



SNOWBIRD

JANUARY 2012 AURIFIL DESIGN TEAM PROJECT

... THINGS YOU'LL NEED ...

11x11" fabric for stitching
Aurifil 12 wt thread

- Red - 2260
- Variegated Brown - 4671
 - Gold - 2975
 - Turquoise - 4182
 - Lt Turquoise - 5006
- Variegated Turquoise - 4663
 - Black - 2692

8" embroidery hoop
Embroidery needles
Small scissors
Frixion marking pen, or other transfer tool
Lightbox
Fabric for sashing

... WHAT TO DO ...

1. Center the stitching fabric over the pattern and trace the design. Don't worry about small details, such as French Knots, or the fill-in stitches on the words, branch or snowflakes. Those can be done freehand.
2. All stitching is done with one strand of 12 wt thread with a knot at the end. Carefully knot off before moving to the next area. Trim ends short.
3. With a few exceptions, all embroidery is done with a backstitch.
4. Snowbird: Stitch the top of the S, B, and d with Lt Turquoise. Stitch the bottom of the S, B, d, and the remaining letters with Turquoise. Fill in the bottom parts of the letters with Variegated Turquoise, using uneven, slanted stitches, and following the flow of the letters.
5. Branch: Stitch with Variegated Brown. Fill in the branch with uneven, slanted stitches, following the curve of the branch.
6. Redbird: Outline the bird with Red. Stitch in the wing, then come back with slanted stitches for the feathers. Do the same for the tail. Use Gold and long stitches for the straw in the nest. Outline the beak with gold, then fill in with long stitches.
7. Large snowflake: Outline the snowflake with Variegated Turquoise. Outline the center circle with Lt Turquoise. With the same color, make long stitches on the stems of the snowflakes. Using Turquoise, make long stitches in the center of the circle, and all the French Knots, wrapping the thread around the needle twice.
8. Snowflake cluster: With Variegated Turquoise, use long stitches to stitch the legs of the snowflakes. Make a small stitch in the center to anchor the legs. Use Turquoise to make the stitches at the end of the legs, and the French Knots, wrapping once.
9. Random snowflakes: Use Variegated Turquoise and make French Knots, wrapping three times. Make the knots toward the bottom darker, and the ones toward the top lighter.
10. Carefully press the stitched piece when completed.

... FINISHING THE BLOCK ...

1. Trim the stitched piece to $6\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ ". Measure carefully from the center out to the cut edge.
2. Choose two different fabrics to sash the block.
3. From each fabric, cut the following pieces:
 - 2 – $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ "
 - 2 – $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ "
4. Sew the $3\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces from two different fabrics together along the $1\frac{1}{2}$ " side. Press toward the dark fabric. Do the same thing with the $4\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces.
5. Stitch the shorter sashing strips to the left and right of the stitched block. Press away from the center.
6. Stitch the remaining strips to the top and bottom, pressing away from the center.
7. Store carefully until you're ready to complete the wall hanging!



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Trace your design from this pattern.

You need to allow for a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance around the stitched design.
The stitched center should be cut to $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " but will finish at 6" x 6".

