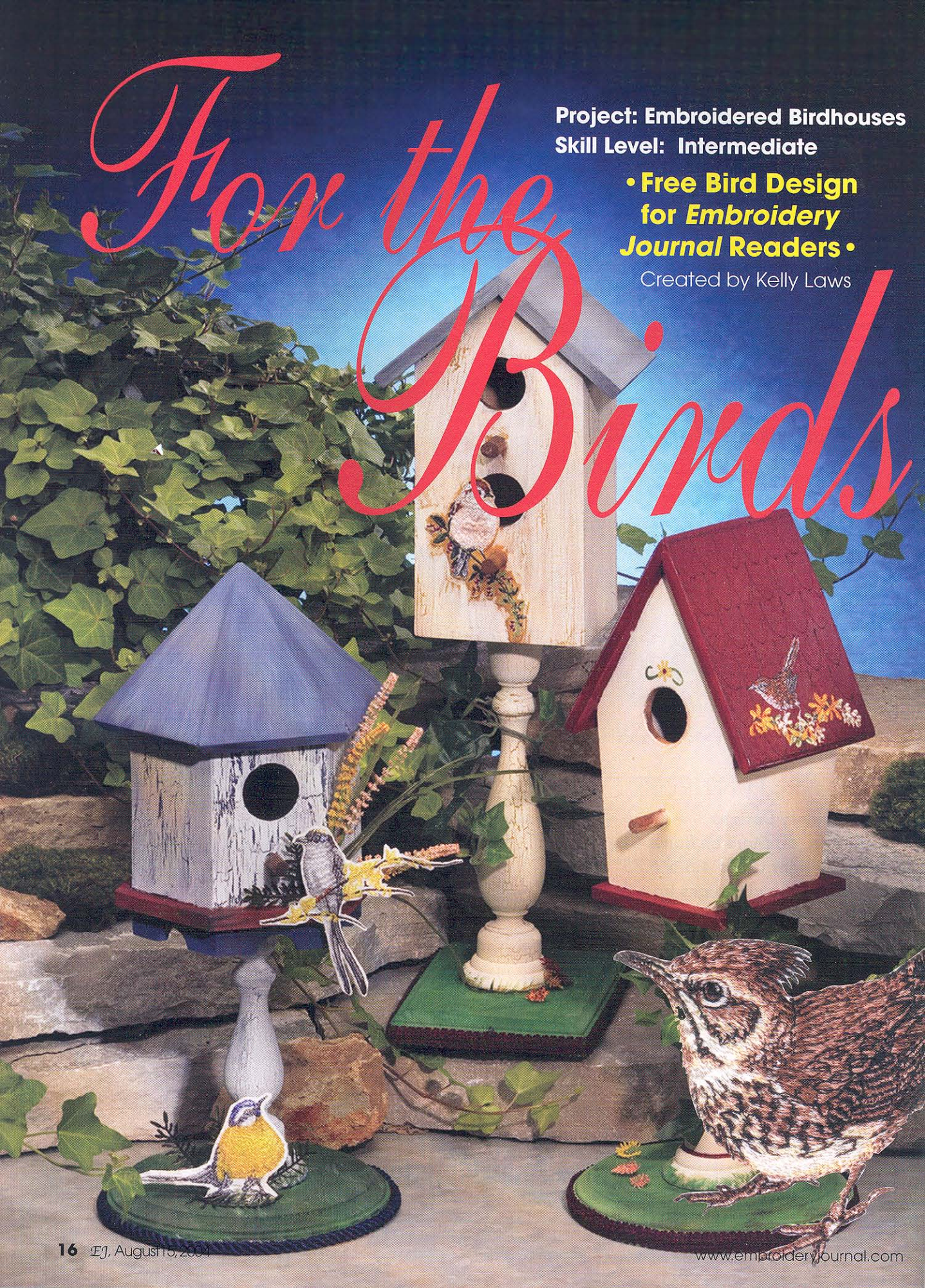


For the Birds

Project: Embroidered Birdhouses
Skill Level: Intermediate

• Free Bird Design
for Embroidery
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Project of the Month

Your designs will take flight with this three-dimensional embroidered birdhouse featured on the cover.

This project of the month combines embroidery designs from Baby Lock's new Song Bird memory card, scrapbook supplies, and unfinished wooden birdhouses. So bring out the paintbrushes, craft paints, embroidery machine, and threads, just not on the same table please!

Materials:

-  Ellageo embroidery machine
-  Baby Lock exclusive Song Birds memory card (BLEC-P10)
-  Three wooden unfinished birdhouses from a craft or hobby store
-  Three wooden unfinished candlesticks
-  Three flat wooden shapes for bases
-  Craft paint: white, ivory, black, green, brown, burgundy, red, gold, and dusty blue
-  Medium crackle craft paint
-  Craft paint brushes
-  Small bundle silk ivy
-  Small bundle assorted silk flowers
-  3/16 inch balsa wood or heavy cardboard
-  Mulberry scrapbook paper in gold, white, and burgundy
-  Assorted embroidery thread color
-  Hydro-stick stabilizer
-  Palette software
-  Clear matte sealant spray
-  Hot glue gun and glue sticks
-  Craft knife
-  White glue
-  Floppy disc

Free Design

Log on to <http://www.babylock.com/bird/> to download a complimentary bird design from Baby Lock.



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Instructions:

1. Glue a candlestick to the center bottom of the wooden birdhouse. Then, glue the other end to the center of the wooden base. Repeat for each birdhouse.

Blue with blue-gray roof

Paint:

1. Basecoat the first birdhouse and the candle stick with blue. Do not paint the lower ledge of the birdhouse.
2. Paint the lower ledge red.
3. Paint the roof with a mixture of blue and gray to create the look of an old roof. Paint the perch brown.
4. Paint the base green to represent grass. Let the paint dry. See the manufacturer's directions for guidance on drying times.
5. Paint over the basecoat of the birdhouse with the crackle medium. Follow the paint manufacturer's directions for drying time. Do not let the crackle fully dry.
6. Paint over the medium crackle paint with white paint. The crackle effect should start almost immediately giving the look of an aged worn building.
7. Let the paint dry.
8. Spray the birdhouse with a clear matte sealant.

Embroidery:

1. Cut a piece of hydro-stick stabilizer to fit your hoop. Lightly mist it with water and place the piece of white mulberry scrapbook paper onto the hydro stick.
2. Hoop the stabilizer and paper together.
3. Select design # 13 and stitch using embroidery thread colors of your choice.
4. Repeat embroidery process for design #16.
5. Remove the embroidery from the hoop and trim excess paper and stabilizer.

Finishing:

1. Glue embroideries to a piece of balsa wood or heavy cardboard.
2. Using the craft knife and a protected surface area (such as a rotary cutting mat), trim just outside the stitching lines.
3. Glue silk flowers to the edge of the birdhouse and position design #16 to the corner of the birdhouse. Glue in place.
4. Using a small block of balsa wood as a base, glue design #13 to the birdhouse base.
5. Glue leaves from the silk flowers around the base of the embroidered bird.



Gold with gray roof

Paint:

1. Basecoat the second birdhouse and candle stick with gold.
2. Paint the roof gray.
3. Paint the perch brown.
4. Paint the base green to represent grass.
5. Let the paint dry. See the manufacturer's directions for guidance on drying times.
6. Paint over the basecoat of the birdhouse with the crackle medium. Follow the paint manufacturer's directions for drying time. Do not let the crackle fully dry.
7. Paint over the medium crackle paint with ivory paint. The crackle effect should start almost immediately giving the look of an aged worn building.
8. Let the paint dry.

Embroidery:

1. Cut a piece of hydro-stick stabilizer to fit your hoop. Lightly mist it with water and place the piece of gold mulberry scrapbook paper onto the hydro-stick.
2. Hoop the stabilizer and paper together.
3. Select design #18 and stitch using embroidery thread colors of your choice.
4. Remove the embroidery from the hoop and trim excess paper and stabilizer. Trim just outside the stitching lines.

Finishing:

1. Using white glue, glue the embroidery to the front of the birdhouse.
2. Spray the birdhouse with a clear matte sealant.
3. Glue silk flowers to the base of the birdhouse and wrap ivy around the candlestick.



Ivory with red roof

Paint

1. Basecoat the third birdhouse and candlestick with ivory.
2. Paint the edges of the roof burgundy.
3. Paint the perch brown.
4. Paint the base green to represent grass.
5. Let the paint dry.

Embroidery:

1. Measure the roof width and height.
2. Open the Layout & Editing of the Palette software.
3. Using your square shape tool, create a running stitch outline the height and width of your roof measurements.
4. Using the drawing tool, draw a running stitch scrolling line across the previous rectangle. This will create one row of roof shingles.
5. Copy and paste several rows of shingles using your grid for alignment.



6. Save file as "roof."
7. Import design #2 and position at the bottom of the roof design. Save file to the floppy disc as "roof1."
8. Starting again with a new page, import the file "roof."
9. Import design # 15 and position at the bottom of the roof design. Save this file to the floppy disc as "roof2."
10. Cut a piece of hydro-stick stabilizer to fit your hoop. Lightly mist it with water and place a piece of burgundy mulberry scrapbook paper onto the hydro-stick.
11. Hoop the stabilizer and paper together.
12. Select one of the roof designs and stitch using embroidery thread colors of your choice.
15. Repeat embroidery process for the other roof design.
14. Remove the embroidery from the hoop and trim excess paper and stabilizer.

Finishing:

1. Using white glue, glue the embroideries to the roof of the birdhouse.
5. Spray the birdhouse with a clear matte sealant.
3. Glue silk flowers to the base of the birdhouse and wrap ivy around the candlestick. EJ

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