

The Blue Bird of Happiness
2022 FAWCO Friendship Quilt

First, thanks and congratulations to all who participated in “Common Threads”, the 2021 quilt. We raised a record \$5365 for The FAWCO Foundation!

Nature doesn't give us many truly blue things, which might be why bluebirds have symbolized hope and happiness in many cultures, all over the world, for centuries. Bluebirds and happiness are both rare. So, this year, please send me some bird blocks. Or flower blocks, if you think that's easier. Or if both these things are beyond your skill set, a simple 9-patch block. Remember to sign them using acid-free permanent ink (Pigma Micron pen) or embroidery.

For colors, concentrate on blue, with maybe a few touches of whatever else is necessary (yellow beaks? Green leaves?). Use a cream or beige background and make the blocks 6 ½ “ unfinished (The finished size will be 6”.)

Here are some bird blocks I made. The first one is Early Bird from “Splendid Sampler I”. The others I drafted myself. Get creative! Look online!



For the 9-patch, cut 5 squares at 2 ½” in blue and 4 squares in cream/beige. Sew together with a quarter-inch seam allowance. If it doesn't measure 6 ½”, please do over!

Here's what we need:



Notice the layout, blue corners and center with cream “sides”.

Deadline is **1 October 2021**.

Questions? Contact quilt@fawcofoundation.org