

A Canadian Birds Quilt

SEEING a newspaper picture of a quilt block decorated with an embroidered bird, one of many bird patterned quilt blocks made by Mrs. C. Frayn of South Tarentorus Women's Institute, the editor wrote Mrs. Bert Eggesfield, a former F.W.I.O. board member for more information. This is Mrs. Eggesfield's story:

"Mrs. Frayn is a life member of South Tarentorus. She was always interested in birds and flowers and liked to embroider. Her quilt display is always an attraction at our annual bazaar.

"Mrs. Frayn's bird quilt is a work of art. Each picture block is lovely enough to deserve a frame of its own and could compete with the best of nature paintings. Using nothing but the most ordinary of implements, a needle and countless yards of bright coloured thread, Mrs. Frayn created replicas of such gay-plumed birds as the pheasant, cardinal, wood-pecker, not to mention the ducks. The prints have been reproduced with astonishing perfection and stand out vividly against the blue and grey background. Touches of rose pink give added character.



Mrs. C. Frayn with a section of her Canadian Birds Quilt shown in the background.



Mrs. Frayn with Mrs. Clyde Eggesfield, South Tarentorus Institute's convener of Home Economics and Health and the quilt block Mrs. Frayn contributed to the Institute's "Grandmother's Quilt Blocks" collection.

"It all started when Mrs. Frayn saw a colour print of some Canadian ducks. Interested, she wrote to the company from whence it came and received a whole album of birds common to this country. And then she went to work with tissue paper, tracing paper and pencil. From the prints Mrs. Frayn made patterns of the feathered beauties and traced them onto squares of pastel blue and grey cotton broadcloth. This was the nucleus of one of the most striking quilts ever seen at the Women's Institute's quilt display.

"For the 'Grandmother's Quilt Block Album' made by the branch, Mrs. Frayn embroidered a block copied from a picture of the Scarlet Tanager. The block received one-hundred points in the District competition."

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RECIPE COLLECTOR

I'll go get the scissors and cut it out quick,
This recipe looks plain delicious,
And what I adore is new recipes for
All kinds of unusual dishes.

I've got them for shish-kebob, blintzes and brosch,
For goulash and Siamese noodles,
For guava soufflé and payaya parfait,
And oodles for puddings and strudels.

I've got them in folders, I've got them in drawers,
I read them and just can't resist them.
I cut them from ads and from box tops in scads,
And someday I'll sort them and list them.

But not at the moment, I'd best stash away
This recipe—gee, it's a dilly!
And rustle some chow. H'mm let me see now
Shall I open some soup or some chile?

Author unknown.

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