

Family Block of the Month: Baskets

Block 1

10" finished block

Cutting:

Background:

Cut (1) 7" wide square for the inside of the basket.

Cut (1) 4 1/2" squares for beneath the basket.

Cut (2) 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangles for beside the basket.

Cut (3) 3" squares for the basket handle.

Basket Body:

Cut (1) 7" square for the basket body.

Basket Handle:

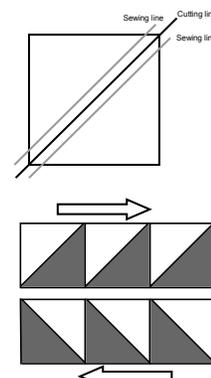
Cut (3) 3" squares for the basket handle.

Sewing:

Basket Handle

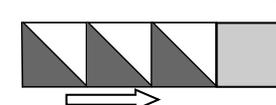
Draw a diagonal line on the back of each 3" background square, then draw a line 1/4" to each side. These are the sewing lines. Pair each background square with a basket handle square. With right sides together, sew along the two outer line, then cut along the center line. Press to the dark to form (6)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

Sew HST units together into (2) sets of three to form the basket handles. Watch the placement - you will sew (1) set so the darker triangle is on the left, and (1) sets so the darker triangle is on the right.



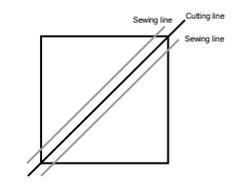
Basket Tops

Sew the 2 1/2" basket top to the light end of each basket handle set that has the darker triangle to the left.



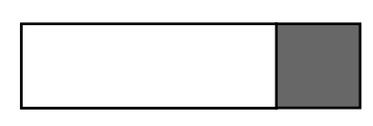
Basket Center:

Draw a diagonal line on the back of the 7" background square, then draw a line 1/4" to each side. These are the sewing lines. Pair the background square with the basket body square. With right sides together, sew along the two outer line, then cut along the center line. Press to the dark to form (2) half square triangle units (you only need one - save the other for future use). Trim to 6 1/2" square.

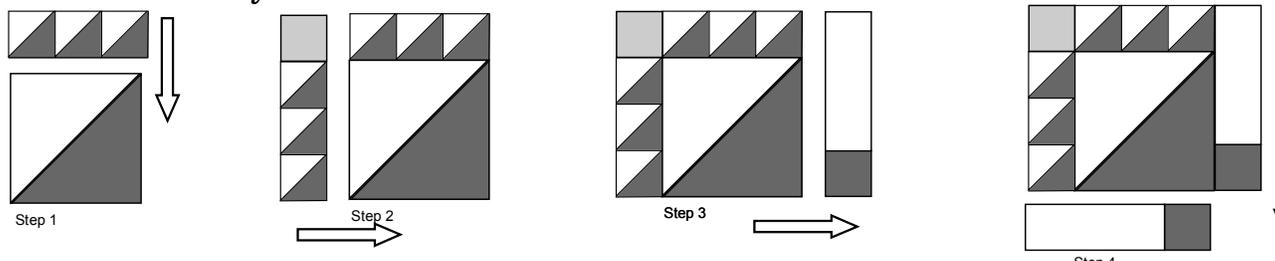


Basket Bases:

Sew a 2 1/2" basket base square onto one end of each 6 1/2" x 2 1/2" background rectangle. You will eventually sew on a background triangle and trim the excess basket base fabric off, but for now they will look like squares.

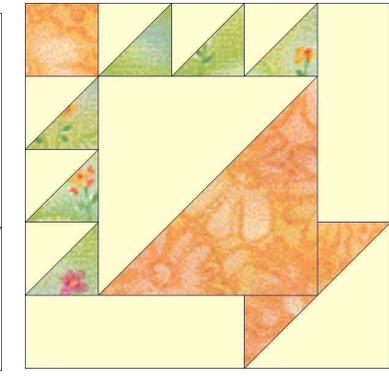
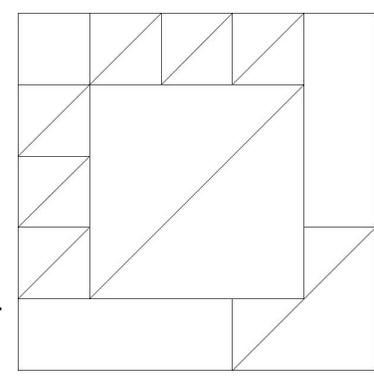
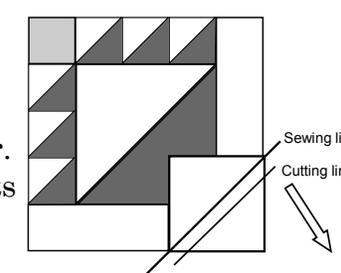


Basket Assembly:



Background Corner:

The last piece of the block is the background corner. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the 4 1/2" background corner square. Place a background square on the bottom right corner of the basket block so the diagonal line cuts across the corner. Sew on the diagonal line. Fold back the background square to make sure it bisects the basket base pieces and forms the triangles. If everything looks good, trim the excess fabric 1/4" below the seam line.



Basket Base:

Cut (2) 2 1/2" square for the basket base.

Basket Top:

Cut (1) 2 1/2" squares for the basket top.