I love flowers, birds and stitching. There no better place to stitch than in the garden with the flowers and the birds.

Stitch in the Garden

for the Splendid Sampler ™

Gail Pan
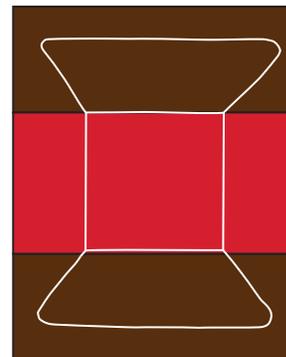
Finished Block Size 6" x 6"

Requirements
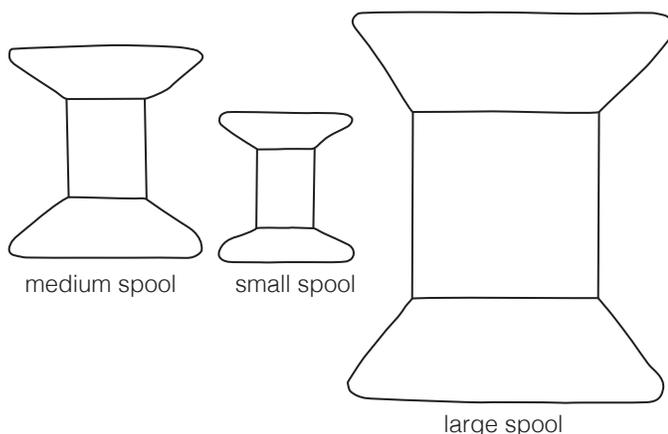
- ♯ Assorted scraps of red, pink and brown for appliqué - spools

- ♯ 1 square - 7 ½" x 7 ½" background fabric

- ♯ Aurifil floss - Red (1103), dark green (5012), light green (5019), taupe (2370), yellow (2920), Blue (1126), Purple (2581)

- ♯ Appliqué glue (optional)

- ♯ Template plastic

Block Assembly

1. Trace the design onto the centre of the background fabric, except for the spools as these will be appliquéd.

2. Make templates of the spools with template plastic.

3. To make the large spool, cut the brown fabric into 2 strips 1" x 2", cut the red fabric into a 1 ½" x 2".

4. Sew the brown strips to each end of the red rectangle. Using the large spool template trace around the template using a dark pen or pencil. This is your appliqué line. Position the template so the seam lines up with the spool ends.

5. Using the medium spool template trace around the template using a dark pen or pencil, onto the pink fabric, repeat for the small spool onto the teal fabric.

6. Use Roxanne's glue to baste the spools in place. Needle tune appliqué with 40 wt Aurifil thread.

7. Stitch the design as follows: all stitching is back stitch except: dots are french knots, all loops are lazy daisy, all filled in areas are outlined in back stitch then filled in with back stitch. The centre of the daisy is satin stitch, the leaves on the daisy are blanket stitch. Dotted lines are running stitch. The "thread" on the spools is long stitch.

medium spool   small spool

large spool

No added seam allowance

Templates not in reverse

1 inch

- Red (1103) - bird, petals on tall flower, berries on tall flower, cross on tall flower, dotted line inside oval flower, thread on pink spool.

- Dark green (5012) - daisy leaves and stems, tall flower leaves and stem

- Light green (5019) - oval flower stems and leaves

- Taupe (2370) - bird eye, beak, dots on wing and loops on tail. Thread on small spool

- Yellow (2920) -stars, centre of daisy and stamens

- Blue (1126) - daisy

- Purple (2581) - oval flower, cross in oval flower

8. Trim block to 6 ½" x 6 ½"

1 inch