# Backyard Birdhouses

Featuring the "Housing Boom" collection by Tracy Lizotte for Elizabeth's Studio

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Finished Size: 53" x 53"

*General Information*

- Skill Level: *Confident Beginner*
- Please read all instructions before beginning.
- All seams are sewn with a 1/4" seam allowance.
- Pre-washing is not recommended.
- WOF = Width of Fabric is based on 42".
- Press all seams open (unless directed otherwise) to decrease bulk.
- Finished Blocks are 9" square.
- Label all pieces when cut for easier construction.
- There are several borders. Label all Borders for easier construction. The Borders are sewn from the INSIDE out.

Fabric Requirements and Cutting

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| 1 Panel | Fabric A (Tree) |
| 1 Panel | Fabric B (Birdhouses) |
| 1-1/2 Yards | Fabric C (Red Tone) *** |
| 5/8 Yard | Fabric D (Birdhouse Print) |
| 1-1/4 Yards | Fabric E (Dark Blue Tone) |
| 5/8 Yard | Fabric F (Birds) |
| 3/8 Yard | Fabric G (Light Blue Tone) |

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| Backing | 3-1/2 Yards or 4 Yards if using a directional print. If using WIDE Backing you will need 2 Yards. |
| 59" x 59" | Batting |
| *** | Includes Binding |

Step 1: Cutting the Fabric

1. Fabric A (Tree Panel) – Fussy Cut (1) 17-1/2" square – Center.
2. Fabric B (Birdhouse Panel) – Fussy Cut (16) 4-1/2" x 5-1/2" rectangles – Blocks A and B.
3. Fabric C (Red Tone) – Cut as follows:
   a. Cut (2) strips at 1-1/2" x WOF – Sub-cut into (2) 1-1/2" x 17-1/2" rectangles (Left and Right Sides) and (2) 1-1/2" x 19-1/2" rectangles (Top and Bottom) - Border 1.
   b. Cut (3) strips at 7-3/4" x WOF – Sub-cut into (64) 1-1/4" x 7-3/4" rectangles – Blocks A and B. *Note: There is a little bit of waste to ensure that the outer tips of the block are maintained when squaring.*
   c. Cut (5) strips at 1-1/2" x WOF – Join all the 1-1/2" edges then sub-cut into (2) 47-1/2" x 1-1/2" rectangles (Top and Bottom) and (2) 1-1/2" x 45-1/2" rectangles (Left and Right Sides) – Border 5.
   d. Cut (6) strips at 2-1/2" x WOF – Join all the 2-1/2" edges for the Binding.
4. Fabric D (Birdhouse Print) – Cut (2) strips at 3-1/2" x 22-1/2" along the selvage edge then fussy-trim to measure 3-1/2" x 19-1/2" rectangles (Left and Right Sides) – Border 2. From the remaining WOF which is approximately 35" cut (2) strips at 3-1/2" x WOF – Fussy-cut into (2) 25-1/2" x 3-1/2" rectangles (Top and Bottom) – Border 2.
5. Fabric E (Dark Blue Tone) – Cut as follows:
   a. Cut (4) strips at 1-1/2" x WOF – Sub-cut into (2) 1-1/2" x 25-1/2" rectangles (Left and Right Sides) and (2) 27-1/2" x 1-1/2" rectangles (Top and Bottom) – Border 3.
   b. Cut (1) strip at 6-1/4" x WOF – Sub-cut into (4) 6-1/4" squares then cross-cut TWICE to yield (16) Large Triangles (Left and Right Sides) – Block A.
   c. Cut (1) strip at 5-1/4" x WOF – Sub-cut into (4) 5-1/4" squares then cross-cut TWICE to yield (16) Small Triangles (Top and Bottom) – Block A.
   d. Cut (6) strips at 3-1/4" x WOF – Join all the 3-1/4" edges then sub-cut into (2) 3-1/4" x 47-1/2" rectangles (Left and Right Sides) and (2) 53" x 3-1/4" rectangles (Top and Bottom) – Border 6.

*Note: The Birds (Fabric E) are a directional print so there are REGULAR and MIRROR triangles needed. Be careful when cutting to ensure that the proper direction is achieved.*

6. Fabric F (Birds) – Cut (4) strips at 4-1/2" x WOF – Sub-cut into (32) 4-1/2" squares then cross-cut once to yield (32) REGULAR triangles and (32) MIRROR triangles as illustrated in Example A – Blocks A and B.
7. Fabric G (Light Blue Tone) – Cut as follows:
   a. Cut (1) strips at 6-1/4" x WOF – Sub-cut into (4) 6-1/4" squares then cross-cut TWICE to yield (16) Large Triangles (Left and Right Sides) – Block B.
   b. Cut (1) strip at 5-1/4" x WOF – Sub-cut into (4) 5-1/4" squares then cross-cut TWICE to yield (16) Small Triangles (Top and Bottom) – Block B.

Example A

Regular Mirror

Step 2 – Sewing Block A

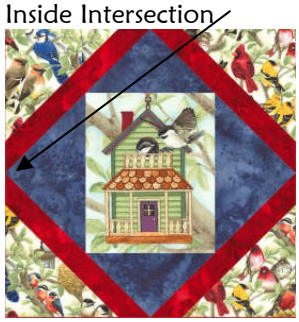
*Note: Refer to the illustration of the Finished Block as a guide when constructing the block.*

8. Center and sew the LONG EDGE of (1) Fabric E Large Triangle to each 5-1/2" edge (left and right sides) of (1) Fabric B 4-1/2" x 5-1/2" rectangles.
9. Center and sew the LONG EDGE of (1) Fabric E Small Triangle to each 4-1/2" edge (top and bottom) – Square to 6-7/8.
10. Center and sew (1) Fabric C 1-1/4" x 7-3/4" rectangle to all four edges.
11. Center and sew the LONG EDGE of (1) Fabric F REGULAR triangle to the upper left and lower right corners.
12. Center and sew the LONG EDGE of (1) Fabric F MIRROR triangle to the upper right and lower left corners to finish the block. Square the block to 9-1/2" by trimming a ¼" seam allowance past the inside intersections of Fabric C.
13. Repeat Instructions No. 8 through 12 (7) more times to make a total of (8) – Label "Block A" and set aside for use later.

Finished Blocks

Block A

Inside Intersection



Step 3 – Sewing Block B

14. Block B is sewn exactly the same as Block A except replace Fabric E with Fabric G as illustrated in the Finished Block – Make (8) of Block B. Label "Block B" and set aside for use later.

Block B

*Note: From this point forward refer to the illustration of the Finished Quilt on the Cover as a guide when sewing on all the Borders.*

Step 4 – Sewing Border 1, 2, and 3

15. Sew (1) Fabric C 1-1/2" x 17-1/2" rectangle to the left and right sides of (1) Fabric A 17-1/2" square, then sew (1) Fabric C 19-1/2" x 1-1/2" rectangle to the top and bottom to finish Border 1 at 19-1/2" square.
16. Sew (1) Fabric D 3-1/2" x 19-1/2" rectangle to the left and right sides, then sew (1) 25-1/2" x 3-1/2" rectangle to the top and bottom to finish Border 2 at 25-1/2" square.
17. Sew (1) Fabric E 1-1/2" x 25-1/2" rectangle to the left and right sides, then sew (1) Fabric E 27-1/2" x 1-1/2" rectangle to the top and bottom to finish Border 3 at 27-1/2" square.

Step 5 – Border 4 (Blocks A and B)

18. Sew (3) blocks together, Block B, Block A, Block B from top to bottom to measure 9-1/2" x 27-1/2" – Make (2) and sew to the LEFT and RIGHT SIDES.
19. Sew (5) blocks together, Block A, Block B, Block A, Block B, Block A from left to right to measure 45-1/2" x 9-1/2" – Make (2) and sew to the TOP and BOTTOM to finish Border 4 at 45-1/2" square.

Step 6 – Borders 5 and 6

20. Sew (1) Fabric C 1-1/2" x 45-1/2" rectangle to the left and right sides, then sew (1) Fabric C 47-1/2" x 1-1/2" rectangle to the top and bottom to finish Border 5 at 47-1/2" square.
21. Sew (1) Fabric E 3-1/4" x 47-1/2" rectangle to the left and right sides, then sew (1) Fabric E 53" x 3-1/4" rectangle to the top and bottom to finish the quilt top at 53" square.

Step 7 – Finishing the Quilt

*Note about Backing:*

*You may use a 2 yards piece of wide backing. Or if using 42" to 44" wide fabric, cut (2) backing pieces at 1-3/4 yards by WOF, and the seam will be horizontal. If using directional print, cut (2) backing pieces at 2 yards by WOF, and the seam will be vertical. Sew the SELVAGE edges together using a 1" seam then trim the selvage off and press to one side.*

22. Layer the backing, batting, and quilt top and quilt as desired.
23. Using the Fabric C 2-1/2" strips sew on the binding to finish the quilt.