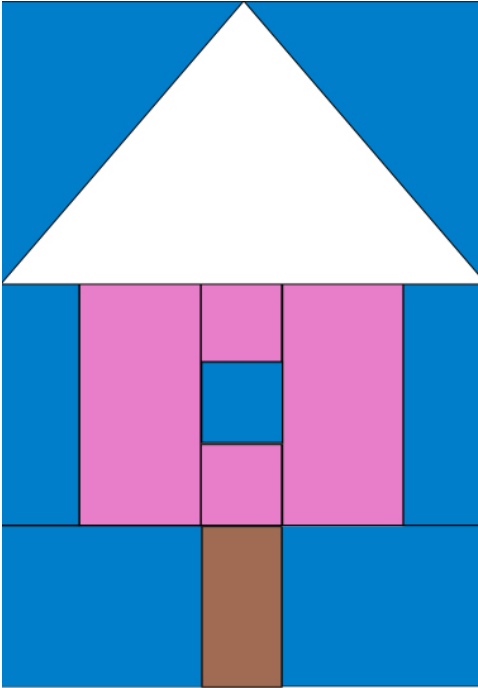


## Bird House

*This pattern is intended for beginners. More advanced quilters will no doubt take a look at the block and at the fabric requirements and cutting directions and be able to bang it right out.*



The finished size of the block will measure 6" by 8" (or 6½" x 8½" unfinished). Information on making a quilt with multiple blocks appears after the instructions on how to make the block itself.

### Fabric Requirements and Cutting

*You will need 4 fabrics per block: roof fabric, house fabric, "pole" fabric and a background fabric.*

#### Roof Fabric:

1 – 3½" x 6½" rectangle

**House Fabric:** *(These will fit in a 5" square if you have "nickels" you want to use up.)*

2 – 1½" x 1½" squares

2 – 2" x 3½" rectangles

#### Pole Fabric:

1 – 1½" x 2½" rectangles

**Background Fabric:** *(This will fit in a 3½" x 16½" strip (recommended) or a 10" square)*

1 – 1½" square

2 – 3½" squares

2 – 1½" x 3½" rectangles

2 – 2½" x 3" rectangles

**A note about fabric:** *This pattern is a good way to use those 5" "nickel" squares since each square will make one bird house (with a bit extra.)*

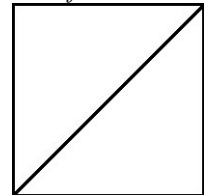
### Construction

This block is really very easy. To make it, we will break it into 3 units: the roof, the house itself, and the pole the house sits on.)

#### Roof Unit

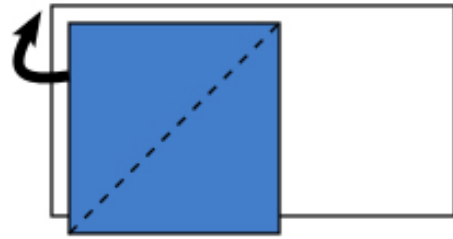
*You will need the 3½" x 6½" rectangle of roof fabric, and the two 3½" squares of background fabric.*

1. Draw a diagonal line from one corner to the opposite on the back of each of the 3½" squares of background fabric.



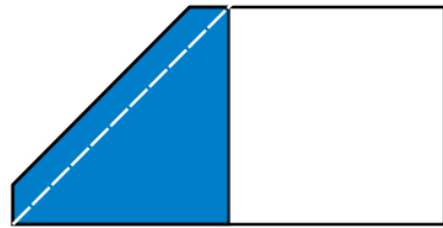
2. Lay the roof fabric face up your work surface.

3. Lay one of the squares of background fabric face down on your work surface. The top and left edges should align and the diagonal line you drew should start at the bottom left and ends near the top middle.



4. Sew on the line.

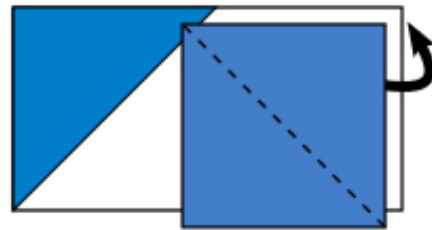
5. Cut the fabric 1/4" towards the corner. You will end up with a partially completed roof unit and two unattached triangles (set the triangles aside or throw them away!)



6. Press open.

7. Lay the roof unit face up on your work surface with the background triangle on the upper left.

8. Lay the second background square face down on the roof unit so the top and right edges are aligned and the diagonal line you drew start at the bottom right and ends near the top middle.



9. Sew on the line.

10. Cut the fabric 1/4" towards the corner. You will end up with a completed roof unit and two unattached triangles (Again, set the triangles aside or throw them away.)



11. Press open.

*If you are planning on making multiple blocks: You may have noticed that the roof is a "flying goose" block. There are a number of easy ways to make multiple flying geese in multiples of four. You can look these up on the Internet or you can continue to make them one by one.*

## House Unit

*You will need one 1 1/2" square of the background fabric, two 1 1/2" x 3 1/2" rectangles of background fabric, two 1 1/2" squares of house fabric, and two 2" x 3 1/2" rectangles of house fabric to make one block.*

12. Sew the one 1 1/2" square of background fabric to one of the 1 1/2" squares of house fabric.

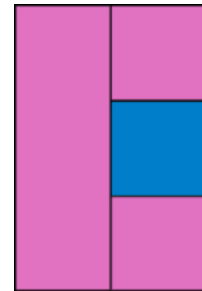


13. Sew the other  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " square of house fabric to the unit you made in the previous step.

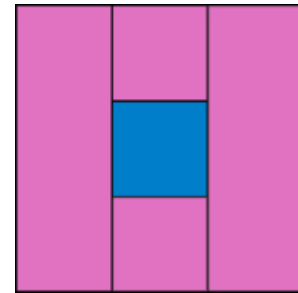
*You will be making a strip of house fabric – background fabric – house fabric as shown in the illustration.*



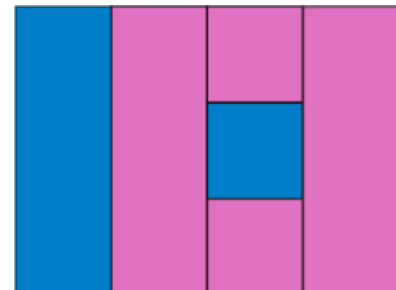
14. Sew one  $2$ " x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle of house fabric to one of the long sides of the unit you finished in the previous step.



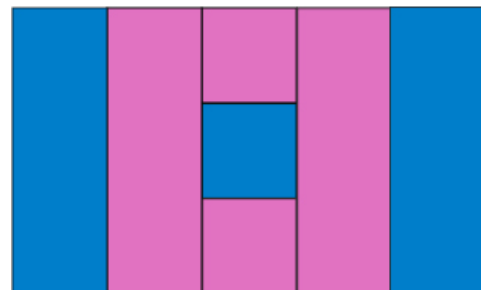
15. Sew one of the  $2$ " x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle of house fabric to the opposite side of the unit you completed in the previous step.



16. Sew one of the  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles of background fabric to the right side of the unit you completed in the previous step.



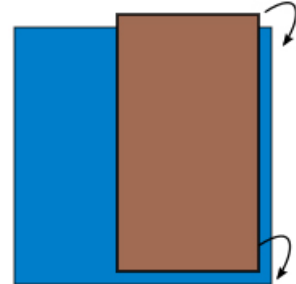
17. Sew one of the  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles of background fabric to the *left* side of the unit you completed in the previous step.



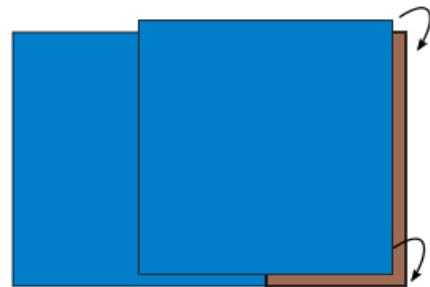
## Pole Unit

You can actually make the pole any length you wish. This is especially convenient if you want to make multiple blocks with the houses at different levels. To make the block as shown, will need one  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle of pole fabric, and two  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3" rectangles of background fabric.

18. Sew one of the  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3" rectangles of background fabric to the  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle of pole fabric, short sides together.



19. Sew the other of the  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3" rectangles of background fabric opposite side of the unit you completed in the previous step, short sides together.

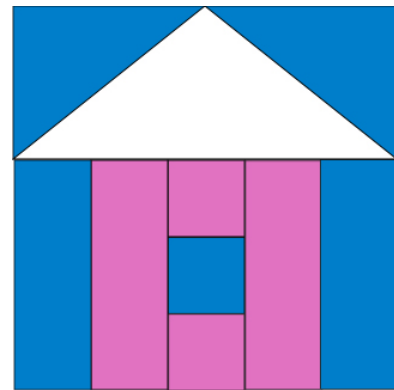


20. Press so the seams of the pole nest the seams of the center row of squares on the house unit.

## Finishing the Block

All units should now be complete.

21. Sew the roof unit to the top of the house unit. The background fabric will be "up" and the roof fabric will be next to the house unit.



22. Sew the pole unit to the bottom of the house unit. Be sure to center the pole itself (it should fit exactly in line with the center "hole" (background square) of the birdhouse).

**If you want to make the block square:** sew a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " strip of background fabric to each side of the birdhouse block.

**If you are making a row of houses:** You may want to add a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " strip between the bird houses to give a bit of space between them.

**Other suggestions:** you may want to make vary the pole length if you are sewing a row of these bird houses. Just remember to sew a strip of background fabric the  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " by the amount you are shortening the pole (plus  $\frac{1}{2}$ " for seam allowances!) to the top of the block.