



Redbird Quilt Co.
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August 2019 Aurifil Designer Block of the Month ~ Theme: Traditions

"Redbird Garden" Applique Block

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Traditions...

My love of gardening grew with the beautiful flower beds my mother nurtured when I was young.

My sisters and I continue mom's tradition of planting and caring for flowers, trees and shrubs.

It's the perfect way to attract birds to your home in every season.

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Unfinished Block Size: 12.5" x 12.5" ~ Finished Block Size: 12" x 12"

The Redbird Garden applique block was prepared with faux ruched flowers, 1/4" bias stems, varying size perfect circle berries, and paisley shaped needle turned leaves. The block is easily adaptable to raw edge or fused applique.

You'll find supporting tutorials for these techniques on my blog — visit:

<https://karensquiltscrowcardinals.blogspot.com> ==> Click "My Tutorials"

or visit: <http://bit.ly/RedbirdQuiltCoMyTutorials>

Materials:

- ◆ 13" square light colored background fabric
- ◆ 1 Fat Quarter Red
- ◆ 1 Fat Quarter Red Variation
- ◆ Clover Bias Tape Maker 1/4" (Optional)
- ◆ Karen Kay Buckley Perfect Circle Templates (Optional)
- ◆ Anita Shackelford Circular Ruching Guide (Optional)
- ◆ Aurifil 50wt and/or 80wt threads to complement your red fabrics
- ◆ Straw Needle ~ Starch ~ Marking Tools ~ Basting Thread or Pins

Supporting Redbird Quilt Co. Technique Tutorials:

[Faux Ruched Flower](#) ~ [Bias Stems](#)

[Perfect Circle Berries](#) ~ [Needle Turn Applique](#)



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Preparation:

Press the 13" square background fabric with starch and, to aid in applique placement, finger press a cross hair in the center. Once appliqued, the block will be trimmed to 12.5" square.

Using varying red fabrics:

- ◇ Prepare (3) Stems each 1/4" wide in 5", 10" & 12" lengths. Cutting the fabric on the bias enables an easier curved layout.
- ◇ Prepare (3) Faux Ruched Flowers in 2 & 3/4", 3" and 3 & 1/4" diameters. Each ruched flower will begin with a 7" fabric square. The flower can be shaped and sized before it is attached to the background fabric.
- ◇ Prepare (8-10) Berries sized 3/8" to 5/8" diameter.
- ◇ Prepare (4-5) leaves in varying sizes and orientation.
- ◇ NOTE: Reference links on Page 1 for detailed tutorials or see attached Applique Shapes.

Applique:

Using the Placement Diagram position the flower stems accordingly and baste with pins or thread. Attach using Aurifil 50wt or 80wt threads. Both weights work beautifully, but the 80wt thread is very fine and will more easily disappear into the fabric. The outside raw end of the stem will be stitched into the block seam, and the inside raw end will be covered with a flower. No need to fold or finish the ends.

Position the flowers per diagram and baste the perimeter with pins or thread. Secure the scallop edge to the background fabric using small tack stitches. The center of the flower will be puffy until it is tacked down. This step can be done after the scalloped edge is secured to the background fabric.

Position, baste and secure the leaves and berries to the background fabric using an Aurifil 50 or 80wt thread that complements the fabric color.

Trim block to 12.5" x 12.5"



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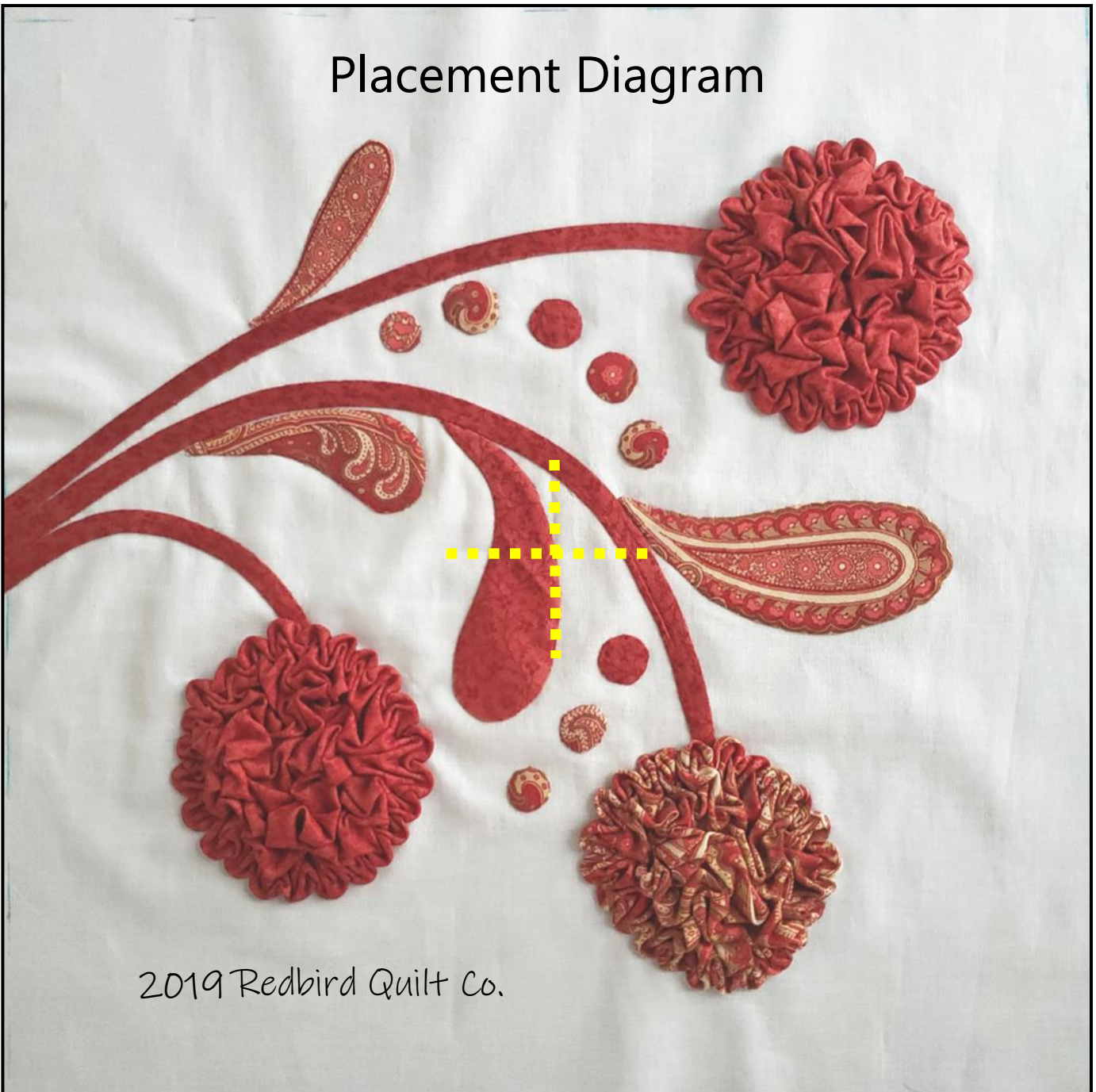


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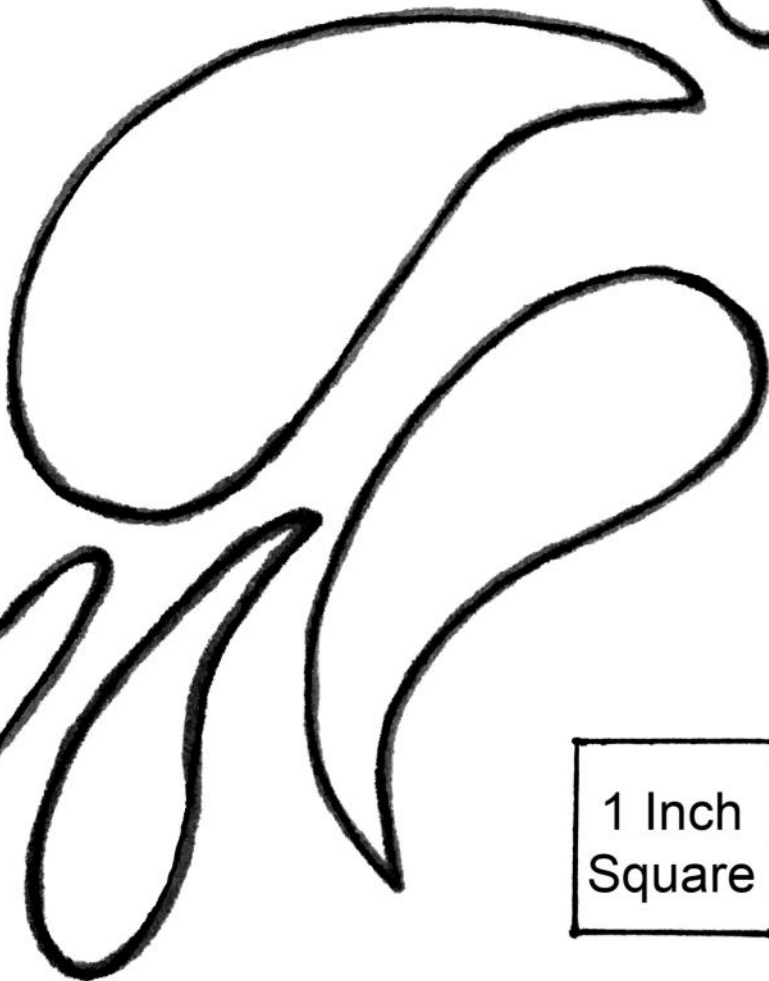
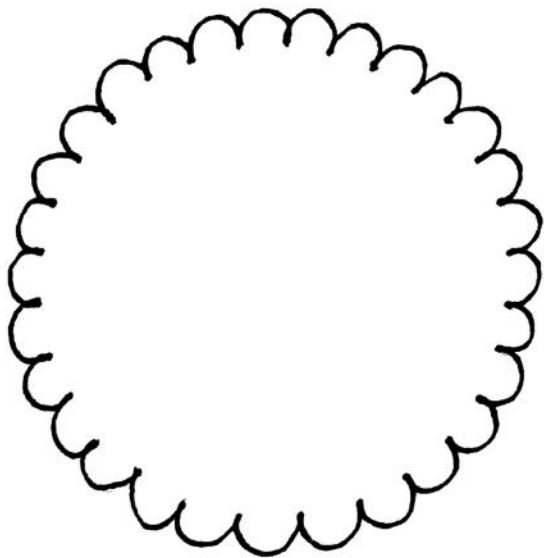
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Placement Diagram



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Redbird Garden Applique Shapes

