-1/2" x 12-1/2" F/H spacer unit to top and bottom of the center block made in step 3. Sew a print square block from step 1 to the top and bottom of the spacers to complete the center row.

Quilt Assembly (refer to Quilt Assembly diagram for block and spacer placement)

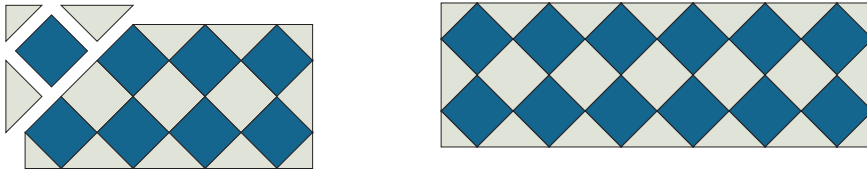
10. Top/bottom borders: Referring to the quilt assembly diagram, sew 2 square in a square units and 3 center spacer units to sew a border row. Make 2 border rows. Sew a fabric F 1-1/2" x 48-1/2" border strip to the top and bottom of the border rows. Sew these border units to the top and bottom of the quilt center. Sew a 1-1/2" x 64-1/2" fabric F border strip to opposite sides of the quilt center.
11. Sew a 5-1/2" x 64-1/2" fabric B length-wise border to opposite sides of the quilt center. Sew a 5-1/2" x 60-1/2" horizontal border to the top and bottom of the quilt center.
12. Sew a 1-1/2" x 76" Fabric H border to the top and bottom of the quilt center. Trim excess.

#### Finishing the Quilt

Layer the quilt backing fabric, batting and quilt top. Baste the layers together. Hand or machine quilt as desired. Bind to finish the quilt.

13. Sew a 5-1/2" x 76 fabric E border to each side of the quilt top and sew a 5-1/2" x 90" fabric E border to top and bottom of quilt top, mitering corners.

Diagram 2



Assembly Diagram

