

BEE-UTIFUL QUILT-A-LONG

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for Moda Bake Shop



BLOCK 12 - BEE GRATEFUL

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
- Various shades of six-strand embroidery floss
- 4" or 5" Embroidery Hoop
- Hand Embroidery Needles
- Frixion or other erasable thin-lined fabric pen
- 2" scrap black hand-dyed wool

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

Step 2: *Backstitch* the outline of the beehive, using **LIGHT BROWN** floss. Using the same floss, trace the lines in the center section of the hive with a *running stitch*.

Step 3: Stitch the sunflower petals using a *lazy daisy stitch* done with **GOLDEN YELLOW** floss.

Step 4: With **DARK BROWN** floss, fill the centers of the sunflowers using very densely spaced *french knots*.

Step 5: *Backstitch* the leaves of the sunflower, and the stems and petals of the clovers with **AVOCADO GREEN** floss.

Step 6: Use **PURPLE** floss to *backstitch* the clover flowers.

Step 7: *Backstitch* the grass, using **AVOCADO GREEN** floss.

Step 8: *Satin stitch* the bee's body using a **GOLD-EN YELLOW** floss.

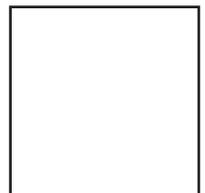
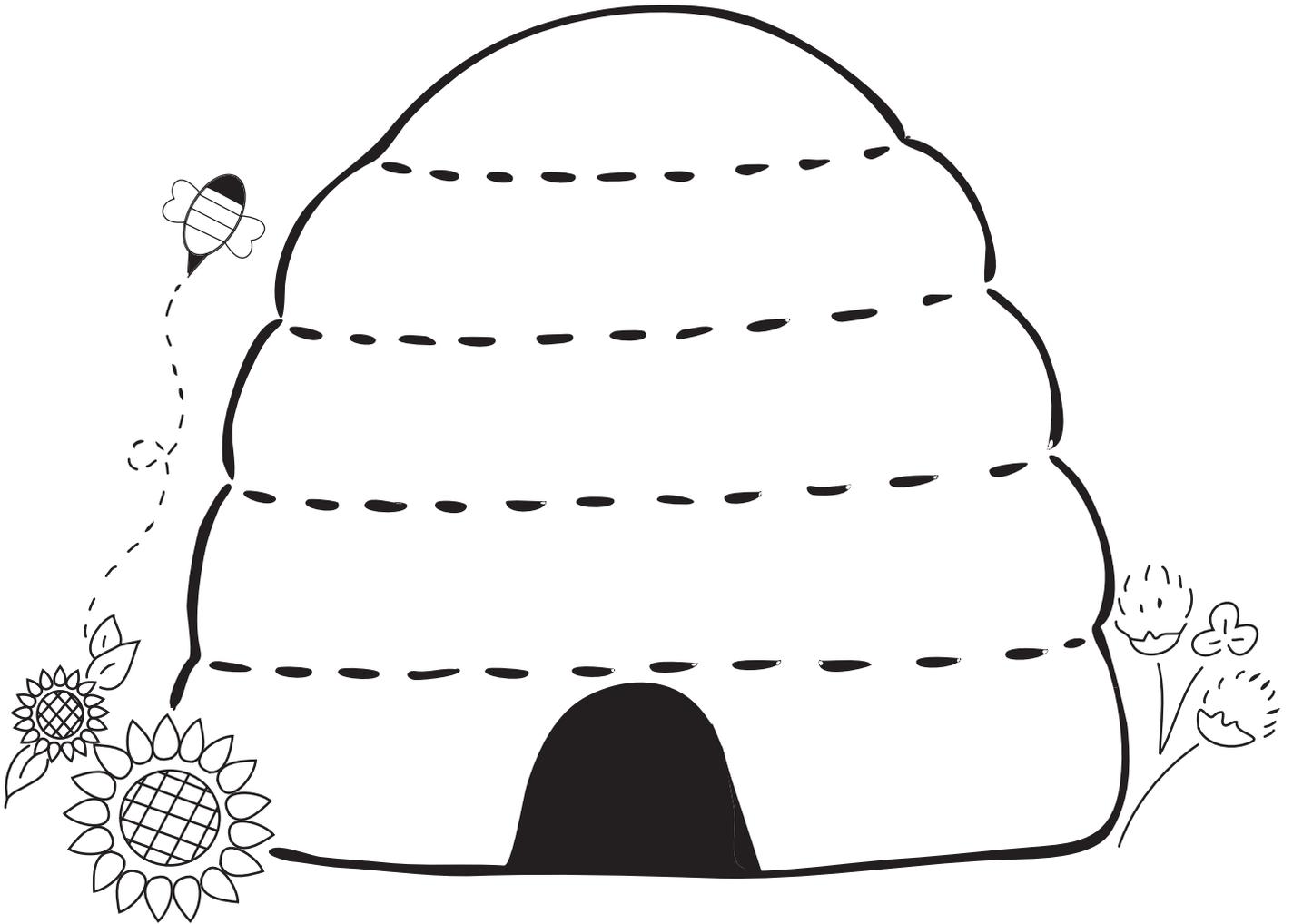
Step 9: Stitch the bee's wings using a *backstitch* done in **LIGHT GRAY** floss.

Step 10: Use **VERY LIGHT GRAY** floss and a *running stitch* for the bee's path.

Step 11: With **BLACK** floss, *satin stitch* the bee's head, stripes, and stinger.

Step 12: Trace the **REVERSE** of the hive entrance onto freezer paper, the press with a hot iron to back side of wool scrap. Cut out, remove freezer paper, and glue baste into position. Machine or hand applique to block using preferred stitch.

Step 13: 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.



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scale.