

Quilting Basics: Budgies on a Twig

Original Pattern: *Budgies* by Lorna McMahon (Sew Fresh Quilts)

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Fabric Requirements – all materials except batting are quilting cotton which are available locally at Esther's Fabric in Winslow and Sherry's Cozy Quilts in Poulsbo. This quilt is Fat Quarter friendly and can be a great use of your existing stash. Choose a color pallet that fits your style, fabric purchase requirements below assume smallest cut from a fabric shop is either a Fat Quarter or 1/8th yard.

- Background Fabric: 1 ¼ yard (Great options are a low-contrast batik, solid, or blender fabric that "reads" as a solid.)
- Bird Body & Tail – Choose three colors, Fat Quarter or ¼ yard. **stash-buster fat 1/8th of each color*
- Bird Wing & Tail - Choose three colors, Fat Quarter or 1/8th yard. **stash-buster fat 1/8th of each color*
- Bird Face – Choose three colors, Fat Quarter or 1/8th yard. **stash-buster 12" X 12" swatch of each color.*
- Beak and Feet – One color, Fat Quarter or 1/8th yard. **stash-buster 15" X 5" swatch*
- Stick – One color, Fat Quarter or 1/8th yard. **stash-buster 20" X 6" swatch* (Great options are a low-contrast batik, solids, or irregular stipes.)
- Black – ½ yard, used for binding the quilt and the eyes. (solid, dark batik, dark tonal or black-on-black fabrics are great options)
- Quilt Backing - 1 1/4 yard. Go wild, this can be anything!
- Quilt Batting - You will need a piece that is 36" X 40". Mid-loft 100% cotton or 80/20 Cotton/Poly are good options.
- Swatch of blue and pink fabric (6"x6") for the top portion of the beak (see photo). Alternative: You can use some of the bird body or wing body for these pieces.
- Spool of good quality quilting-weight cotton thread. I use Aurifil 50wt; other options available locally include Superior So Fine, King Tut, and Mettler. Ask at your local quilt shop.