

## Quirky Birds

Inspired by Polish folk costume my quilt is made up of narrow strips with guinea fowl images that are very popular in folk culture in Warsaw, appliquéd over the top of the stripes.

I made a second quilt inspired by storks seen in similar shops in Krakow, I then made another quilt, based on native birds in Devon.

The blocks are made using a “quilt as you go” method using easily made thin sashing to join the blocks

Patterns for the guinea fowl and the storks are available for students to use

The size of the finished quilt and the number of the blocks made will depend on the speed of working

- Use a photo to learn how to identify colours from a photograph, and match fabrics,
- Learn about the colour values of chosen fabrics.
- Learn how to make a simple pattern from an image using an ipad or similar
- Strip piece fabrics
- Use an innovative method to appliquéd birds or other animals on to the striped background
- Quilt as you go using variegated thread
- Add free machine stitching to the applique
- Join the blocks together by adding sashing using a bias binding maker
- Bind the quilt using an easy method

This technique can be used to make a quilt using a photograph as a starting point and add a variety of images that could be appliquéd over the top. It need not be a bird.

### Requirements to make 4 blocks

Plain fabrics (or fabrics with not too much pattern) approximately 10” width and in a variety of colours.

Multi colours for the guinea fowl quilt

Greens and blues for the stork quilt

Wadding or batting 4 pieces approx 10” square

Backing fabric approx 20” square

Binding fabric eg small spots in a contrasting colour approx 6” x 20”

Guinea Fowl Quilt

Black and white spotted fabric

Small amounts of red fabric  
Small amounts of white fabric  
*I could provide a small kit*

Stork Quilt  
Small amounts of white fabric  
Small amounts of black fabric  
Small amounts of orange / red fabric  
*I could provide a small kit*

Bondaweb or Heat n Bond lite  
Pencil  
Small scissors  
Baking parchment  
Neutral coloured machine thread  
Black machine thread  
White machine thread  
Variegated thread (can be provided by Mettler)

6mm Bias binding maker (I have a few for students to use)

Sewing machine with a walking foot and a darning foot