

# Rooster Appliqué Quilt Block Tutorial – Step-by-Step From Start to Finish 🐔 🧵

This detailed tutorial is based on the Rooster Appliqué Quilt Block pattern shown in the graphic. It has been expanded into a complete beginner-friendly guide so that anyone in the United States can successfully create this beautiful 12" x 12" (30 cm x 30 cm) rooster quilt block from start to finish.

The project uses fusible appliqué techniques combined with decorative stitching, making it perfect for quilts, pillows, table runners, wall hangings, and other quilting projects. Even if you are new to appliqué, simply follow each step carefully and you will achieve professional-looking results.

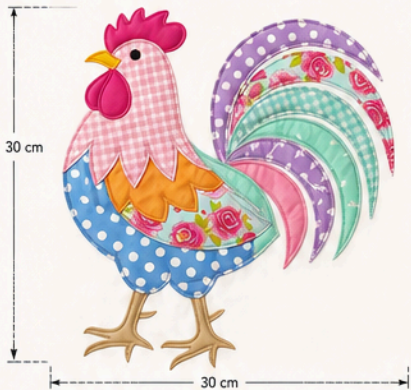
The finished rooster block measures approximately **12" x 12" (30 cm x 30 cm)** and features colorful layered fabrics that create a cheerful farmhouse-inspired design.

# ROOSTER APPLIQUÉ

## QUILT BLOCK TUTORIAL

Step-by-Step – From Start to Finish

**FINISHED BLOCK SIZE**  
30 cm x 30 cm



This cheerful rooster is made using machine appliqué with fusible web and decorative stitching. Perfect for quilts, pillows, or wall hangings!

### 1 MATERIALS

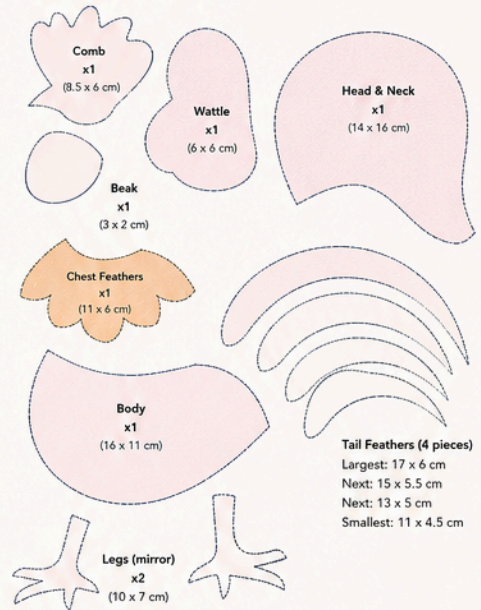
- Cotton fabric (various colors and prints)
- Fusible web (lightweight)
- Background fabric (30 cm x 30 cm)
- Thread to match fabrics
- Sewing machine with zigzag & straight stitch
- Scissors / Rotary cutter
- Iron & ironing board
- Fabric marker or pencil
- Pins or fabric clips
- Appliqué pressing sheet (optional)

#### FABRIC SUGGESTIONS

	Comb & Wattle Bright Pink		Head & Neck Pink Gingham
	Beak Yellow		Chest Feathers Orange
	Body Blue Polka Dot		Tail Feathers Purple, Mint, Pink Floral, Gingham
	Legs Tan		Background White / Off-White

### 2 PATTERN & PIECES

All seam allowances are 0.7 cm included.



### 3 CUT FABRIC & FUSE

1. Cut each fabric piece 0.7 cm larger than the template.



2. Fuse the fusible web (rough side) to the wrong side of each fabric piece.



3. Cut out each piece precisely on the drawn line.



### 4 POSITION & APPLIQUÉ

1. Arrange all pieces on the background (30 cm x 30 cm).



2. When you are happy with the placement, finger press each piece.

3. Appliqué each piece using a zigzag stitch or decorative stitch.

### 5 APPLIQUÉ ORDER

Appliqué in this order for best results:



### 6 SEWING & STITCHING

Recommended stitches:

- Satin Stitch / Zigzag (width 2.0–3.0 mm)
- Straight Stitch (length 2.0–2.5 mm)
- Blanket Stitch (optional for a hand-sewn look)

Tips:

- Use matching or slightly darker thread.
- Sew slowly around curves.
- Backstitch at the beginning and end.
- Keep stitches close to the edge.



### 7 QUILT ASSEMBLY IDEAS

Option A: Simple Quilt Block

- Add sashing (5 cm) and cornerstones (5 x 5 cm).



Option B: Pillow

- Add batting and backing (32 cm x 32 cm).
- Quilt as desired and finish with binding.



### 8 FINISHING

1. Layer quilt top, batting, and backing.



2. Quilt as desired (outline the rooster or add free-motion quilting).



3. Trim excess batting and backing.



4. Bind the edges.



### 9 FINAL RESULTS

Your rooster block is ready!  
Use it in quilts, pillows, table runners, totes, or wall hangings.



#### CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- Machine wash cold, gentle cycle.
- Use mild detergent.
- Tumble dry low or air dry.
- Do not bleach.

### LEGEND – MAIN SEWING & QUILTING METHODS (US)

METHOD	STITCH	DESCRIPTION	METHOD	STITCH	DESCRIPTION	METHOD	STITCH	DESCRIPTION
Straight Stitch	— — — —	Used for piecing and securing seams.	Blanket Stitch		Decorative edge stitch (looks hand sewn).	Quarter Inch Seam	— — — —	Standard seam allowance (0.7 cm).
Zigzag Stitch		Used for appliqué (raw edge).	Appliqué Stitch	— — — —	Small zigzag or satin stitch around appliqué.	Pressing		Press seams open or to one side.
Satin Stitch		Used for appliqué and finishing edges.	Backstitch	— — — —	Secures stitches at start and end.	Clip Curves		Clip curves to help turn shapes smoothly.

TIP: Take your time and enjoy the process! Appliqué is all about patience and precision.

Happy Sewing!



## **H2: Gather Your Materials and Supplies**

Before starting, make sure you have all necessary materials ready.

### **Fabrics**

You will need:

- Cotton fabric scraps in various colors and prints
- Fusible web (lightweight)
- Background fabric measuring approximately 12" x 12" (30 cm x 30 cm)

### **Suggested Fabric Colors**

#### **Comb and Wattle**

- Bright pink fabric

#### **Head and Neck**

- Pink gingham fabric

#### **Beak**

- Yellow fabric

#### **Chest Feathers**

- Orange fabric

#### **Body**

- Blue fabric with white polka dots

#### **Tail Feathers**

- Assorted floral, mint, pink, lavender, and gingham fabrics

#### **Legs**

- Tan or light brown fabric

#### **Background**

- White or off-white fabric

## **Sewing Supplies**

- Sewing machine
- Sharp fabric scissors
- Rotary cutter and cutting mat
- Iron and ironing board
- Fabric marker or pencil
- Straight pins or fabric clips
- Appliqué pressing sheet (optional)
- Matching sewing thread
- Neutral bobbin thread

## **Recommended Stitches**

- Zigzag Stitch
- Satin Stitch
- Straight Stitch
- Blanket Stitch (optional)

## **H2: Prepare and Cut All Pattern Pieces**

Accurate cutting is essential for a professional result.

The pattern includes the following pieces:

### **Comb**

- Cut 1
- Size: 3.3" x 2.4" (8.5 cm x 6 cm)

### **Wattle**

- Cut 1
- Size: 2.4" x 3.1" (6 cm x 8 cm)

### **Beak**

- Cut 1
- Size: 1.2" x 0.8" (3.2 cm x 2 cm)

## Head and Neck

- Cut 1
- Size: 5.5" x 6.3" (14 cm x 16 cm)

## Chest Feathers

- Cut 1
- Size: 4.3" x 2.4" (11 cm x 6 cm)

## Body

- Cut 1
- Size: 6.3" x 4.3" (16 cm x 11 cm)

## Legs

- Cut 2 mirrored pieces
- Size: 4" x 2.8" (10 cm x 7 cm)

## Tail Feathers

Cut four separate tail feathers:

- Largest: 6.7" x 2.4" (17 cm x 6 cm)
- Large: 5.9" x 2" (15 cm x 5 cm)
- Medium: 5.1" x 2" (13 cm x 5 cm)
- Small: 4.3" x 1.8" (11 cm x 4.5 cm)

## Add Seam Margin

Before cutting, trace every pattern piece onto the paper side of your fusible web.

Leave approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch (**0.7 cm**) around each piece.

This extra allowance ensures accurate cutting and positioning.

## H2: Apply Fusible Web and Cut the Pieces 🔥

Once your templates are prepared, it's time to add the fusible web.

### **Step 1**

Trace every template onto the paper side of the fusible web.

### **Step 2**

Rough cut around each traced shape.

### **Step 3**

Place the rough side of the fusible web against the wrong side of the fabric.

### **Step 4**

Follow the manufacturer's instructions and press with a hot iron.

### **Step 5**

Allow the pieces to cool completely.

### **Step 6**

Cut precisely along the traced lines.

You should now have all rooster pieces ready for assembly.

### **Helpful Tip**

Keep each piece organized in small piles or containers to avoid mixing them up.

### **H2: Arrange the Rooster on the Background Fabric**

Lay your 12" x 12" background fabric on a flat surface.

Before permanently fusing anything, arrange all pieces to check placement.

Begin with the larger pieces first.

### **Layer Order**

1. Body
2. Chest feathers
3. Head and neck
4. Wattle
5. Beak
6. Comb
7. Tail feathers
8. Legs

Carefully overlap pieces as shown in the pattern.

The rooster should fit comfortably inside the block while leaving a border around the outside edges.

Take your time during this stage.

Small adjustments can make a big difference in the final appearance.

### **Optional Tip**

Take a photo with your phone before fusing.

This helps if any pieces shift later.

## **H2: Fuse the Pieces Permanently to the Background 🔥**

Once satisfied with the arrangement:

### **Step 1**

Carefully peel the paper backing from each piece.

### **Step 2**

Start with the lowest layer.

### **Step 3**

Position the body.

### **Step 4**

Add the chest feathers.

### **Step 5**

Place the head and neck.

### **Step 6**

Add the wattle and beak.

### **Step 7**

Fuse the comb.

### **Step 8**

Arrange and fuse the tail feathers.

### **Step 9**

Finish by positioning the legs.

### **Step 10**

Press the entire block following the fusible web manufacturer's instructions.

Allow everything to cool before moving the block.

## **H2: Stitch Around Every Appliqué Piece**

The stitching secures the appliqué permanently and adds decorative detail.

### **Satin Stitch Method**

Recommended width:

- 2.0 mm to 3.0 mm

This produces a smooth embroidered edge.

### **Zigzag Stitch Method**

A slightly wider zigzag works well for a decorative finish.

### **Straight Stitch Method**

A narrow straight stitch sewn close to the edge creates a modern appearance.

### **Blanket Stitch Method**

Ideal for a traditional hand-appliqué look.

### **Stitching Tips**

- Sew slowly around curves
- Pivot frequently
- Keep stitches close to the edge
- Use matching thread colors
- Backstitch at the beginning and end
- Practice on scraps first

### **Order of Stitching**

For easiest handling:

1. Comb
2. Wattle
3. Beak
4. Head and neck
5. Chest feathers
6. Body
7. Tail feathers
8. Legs

## **H2: Quilt the Finished Block**

After the appliqué is complete, prepare the quilt sandwich.

### **Layering**

Create three layers:

1. Quilt top
2. Batting
3. Backing fabric

Smooth all layers carefully.

Remove wrinkles before quilting.

## **Basting**

Secure layers using:

- Safety pins
- Spray basting
- Thread basting

## **Quilting Options**

You can quilt:

- Around the rooster outline
- Around individual feathers
- Echo quilting around the rooster
- Free-motion quilting in the background
- Decorative quilting motifs

Quilt as densely or lightly as desired.

## **H2: Finish the Project 🎉**

After quilting:

### **Step 1**

Trim excess batting and backing.

### **Step 2**

Square the block.

The finished block should measure approximately:

**12" x 12" (30 cm x 30 cm)**

### Step 3

Choose how you want to use the block.

Popular options include:

- Quilt centerpiece
- Decorative pillow
- Table runner
- Wall hanging
- Tote bag panel
- Farmhouse kitchen décor

### Pillow Option

For a pillow:

- Add backing fabric
- Insert pillow form
- Finish with binding or envelope closure

### Quilt Option

For a larger quilt:

- Add sashing strips
- Add cornerstones
- Join with additional blocks

## H2: Care Instructions 🧺

To keep your rooster block looking beautiful:

- Machine wash using a gentle cycle
- Use mild detergent
- Tumble dry on low heat or air dry
- Do not bleach
- Press with a warm iron if needed

## H2: Final Thoughts ❤️

Congratulations! Your colorful **Rooster Appliqué Quilt Block** is now complete. By carefully preparing the fabrics, applying the fusible web, arranging the pieces correctly, and stitching each element securely, you have created a charming quilt block that can be used in countless quilting and home décor projects.

Whether displayed in a quilt, pillow, wall hanging, or table runner, this cheerful rooster design brings a bright farmhouse charm to any space. Take your time, enjoy the creative process, and don't be afraid to personalize your rooster with different fabric combinations and decorative stitching techniques.

Happy quilting and happy sewing! 🐔✂️🌟

