

# BEAUTIFUL BIRDS



49" x 63"

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## **FABRIC: *Beautiful Birds* by Tracy Lizotte** for Elizabeth's Studio LLC

**4331 Cream (block panel)**—2/3 yard

**4320 Cream (allover birds)**—1 yard

**4311 Azure (leaves)**—1-3/4 yards

**4314 Gray (bark)**—1-3/4 yards

**P546 White (pearl accent)**—5/8 yard

**4314 Gray (bark)**—1/2 yard for binding

Backing Fabric (4-1/4 yards)

Batting for 49" x 63" quilt top

### **Cutting Instructions:**

**4331 Cream (block panel):** Fussy cut (12) 5" blocks, centering motifs.

**4320 Cream (allover birds):** Cut (4) 5" x WOF (width of fabric) strips, cross cut into (24) 5" squares AND (12) 5" x 2-3/4" sections. Cut (2) 2-3/4" x WOF strips, cross cut into (12) 2-3/4" x 5" sections.

**4311 Azure (leaves):** Cut (6) 3-1/8" X WOF, cross cut into (72) 3-1/8" squares. Cut (3) 5-3/8" x WOF, cross cut into (12) 5-3/8" squares. Cut (6) 3-1/2" x WOF strips.

**4314 Gray (bark):** FIRST, cut (3) 1-1/2" x WOF strips for top/bottom borders. THEN, cut (2) 1-1/2" x LENGTH OF FABRIC for side borders.

From remaining WIDTH of fabric (about 37" wide):

Cut (3) 5-3/8" x WOF strips, cross cut into (12) 5-3/8" squares. Cut (3) 3-1/8" x WOF strips, cross cut into (24) 3-1/8" squares AND (4) 3" squares.

Cut (2) 2-3/4" x WOF strips, cross cut into (12) 2-3/4" x 5" sections.

Cut (1) 5" x WOF strip, cross cut into (12) 5" x 2-3/4" sections.

**P546 White (pearl accent):** Cut (6) 2-3/4" x WOF strips, cross cut into (48) 2-3/4" x 5" sections.

**4314 Gray (bark):** Cut (6) 2-1/2" x WOF strips, set aside for binding.

# BLOCK 1

## Make Half-Square Triangle Units:



Place one 5-3/8" square **4311 Azure (leaves)** Right Sides Together with one 5-3/8" square **4314 Gray (bark)**. The "grain" of the bark should be up and down. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the **4311 Azure (leaves)** square. Sew a scant 1/4" on each side of the drawn line. Cut units apart on the drawn line, press to form (2) half-square triangle units. Repeat for a total of (12) half-square triangle units.



Make a second set of (12) blocks—for this set, the "grain" of the bark should still be up and down, but the diagonal line should be drawn in the opposite direction.

## Make Rail Fence Units:



Sew one 2-3/4" x 5" **P546 White (pearl accent)** and one 2-3/4" x 5" **4320 Cream (allover birds)** to form Rail Fence Unit, being sure that the birds are facing up and white fabric is on the bottom. Make a total of (6) units.



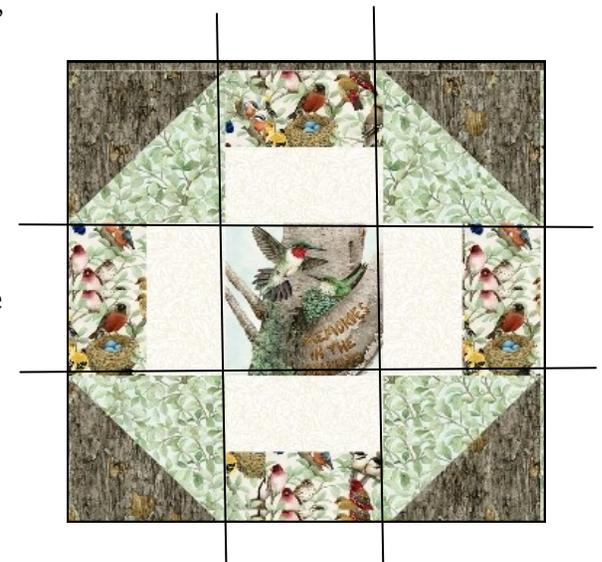
Repeat steps to make another (6) units with the white fabric on the top, again the birds face up. Repeat to create a total of (6) units.



Use (12) 5" x 2-3/4" **4320 Cream (allover birds)** and (12) 2-3/4" x 5" **P546 White (pearl accent)** sections to create (12) more Rail Fence units—(6) with white fabric on the left and (6) with white fabric on the right. Once again, be sure birds are heads up.

## Assemble Blocks:

Sew together (4) Half-Square triangle Units, (4) Rail Fence Units and (1) fussy-cut 5" square **4331 Cream (block panel)** together to form block. Repeat to create a total of (6) 14" blocks. Be mindful of the orientation of all units.



## BLOCK 2

### *Make Rail Fence Units:*



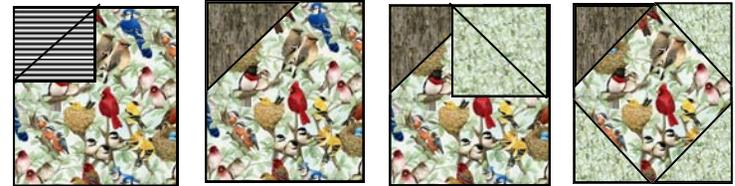
Following above directions, sew together 2-3/4" x 5" **P546 White (pearl accent)** and 2-3/4" **4314 Gray (bark)** sections to form (12) Rail Fence Units.



Then, use (12) 2-3/4" x 5" **P546 White (pearl accent)** and (12) 5" x 2-3/4" **4314 Gray (bark)** sections to create (12) more Rail Fence Units. This will keep the bark up and down in the block.

### *Make Diamond in a Square units:*

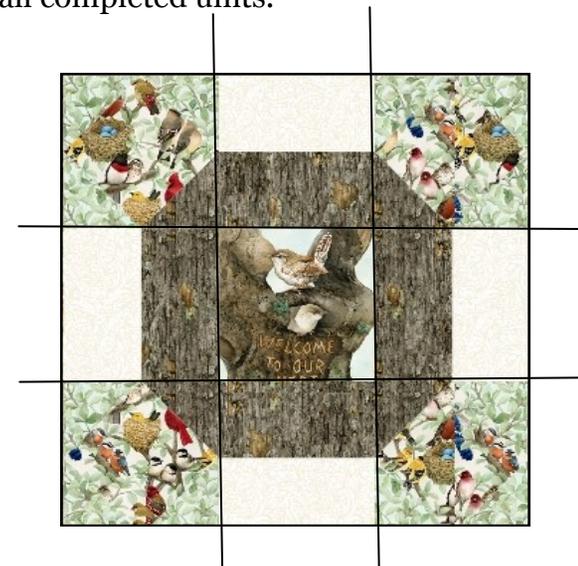
Place a 3-1/8" square **4314 Gray (bark)** right sides together with a 5" square **4320 Cream (allover birds)**, being sure that the "grain" of the bark is side to side. Draw a diagonal line on the bark square. Sew on the line. Trim 1/4" away from sewn line. Press. Add 3-1/8" squares **4311 Azure (leaves)** to the remaining corners to create Diamond in a Square unit.



Repeat these steps to create a total of (24) units—(6) of each configuration. As you add bark squares, be sure "grain" is side to side" before drawing line. Be sure the birds are facing up and bark is up and down in all completed units.

### *Assemble Blocks:*

Sew together (4) Diamond in a Square units, (4) Rail Fence units, and (1) fussy-cut 5" square **4331 Cream (block panel)** to form block. Maintain orientation of Diamond in a Square units and center blocks. Make (6) 14" blocks.



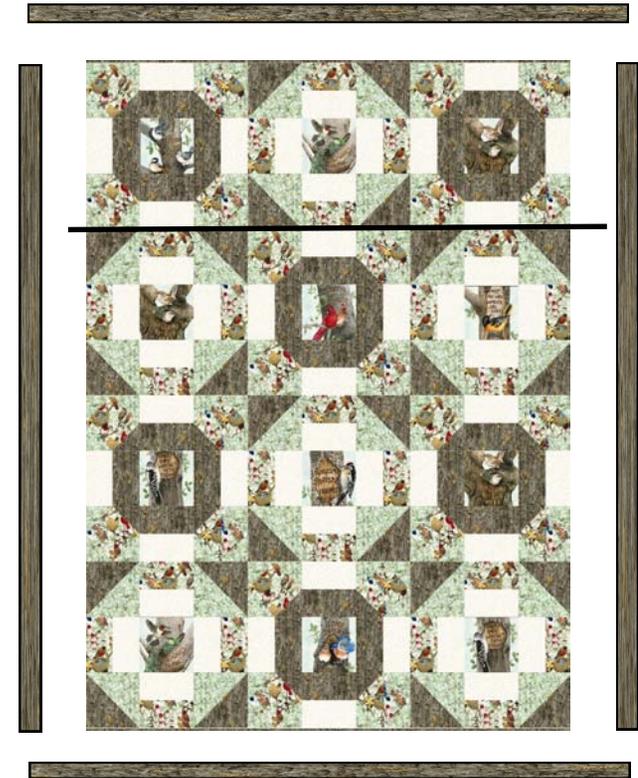
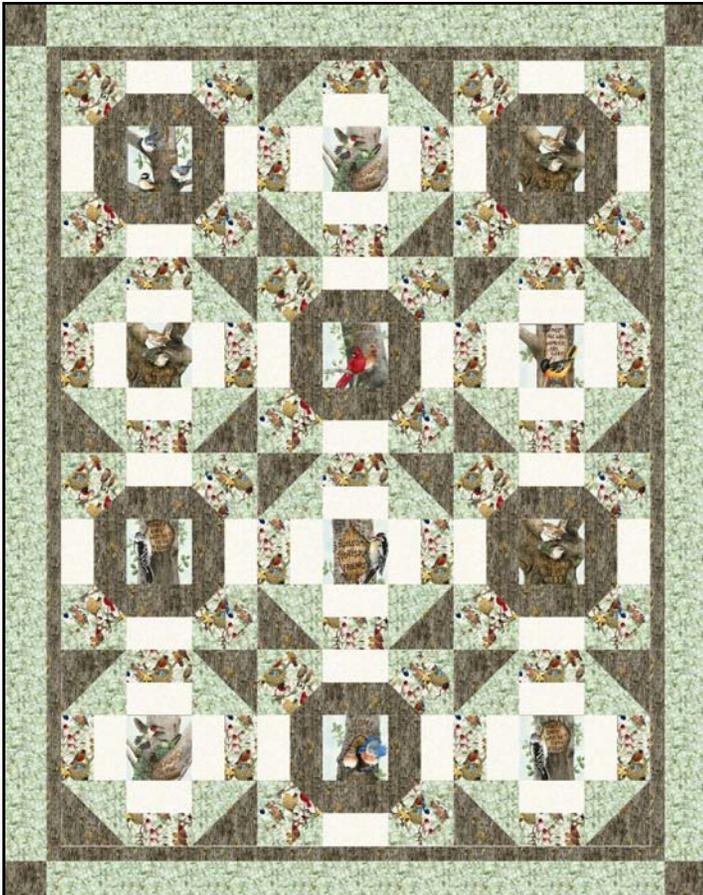
## COMPLETING QUILT TOP:

Sew together (1) BLOCK 1 and (2) BLOCK 2 to form the first row. Continue to sew blocks together to form rows, then join rows to complete center section of quilt top. Be sure all blocks are oriented correctly.

## INNER BORDER:

Trim 1-1/2" **4314 Gray (bark)** strips cut from length of fabric to measure 1-1/2" x 54-1/2", add to sides of quilt top.

Sew together (3) 1-1/2" x WOF **4314 Gray (bark)** strips to make long strip. From this, cut (2) 1-1/2" x 43" top and bottom border strips. Sew in place.



## OUTER BORDER:

Sew together (6) **4311 Azure (leaves)** 3-1/2" x WOF strips to form long strip. From this, cut (2) 3-1/2" x 56-1/2" side borders and (2) 3-1/2" x 43" top and bottom borders. Sew side borders in place.

Add 3-1/2" squares **4314 Gray (bark)** squares to each end of top/bottom border strips. Be sure that the grain of the bark is up and down. Add to top and bottom of quilt top.

## FINISHING:

Layer quilt top, batting and backing. Quilt as desired.

Use reserved 2-1/2" **4314 Gray (bark)** binding strips to complete quilt.