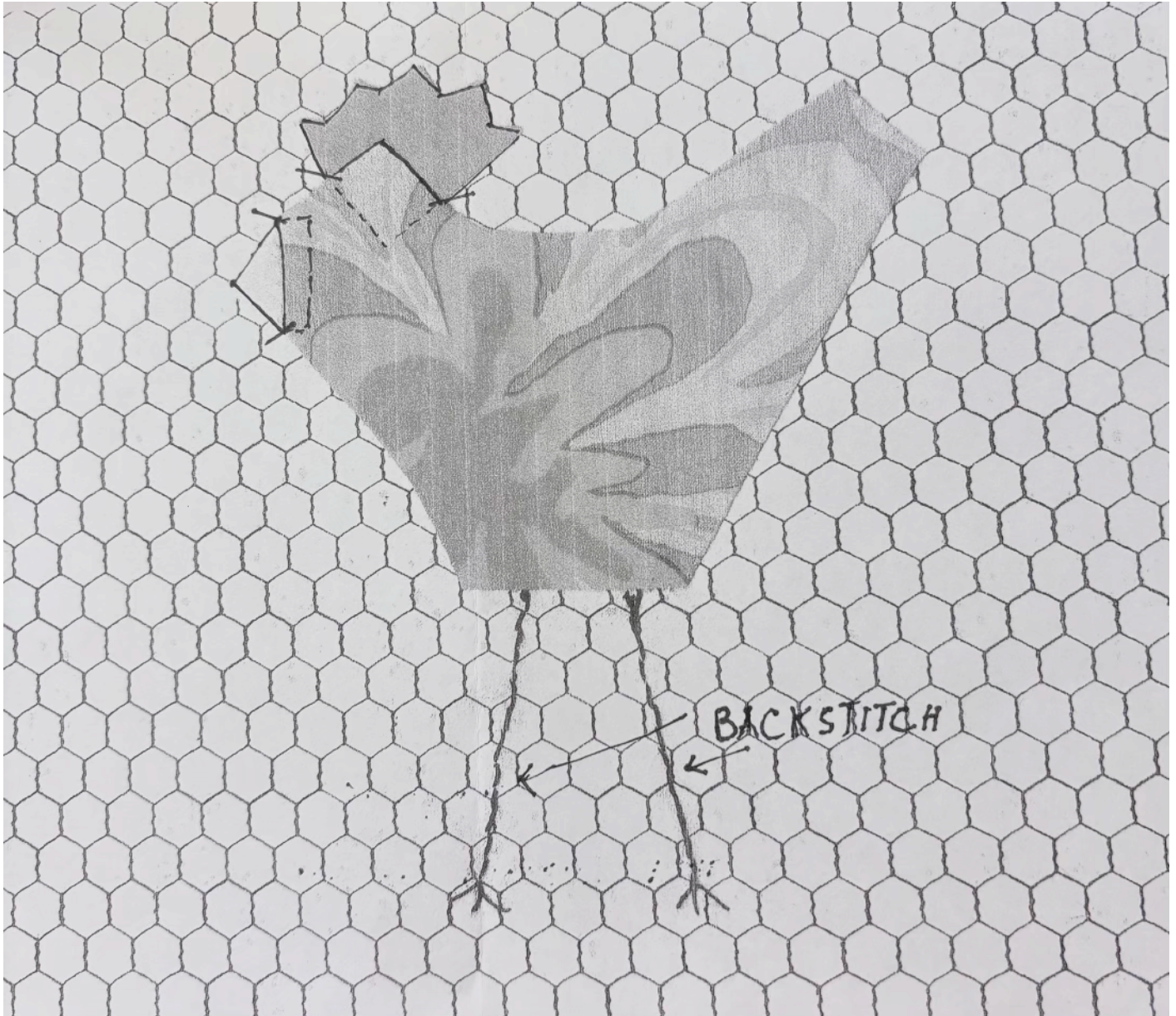


PVQA Block of the Month August 2026

Cluck Cluck Squawk



A chicken block! What fun! Animal appliqué or blocks have a long history as stand-alone blocks and are often combined with other farm animals and people. Animals are also found in crazy quilts, usually with the outline embroidered.

Since education is part of the BOM program, this block is a chance to learn or practice appliqué.

Block size: 9½" unfinished

Please read all instructions before beginning.

Do not use a disappearing pen such as FriXion on your block as the marks may reappear in the future.

Materials

Your kit includes:

- Black embroidery perle cotton (legs and feet)
- Yellow wool beak
- Red wool comb
- One 9½" square background fabric

You provide the fabric for the chicken body.

Instructions

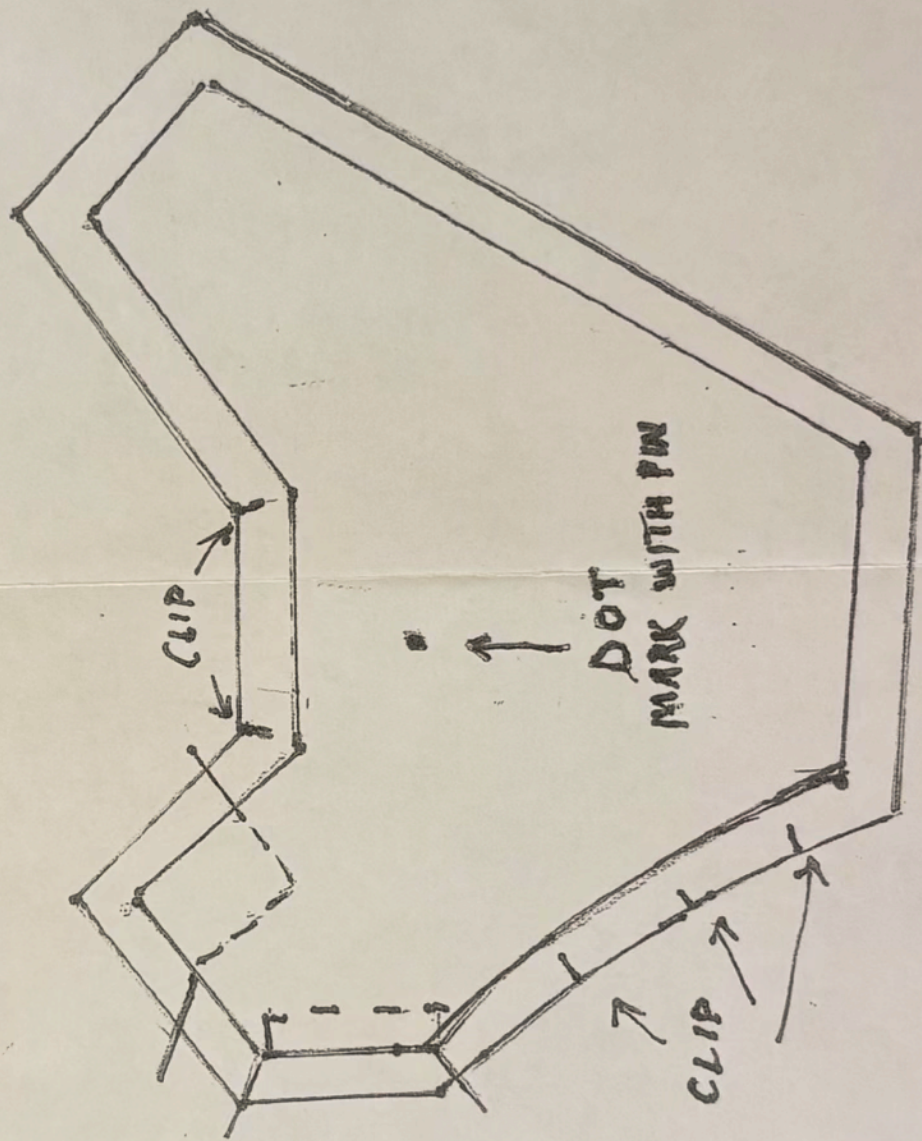
1. **Study the pattern.**
 - The dotted lines show where the beak and comb tuck under the body (see steps 5 and 7).
2. **Prepare the body.**
 - Cut out the chicken body.
3. **Prepare the appliqué.**
 - Clip edges as shown on the diagram.
 - Optional: Turn the body edges under ¼" and baste them in place.
 - A small amount of basting glue can help hold the corners.
 - Using the pattern, mark where the beak and comb will tuck under the body with pins.
 - Mark the dot on the chicken pattern on your chicken fabric with a pin, then match this dot to the dot on the background fabric. the dot is 3 ½ " from the top.
(Disappearing pen ink can show up later, so don't use it.)
4. **Pin in place**
5. **Appliqué the body.**
 - Tuck the beak and comb into the marked openings, using the guidelines on the felt.
 - Sew the body to the background using a **Blind Hem Stitch**, making sure the **openings** for the beak and the comb are stitched down. **Do not stitch the edges of the beak and comb down!**

- Secure your stitches by threading your needle through a few stitches on the back.
- 6. **Blind Stitch Tutorial:**
<https://theruffledpurse.com/how-to-sew-the-blind-stitch-by-hand/>
- 7. **Optional stitching method.**
 - Instead of a Blind Stitch, you may use Jan's nearly invisible hem stitch:
 - Bring the needle up from the back into the folded edge.
 - Take a small stitch into the background directly across.
 - Bring the needle back up at the folded edge about 1/8"–1/4" away.
 - Continue around the body with small, even stitches.
 - Secure your thread on the back by threading your needle through a few stitches.
- 8. **Mark and embroider the legs and feet.**
 - Use the picture as a guide to draw the legs and feet with a pencil or chalk.
 - Embroider using the black thread and a **Back Stitch**.
- 9. **Back Stitch Tutorial:**
Mary Corbet's *Needle 'n Thread*
- 10. **Do not stitch the eye.**
 - The winner may choose to add a French Knot or a button after the quilt is finished.
- 11. **Finish.**
 - Remove any basting stitches and enjoy your finished chicken appliqué!

Questions?

Contact **Jan** or **Ellen** using the contact information in your member's roster.

DIAGRAM FOR CHICKEN ON PAGE BELOW



PATTERN

CUT ON OUTSIDE LINE