

Projects

Christmas Wren on a Branch Wall Hanging



With different fabrics, you can turn this fun, modern pattern into a festive holiday wall hanging. And, with the Baby Lock Crescendo you can do your piecing and quilting with one easy to use, versatile machine.

Skill Level: Easy

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Supplies:

Baby Lock® Crescendo Sewing Machine
½ yard Wrenly Christmas Wren fabric by Valori Wells for front
½ yard Christmas fabric for backing
9 pieces of small print fabrics for bird house squares
¼" Foot with guide
Baby Lock Walking Foot
Free-Motion Quilting foot
Madeira® quilting thread
Warm and natural batting
Temporary spray adhesive
Swarovski Crystals
Hot-Fix Crystal Wand
Machingers Quilting Gloves
Rotary cutter and mat
Straight edge ruler

At the Cutting Table:

1. For the top box cut two 1" x 3½" strips and two 1" x 2½" strips from the first fabric. Cut two 1¼" x 5" strips and two 1¼" x 3½" strips from the second fabric. Cut one 2½" square from the third fabric.
2. For the middle box cut two 1" x 3½" strips and two 1" x 2½" strips from the fourth fabric. Cut two 1¼" x 5" strips and two 1¼" x 3½" strips from the fifth fabric. Cut one 2½" square from the sixth fabric.
3. For the lower box cut two 1" x 3½" strips and two 1" x 2½" strips from the seventh fabric. Cut two 1¼" x 5" strips and two 1¼" x 3½" strips from the eighth fabric. Cut one 2½" square from the ninth fabric.
4. Cut one section from the wren fabric (or similar fabric) that measures 5¼" x 25", two pieces 5" x 6" and one section 11½" x 25". Fussy cut the sections so that there are at least one to two birds showing.
5. Cut one section from the batting and backing fabric, 4" larger around than the pieced top.
6. Cut two 2½" wide strips of fabric across the width of the fabric for the binding.

At the Sewing Machine:

1. To piece together the three boxes, follow the next set of directions while using a ¼" seam allowance:
 - Sew the 1" x 2½" wide sections to the top and bottom of the 2½" squares.
 - Sew the 1" x 2½" strips to each side of the center square.
 - Sew the 1¼" x 3½" strips to the top and bottom of the square.
 - Sew the 1¼" x 5" strips to the two sides.
 - Press the seams in the same direction.
2. On a flat surface, lay the three pieced sections vertically and place one 5" x 6" section above and another below the sections.
3. Sew the five sections together and press.
4. Sew the 5¼" x 25" wren section to the left side of the vertical pieced section.

5. To complete the piecing, sew the 11½" x 25" section to the right side of the pieced section and press.
6. Lay the backing fabric, batting and pieced top, in that order, on a flat surface.
7. Lightly spray with temporary spray adhesive between the layers to hold in place during quilting.
8. Attach the Baby Lock Walking Foot and stitch-in-the-ditch through the seam lines.
9. Quilt across the three boxes from corner to corner.
10. To set the machine up for free-motion quilting, attach the free motion quilting foot and lower the feed dogs. Select a quilting stitch. Place the Machingers Quilting Gloves on your hands to aid in moving the quilt during the quilting process.
11. Using the printed fabric as your guide, quilt the birds and the branches on the trees. In the sample, the branches were outlined and used several rows of free motion stitches to fill. The bird was quilted while following the pattern within the bird shape. Refer to the picture that follows.
12. If needed, reshape the quilted section with a straight edge ruler.
13. Bind the quilt to finish.
14. To finish the quilt fuse the colored crystals to the quilt front while using the Hot Fix Crystal Wand.



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