

Family Block of the Month: Baskets

Block 9

January 10" finished block

Cutting:

Background:

Cut (1) 2 1/2" square.

Cut (3) 3 1/2" squares.

Cut (2) 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangles.

Cut (2) 4 1/2" squares.

Basket:

Cut (2) 2 1/2" squares (yellow).

Cut (1) 3 1/2" square (yellow).

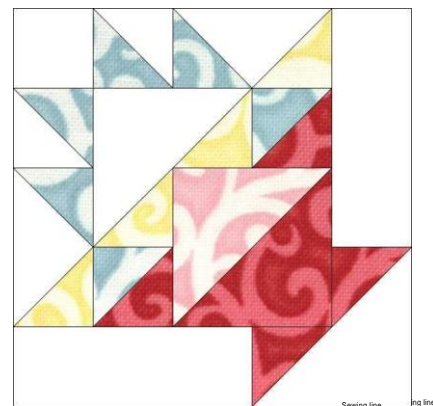
Cut (3) 3 1/2" squares (blue).

Cut (1) 3 1/2" square (red).

Cut (2) 2 1/2" squares (red).

Cut (1) 5 1/2" square (red).

Cut (1) 5 1/2" square (pink).



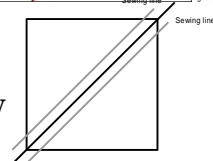
Sewing:

Handle

Draw a diagonal line on the back of each 3 1/2" background square, then draw a line 1/4" to each side. These are the sewing lines. Pair background squares with two blue and one yellow 3 1/2" square. With right sides together, sew along the two outer line, then cut along the center line. Press to the dark to form (6) half square triangle units. Trim to 2 1/2" square.

Sew together to form two sets for the handles (watch the placement!).

Sew the 2 1/2" background square to the blue side of one of the sets.



Body

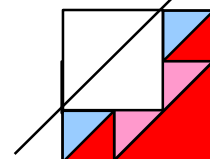
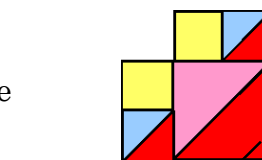
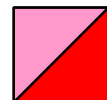
Draw the diagonal lines on the pink 5 1/2" square. Pair with the red 5 1/2" square, sew, press and trim to 4 1/2" for (2) half square triangle units. You will only use one.

Draw the diagonal lines on the blue 3 1/2" square. Pair with the red 3 1/2" square, sew, press and trim to 2 1/2" for (2) half square triangle units.

Sew a yellow 2 1/2" square to the blue side of the red/blue half square triangle units, watching placement.

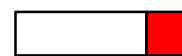
Sew these two units to the pink/red HST, following the diagram at the right.

Draw ONE diagonal line on the back of the 4 1/2" background squares. Match the square with the two yellow squares so the diagonal line runs corner to blue corner. Sew on the diagonal line, then trim to a 1/4" seam and press.



Base

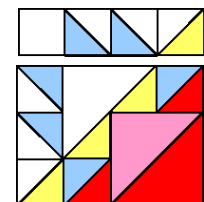
Sew the two 2 1/2" red squares to the end of each of the 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" background rectangles. Press to the background - this will help in the final step!



Basket Assembly

Sew the shorter handle piece to one side of the body, making sure the half square triangles are going the right direction.

Sew the longer handle piece to the other side, lining up your seam intersection where it meets the other handle piece.



Sew the two base rectangle/square segments to either side of the basket.

Draw a diagonal line on the back of the 4 1/2" square. Align the diagonal with the corners of the red squares that form the base of the basket. This is where pressing to the background helps - you need to line up

with the edge of the square in the seam allowance. Sew on the diagonal line (be careful to match the seam intersection point on the other side!) and trim to a 1/4" seam. Press to the background if it's dark enough to hide the colored fabrics, otherwise press to the colors.

