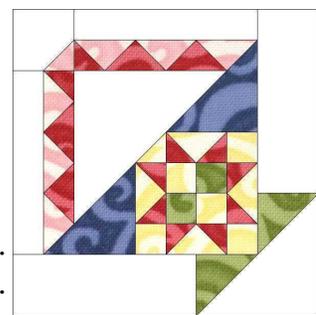


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10" finished block



Cutting:

Mini Block:

- Cut (1) 3 1/4" yellow squares.
- Cut (6) 1 1/2" yellow squares.
- Cut (2) 1 1/2" green squares.
- Cut (4) 1 7/8" red squares.

Basket, Handles and Base:

- Cut (1) 3 7/8" blue square.
- Cut (2) 2 1/2" green squares.
- Cut (1) 2" red square.
- Cut (2) 2 1/2" red squares.
- Cut (3) 2 1/2" pink squares.
- Cut (1) 1 1/2" pink square.

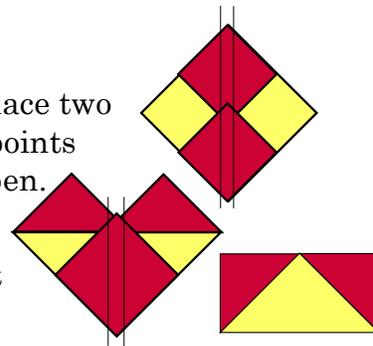
Background:

- Cut (1) 2 1/2" square.
- Cut (1) 5 1/2" square.
- Cut (1) 4 1/2" square.
- Cut (2) 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangles.
- Cut (2) 1 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangles.

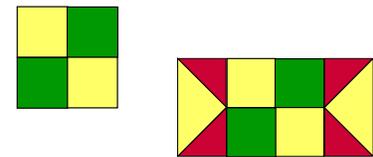
Mini Block

Draw diagonal lines (center and 1/4" to each side) on back of 1 7/8" red squares. Place two on opposite corners of the 3 1/4" yellow square right sides together, lining up the points and lines. Sew on both outside lines, then cut down the center. Press the seams open.

Place one remaining 1 7/8" square on one of the units, right sides together, lining up the bottom points. Sew on both outside lines, then cut down the center. Repeat with the other unit. Press the seams open to create four flying geese units.

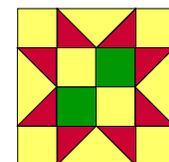


Sew two yellow and two green 1 1/2" squares together to form a four patch unit. Press seams open.



Sew one flying geese unit to either side of the center and press seams open.

Sew background squares to either side of remaining flying geese units and press to the squares.



Join three rows to form final block, pressing seam toward the edges.

Handles

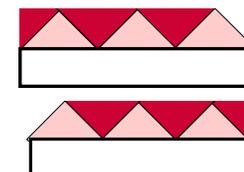
I struggled with an easy way to piece the handles, and I finally decided to paper/foundation piece them. If you've never foundation pieced before, I recommend the freezer paper method, and have included a tutorial on how the method works. Since you need just one of each handle, you can trace them onto freezer paper by hand, or you can put the freezer paper through your inkjet printer (NOT a laser printer!). If you'd rather not work with freezer paper, you can print the handles on regular paper and use the traditional foundation piecing method where you sew through the paper.

The foundations are in PDF format, and you must be careful to print them the correct size. When you click Print, the Print window will open. On the left side about halfway down, there's a drop down box that's labeled "Page Scaling." Select "None." If it says "Fit to Printable Area" or "Shrink to Printable Area" it will print at the wrong size. Check the printed piece by measuring the width. It should be exactly 1" wide, NOT including the seam allowance (dotted line).

Cut the 2" red square, the (2) 2 1/2" red squares and (3) 2 1/2" pink squares in half diagonally. They will be slightly larger than you need, to give you a little extra room when foundation piecing. Sew the pieces using either the freezer paper method (attached) or your favorite "through the paper" method. When you're finished (and before removing the paper), trim the pieces to the dotted seam allowance lines. Finally, carefully remove the paper.



Sew the 1 1/2" x 6 1/2" background rectangle to the pink side of each set, lining up the square end. The pink point will extend slightly beyond the background rectangle.



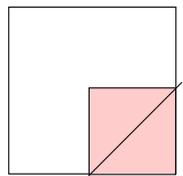
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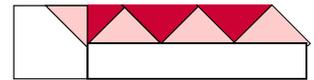
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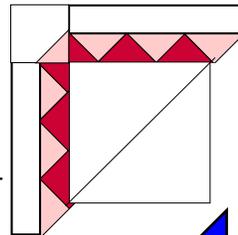
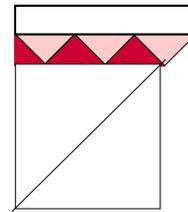
Draw a single diagonal line from corner to corner on the back of the 1 1/2" pink square. Match right sides together with the 2 1/2" background square, lining up the edges so the drawn line cuts off a corner. Sew ON the drawn line, trim the excess, and press to the pink.



Sew the square to one of the handle sets, lining the pink corner up with the red triangle.



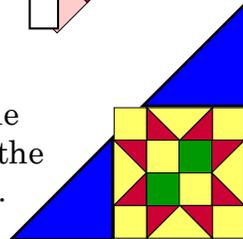
Draw a single diagonal line on the back of the 5 1/2" background square. Sew the other handle set to the 5 1/2" square, lining up the square red edge of the handle with the edge of the square. The diagonal line should cross the pink triangle 1/4" from the cut edge.



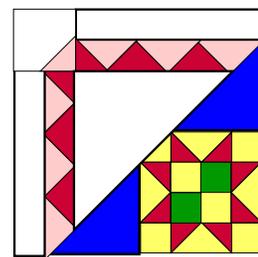
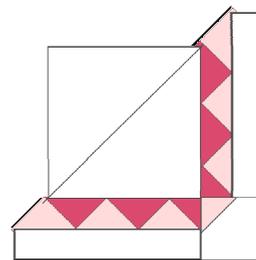
Sew the two handle pieces together, pinning at the intersection where the pink and two red triangles meet. The diagonal line on the large background square should cross the pink triangle 1/4" from the cut edge.

Basket

Cut the 3 7/8" blue triangle in half diagonally. Sew the halves to the top and left side of the mini block. They will NOT cover the entire side - line up the bottom and right edges with the mini block. The long edges should extend 1/4" past the top left corner's seam intersections.

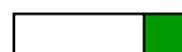


Line up the handle segment with the basket segment. The pink triangles at the end of the handles should line up with the blue basket angles. The diagonal line on the large background square should cross through the seam intersections where the blue triangles meet the upper left corner square of the mini block. Sew ON the drawn line. Trim excess background fabric and the small corner of yellow from the mini block.

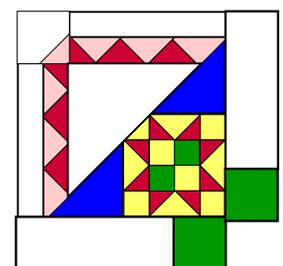


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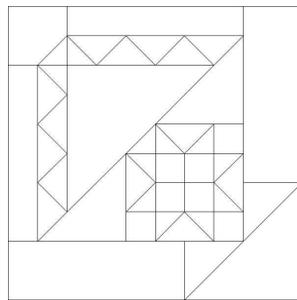
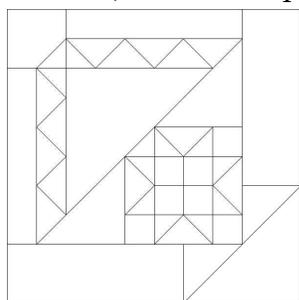
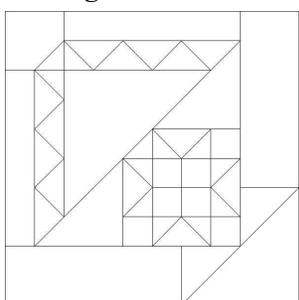
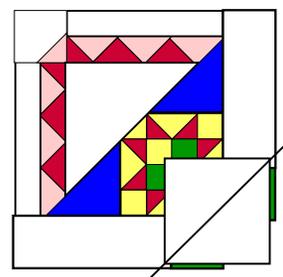
Sew the two 2 1/2" green squares to the end of each of the 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" background rectangles. Press to the background - this will help later!



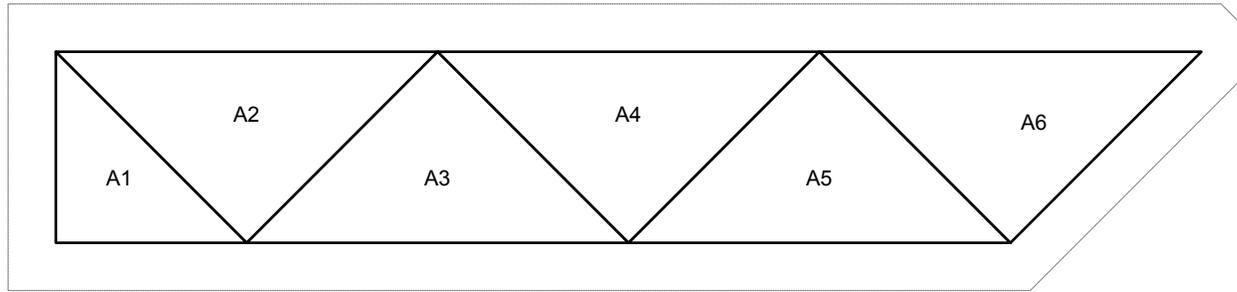
Sew the two base rectangle/square segments to either side of the basket. Press to the background after the first. The green squares should overlap 1/4".



Draw a diagonal line on the back of the 4 1/2" square. Align the diagonal with the corners of the green 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.



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