

Family Block of the Month: Baskets

Block 7

October 10" finished block

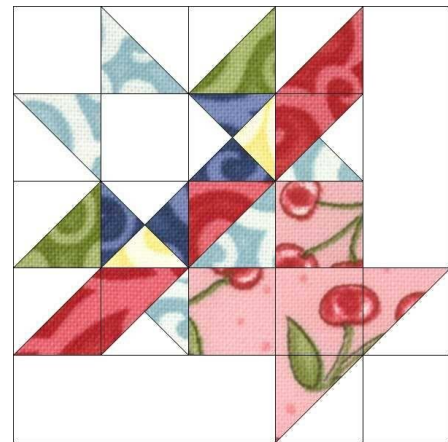
Cutting:

Background:

- (3) 2 1/2" squares
- (2) 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangles
- (6) 3 1/2" squares

Basket:

- (3) 2 1/2" pink squares
- (1) 3 1/2" pink square
- (1) 3 1/2" green square
- (2) 3 1/2" light blue square
- (1) 3 1/2" yellow square
- (2) 3 1/2" dark blue squares
- (2) 3 1/2" red squares
- (1) 3" red squares



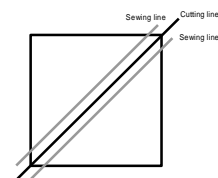
Sewing:

Body

HALF SQUARE TRIANGLE UNITS:

Draw a diagonal line on the back of each 3 1/2" background squares and ONE light blue square, then draw a line 1/4" to each side. Pair background squares with (1) 3 1/2" pink square, (1) 3 1/2" green square, (1) 3 1/2" light blue square (without the lines), and (1) 3 1/2" red square (JUST ONE!). With right sides together, sew along the two outer line, then cut along the center line. Press to the dark and trim to 2 1/2".

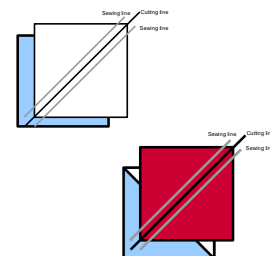
Place the 3 1/2" red square right sides together with the light blue square, sew on the outer lines and cut on the center line. Press to the red and trim to 2 1/2". (You will only use one unit.)



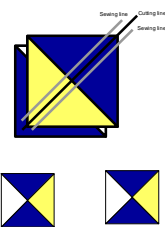
QUARTER SQUARE TRIANGLE UNITS:

Pair the remaining 3 1/2" background squares with (1) 3 1/2" light blue square and (1) 3 1/2" dark blue square. With right sides together, sew along the two outer line, then cut along the center line. Press to the dark. Trim the LIGHT blue unit to 3". Do NOT trim the DARK blue unit. You will only use one of each unit.

Place the 3" red square right sides together with the light blue half square unit, sew on the outer lines and cut on the center line. Press to the red and trim to 2 1/2", measuring from the center..

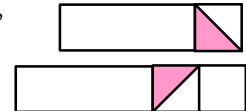


Draw the diagonal lines on the back of the 3 1/2" yellow square. Pair square with the remaining 3 1/2" dark blue square. Sew along the two outer lines, then cut along the center line. Press to the dark and do NOT trim. (You will only use one unit.) Draw the diagonal lines on the back, crossing the seam. Place a dark blue and white half square triangle unit right sides together with a dark blue and yellow unit. Nest the seams tightly, then sew on the outside lines and cut on the center line. Press and trim to 2 1/2" measuring from the center.



Base

Sew the 2 1/2" pink and white half square triangles to the end of each of the 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" background rectangles. Watch the placement - see the illustration at the right. Sew (1) 2 1/2" background square to the end of one of the segments. Press to the background.



Basket Assembly

Lay out the central part of the block to match the illustration at the right. Sew together as a 16 patch, pressing seams in the first and third rows to the left, and the second and fourth rows to the right. Once assembled, press the remaining seams down. Sew the shorter base unit to the right, then sew the longer base unit to the bottom.

