BEE-UTIFUL QUILT-A-LONG







BLOCK 16 - BEE SUNNY

All steps use 3 strands of floss unless otherwise specified.

Stitches are denoted in *italics*. Colors of thread are in ALL CAPS.

INGREDIENTS

- •10 ½" Square Background Fabric
- •3" Square Coordinating Fabric
- •Various shades of six-strand embroidery floss
- •4" or 5" Embroidery Hoop
- •Hand Embroidery Needles
- •Frixion or other erasable thin-lined fabric pen

Step 1:Trace block design on to background fabric using desired method.

Step 2: Backstitch the center of the sun using GOLDEN YELLOW floss. Then, with the same floss, use a running stitch for the rays.

Step 3: Continue with the GOLDEN YELLOW floss. *Satin stitch* the bees' bodies and the bows on the kite's tail.

Step 4: With BLACK floss, satin stitch the bees' heads, tails, and stingers. Backstitch the kite tail using the same floss.

Step 5: Using LIGHT GRAY floss, backstitch the bees' wings.

Step 6: Use a running stitch done in VERY LIGHT

GRAY floss for the bees' flight paths.

Step 7: Using your favorite method, trace the kite shape and applique to background fabric with BLACK floss and a blanket stitch. (Note: Can also be done with a machine blanket stitch and black thread.)

Step 8: Remove block from hoop and press with hot iron under pressing cloth or fluffy towel. Trim to 8 ½" square. If desired, machine topstich a scant 1/8" around all sides to keep from unraveling while working on other blocks.

