**To Bee or Not to Bee**

*Quilt by Lucy A. Fazely*

**Finished Quilt Approximately:** 37” x 37” - Finished Center Size: 24” x 24”

*To Bee or Not to Bee* fabrics by Exclusively Quilters - Style #3782

**Fabric Requirements:** Based on 44” wide fabric

- 5/8 yard large black floral (#60017-8)
- 1/2 yard bees on black (#60019-8)
- 3/4 yard bees on yellow (#60019-4)
- 3/8 yard large green floral (#60018-6)
- 2/3 yards black buzz (#60021-8)
- 3/4 yard pale yellow (#60022-4)
- 1/4 yard blue mini floral (#60022-2)
- 1/8 yard green mini floral (#60022-6)
- 1/4 yard pink mini floral (#60022-1)
- 1/8 yard yellow honeycomb (#60020-4)
- 1-1/2 yards fabric for backing (#60019-8 bees on black suggested)

1 yard 12” wide fusible web

Template plastic

40” x 40” quilt batting

**Make Templates:** Trace templates onto template plastic. Cut out and label.

**Cutting Directions:** All measurements based on a 1/4” seam allowance.

From the **large black floral** fabric:

- Cut two 13-1/2” x 44” strips then recut into two 13-1/2” squares*

From the **bees on black** fabric:

- Cut four 2” x 44” strips for border

From the **bees on yellow** fabric:

- Cut four 4-1/2” x 44” strips for border

From the **large green floral** fabric:

- Cut one 4-1/2” x 44” strip, recut into four 4-1/2” squares

From the **black buzz** fabric:

- Cut four 2-1/2” x 44” strips for binding
- Cut four 1-1/2” x 44” strips for border

From the **pale yellow** fabric:

- Cut one 17-1/2” x 44” strip, recut into one 17-1/2” square

**Quilt Center:**

1. Lay templates face down on paper side of fusible web. Trace templates about 1/4” from each other. Trace the large flower and large circle once each. Trace the small flower and small circle six times each. Trace leaf twice and the reverse of the leaf twice (laying template face up, instead of face down).

2. Roughly cut out each of the templates leaving about 1/8” around each tracing. Lay the tracings web side down on wrong side of fabrics as indicated: large flower on blue mini floral, small flowers on pink mini floral, leaves on green mini floral, large and small circles on yellow honeycomb. Lightly press the tracings to fabrics. Cut out each shape.

3. Lay out the appliques on 17-1/2” pale yellow square. Permanently press the appliques in place following the web manufacturer’s instructions. Machine or hand stitch an overcast stitch around all raw edges of appliques. If doing by machine, use a clear nylon thread or matching all-purpose thread through the needle and an all-purpose thread in the bobbin. Use of a stabilizer is optional.

* An added 1/8 to 1/2 yard is added to all yardages to account for shrinkage, straightening, cutting errors and prints that may require special cutting to get the best results.
* You should protect your investment in time and fabric by making sample blocks before cutting into your fabric because Exclusively Quilters will take no responsibility for replacing fabrics.
* Shops who wish to kit this design are responsible for figuring yardage for their kits if they wish to reduce yardages.

* Cut squares as indicated:
4. Stitch a 13-1/2" black floral half-square triangle to each side of the applique center. Trim to 24-1/2" square.

**Borders:**
1. Stitch a 2" bees on black strip to right and left sides of quilt center. Press and trim excess. Add 2" bees on black strips to top and bottom of center, press and trim excess.

2. Trim two 4-1/2" bees on yellow strips to the width of the quilt center with first border, approximately 27-1/2". Sew a green floral 4-1/2" square to both ends of each of the trimmed strips. Set aside. Stitch a 4-1/2" bees on yellow strip to right and left sides of quilt. Press and trim excess. Add the prepared top and bottom borders.

3. Sew a 1-1/2" black buzz strip to right and left sides of quilt. Press and trim excess. Add 1-1/2" black buzz strip to top and bottom of quilt, press and trim excess.

**Finishing:**
1. Layer the backing, batting and quilt top. Quilt or tie as desired.

2. Prepare binding from four 2-1/2" x 44" black buzz strips. Sew strips together into one long binding strip. Press strip in half lengthwise.

3. Carefully trim backing and batting even with quilt top.

4. Leaving an 8" tail of binding, sew binding to top of quilt through all layers matching all raw edges. Miter corners. Stop approximately 12" from where you started. Lay both loose ends of binding flat along quilt edge. Where these two loose ends meet, fold them back on themselves and press to form a crease. Using this crease as your stitching line, sew the two open ends of the binding together right sides together. Trim seam to 1/4" and press open. Finish sewing binding to quilt.

5. Turn binding to back of quilt and blind stitch in place.
This box is 2" square. Measure the box. If it is not 2" square, reduce or enlarge the entire page of templates until it is.

Trace templates onto template plastic. Cut out each shape and label.